

PEOPLE'S MISSION FORT STREET SOUTH SHIELDS

England & Wales · Charity number 229259

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1963-10-24

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD BY THE MEMBERS OF AND ADHERENTS OF THE MISSION FOR THE BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN AND FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION.

Activities: The charity functions via a number of subsidiary meeting who report to the church business meeting. All departments are focused on the propagation of the Gospel of Christ and the winning of souls for the extension of his Kingdom. Activities include weekly meetings, childrens work in schools, open air work and prayer groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- South Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£50,277	£62,544	-	-
2024-01-31	£110,423	£122,911	-	-
2023-01-31	£93,995	£68,072	-	-
2022-01-31	£55,091	£51,883	-	-
2021-01-31	£70,734	£62,008	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gwen Smith	Chair	2020-10-20
ALEC BRYDON		
COLIN RICHARD BEECHEY		
Margaret Davison		2019-10-11
Rachel Scott		2019-03-31

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Pastor's Report Submitted at the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Last year was an exciting season of growth and a deepening of roots in the fellowship and community as we faithfully served, worshipped, and proclaimed the Good News of God's never-failing love in Jesus Christ.

You would think that being over 130 years old, there would be very little that is new in the People's Mission. But 2024 proved that wrong, with the year ending in the Christmas Family Carol Service Shadow play Nativity. This was an entirely new and creative production that required the Junior Church and all participants to step outside their comfort zones, work together, and proclaim the true importance of Christmas to the community—and, with the help of social media, to the wider world.

The People's Mission continues to be a place that is open to new ways of connecting more deeply with God and with our community on the Lawe Top.

Below is just a small slice of what the Mission did and was able to accomplish in 2024:

- **Strengthened our relationship** with other local churches through the joint Remembrance Sunday service, which, for the first time, saw St. Stephen's Church, Grace Church South Shields, Living Waters, Bethesda Free Church, and the People's Mission work together as a united testimony to the community.
- **Developed the IMPACT Youth Ministry**, which has built positive connections with 26 young people in the community—most of whom are non-Christians or belong to other faiths.
- **Collaborated with the community and Hadrian Primary School** to create a Prayer Garden with various plants and bird boxes, benefitting children and local wildlife. This little green space is intended as a place for children, teachers, and support workers to reflect, talk, find solace, and be reminded of the ebb and flow of the seasons. Work and involvement continue.
- **Established relationships and mentorships** with other churches and organizations, both local and global, including the North East Gospel Partnership (NEGP), Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), North Shields Evangelical Church, Hebron Bible Church (Nebraska, USA), and Edinburgh Bible College.
- **Laid the groundwork for a new Men's Fellowship**, designed to connect and draw in men from our church, other churches, and the wider community into positive relationships with others seeking to know Jesus.

- **Enhanced the Summer Holiday Club**, which hosted 29 children over the week. Many of the children were returning from the 2023 club and are non-Christians. New community members also volunteered and participated.
- **Launched a new monthly discussion group** focused on the topic of 'comprehensive spirituality,' aimed at fostering social connection and deepening participants' understanding of the Lordship of Christ over all areas of life.
- **Celebrated growth in faith**, with two people becoming church members and three people being baptized.

This doesn't even scratch the surface of all the exciting things that happened last year. Please read the ministry reports with prayer and joy, as they testify to how truly alive and active the People's Mission is across generations, both within our building and throughout our community.

On a personal note: I would like to inform the membership that my role as Governor at Hadrian Primary and as the link Governor for Religious Education (RE) continues to strengthen the connection between the Mission, the local community, and the primary school. Also, in February, I was notified by the UK Home Office that my application for Indefinite Leave to Remain was successful.

Lastly, I want to thank Alan Scot, who has served this fellowship faithfully and tirelessly over many years in the role of Elder. After prayerful consideration and consultation with his family and the eldership, Alan has decided that now is the right time to step down from his duties. Alan and Dorothy will remain active, worshipping members of the People's Mission. Enjoy your retirement, Alan, and thank you for your encouragement and ongoing support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Daniel Butt

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The People's Mission

Address: Fort Street, South Shields, NE33 2BP

Charity Number: 229259

Report Author: Gwen Smith (Secretary)

Trustees serving during the year:

- Alexander Brydon
- Carol Stephenson
- Colin Beechey
- Gwen Smith
- Margaret Davison
- Rachel Scott

2. Structure, Governance and Management

The People's Mission is an unincorporated charity governed by a Trust Deed and Constitution. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing documents. No new governing documents were introduced in the reporting year..

3. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs of The People's Mission. The church carries out its purposes through public worship services, biblical teaching, pastoral care, outreach, and community support ministries. Activities include Sunday worship, children's groups, pastoral visits, fellowship events, Bible studies, and various mission initiatives.

4. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their duties. The People's Mission exists to promote the Christian faith and its practical expression through pastoral care, community service, and personal transformation. All activities are open to the public and seek to express Christian love and truth in action, providing spiritual, emotional, and practical support to individuals and families in need.

5. Achievements and Performance

During 2024/25, the church continued its core ministry activities including Sunday worship, youth ministry, fellowship groups, and pastoral support. Special outreach events were held throughout the year, and regular prayer and discipleship meetings strengthened church unity. The AGM Minutes detail improvements in volunteer engagement, service coordination, and member care.

6. Financial Review

As of the financial year ending 31 January 2025, the church operated at a planned deficit, funded from designated reserves.

The People's Mission holds no restricted funds. All funds are either unrestricted or have been designated by Trustees for specific internal purposes, such as building refurbishment or operational deficit coverage.

For the financial year ending 31 January 2025, The People's Mission reported total income of £50,277.59 and total expenditure of £62,543.94, resulting in a deficit of £12,266.35 for the year. This was funded in part from previously accumulated reserves. As of the financial year-end, the charity held total funds of approximately £156,314.97, comprising £13,660.14 in current accounts and £142,654.83 in fixed-term investments.

The trustees confirm that all spending was in line with the charitable objectives.

7. Reserves Policy

As of 31 January 2025, The People's Mission held unrestricted reserves of approximately £142,654.83.

A draft reserves policy is being developed for member ratification.

8. Risk Management

No new risk assessments were formally recorded during 2024/25. However, in early 2025, the trustees initiated a significant review of operational, safeguarding, and health-related risks. Draft policies have been developed covering areas such as data protection, fire safety, food hygiene, safeguarding, and dignity at work. These are currently under review by the trustees.

9. Plans for the Future

In the coming year, the trustees plan to focus on:

- Finalising and implementing the new suite of policies and procedures
- Securing grant funding for building refurbishment, decoration, and energy efficiency improvements
- Deepening church membership engagement and leadership development
- Continuing core ministries and expanding outreach where feasible

10. Declaration

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Name: Gwen Smith

Position: Chair of Trustees

Accounts

For the year ending 31st January 2025

Current Accounts:	
Petty Cash	£21.91
Current Account NatWest	£13,638.23
Total	£13,660.14

Investments:	
Cambridge & Counties - 1Yr	£64,000.00
Cambridge & Counties - 2Yr	£78,654.83
Total	£142,654.83

Total as at 31.01.2024. £175,971.66

Income

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2025

Category	31.01.2025	31.01.2024
Appeals	£0.00	£624.33
Donations	£845.00	£5,038.05
Gift Aid	£7,277.01	£13,204.32
Investments	£14,760.27	£66,723.51
Legacies	£0.00	£0.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£210.00	£0.00
Ministry Events	£251.80	£265.00
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£983.64
Other Offering	£338.05	£355.98
Pastor Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Sunday Offering & Standing Order Offerings	£26,145.46	£23,228.42
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
Weddings / Funerals / Christenings	£450.00	£0.00
Total	£50,277.59	£110,423.25

Expenditure

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2025

Category	31.01.2025	31.01.2024
Appeals	£0.00	£624.33
Capital Expenditure	£0.00	£189.00
Cleaning	£1,642.12	£1,088.57
Donations	£370.33	£653.48
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,920.28	£4,430.79
Fire Safety	£338.70	£207.60
Flowers	£0.00	£131.49
Harvest Items	£13.89	£44.34
Insurance & Licences	£4,900.15	£4,759.20
Investments	£0.00	£67,000.00
Kitchen Equipment	£128.66	£0.00
Macmillan	£210.00	£0.00
Ministry Events	£1,591.93	£3,209.31
Miscellaneous	£133.75	£883.60
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£2,500.00
Music / Books / CDs / DVDs	£551.03	£82.12
Pastor Expenses	£14,974.00	£13,331.31
Pastor Salary	£20,599.72	£20,199.74
Piano Tuning	£0.00	£47.00
Preacher's Expenses	£400.00	£1,000.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£0.00	£66.49
Refreshments	£129.16	£44.67
Repairs & Renewals (incl. boiler servicing)	£6,865.00	£1,532.30

Safeguarding	£150.00	£194.00
Technical Equipment	£48.00	£128.97
Transfers	£456.82	£0.00
Website	£217.20	£164.00
Broadband	£403.20	£398.40
Total	£62,543.94	£122,910.71

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Budget

For the year 2025/2026

Category	2025/2026	2024/2025 (Budget)	2024/2025 (Spend)
Capital Expenditure	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
Cleaning	£1,750.00	£1,642.12	£1,100.00
Decorating	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Donations	£400.00	£370.33	£400.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£7,500.00	£4,920.28	£4,500.00
Flowers	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00
Gift	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance & Licences	£5,000.00	£4,900.15	£5,000.00
Kitchen Equipment	£150.00	£128.66	£150.00
Maintenance	£10,000.00	£7,203.70	£15,000.00
Ministry Events	£3,000.00	£1,591.93	£3,000.00
Miscellaneous	£500.00	£133.75	£500.00
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£3,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£400.00	£551.03	£100.00
Pastor Expenses	£15,000.00	£14,974.00	£14,000.00
Pastor Salary	£20,500.00	£20,599.72	£20,500.00
Preacher's Expenses	£600.00	£400.00	£1,000.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
Refreshments	£150.00	£129.16	£150.00
Safeguarding	£200.00	£150.00	£200.00
Technical Equipment	£100.00	£48.00	£0.00
Website	£220.00	£217.20	£164.00
Broadband	£430.00	£403.20	£430.00
Total	£73,100.00	£61,863.23	£71,894.00

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The People's Mission has historically been an independent evangelical church all the while striving to work with other churches in the area that hold similar Biblical values and Gospel centered principles.

The Mission has continued to be an active member in the North East Gospel Partnership (NEGP). This is a network of churches based around the North East of England with the aim to help and support each other in ministry by providing friendship, organizing training, supporting new church planting initiatives while being united to see the North East reached for Christ. In recent months, the elders and I have opened discussion regarding the positives of working together along with networking with other churches not just in South Tyneside and the North East but on a national scale.

These discussions have given us opportunity to consider the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) which is a network of over 630 evangelical churches nationwide. This network of independent churches exists to foster interdependence among likeminded independent churches, encouraging churches to not isolate themselves but to partner in serving, praying, and participating in ministry together. Similar to the NEGP the FIEC believes churches working together can accomplish what no church could hope to do on their own. The Elders and Pastor are prayerfully considering the application process for the FIEC and we would value your prayers as we seek the

Lord's will. We would also like to hear the thoughts of the membership regarding our current involvement with the NEGP and the potential prospect of also being affiliated with the FIEC. Over the next few months, please take time and speak with the Pastor/Elders regarding this potential.

As we move together into 2024 - with God's guidance and enabling – I know we will achieve all that He has planned for us as a fellowship. We continue to look to the Lord for guidance, strength and for Him to keep us humble as we serve together this year. May the People's Mission and all of God's ministries operating in this place be united as we seek first the Kingdom of God, and the righteousness found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Daniel.

Accounts

For the year ending 31st January 2024

Current Accounts:	
Petty Cash	£21.91
Current Account NatWest	£25,889.58
Total	£25,911.49

Investments:	
Cambridge & Counties - 1Yr	£75,000.00
Cambridge & Counties - 2Yr	£75,060.17
Total	£150,060.17

Total as at 31.01.2023.

£185,744.27

Income

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2024

Category	31.01.2024	31.01.2023
Appeals	£624.33	£0.00
Donations	£5,038.05	£6,060.42
Gift Aid	£13,204.32	£0.00
Investments	£66,723.51	£59,869.49
Legacies	£0.00	£0.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£0.00	£230.00
Ministry Events	£265.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£983.64	£3,086.33
Other Offering	£355.98	£712.50
Pastor Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Sunday Offering & Standing Order Offerings	£23,228.42	£23,889.87
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
Weddings / Funerals / Christenings	£0.00	£146.50
Total	£110,423.25	£93,995.11

Expenditure

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2024

Category	31.01.2024	31.01.2023
Appeals	£624.33	£0.00
Capital Expenditure	£189.00	£914.21
Cleaning	£1,088.57	£2,005.81
Communion Wine	£0.00	£0.00
Decorating	£0.00	£23.99
Donations	£653.48	£2,642.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,430.79	£3,190.16
Fire Safety / Boiler Servicing	£207.60	£118.56
Flowers	£131.49	£121.62
Gifts	£0.00	£261.88
Harvest Items	£44.34	£0.00
Insurance & Licences	£4,759.20	£4,854.43
Kitchen Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Macmillan	£0.00	£230.00
Ministry Events	£3,209.31	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£883.60	£2,341.51
Missionary Quota	£2,500.00	£3,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£82.12	£328.98
Pastor Expenses	£13,331.31	£9,270.00
Pastor Salary	£20,199.74	£23,587.02
Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Piano Tuning	£47.00	£0.00
Preacher's Expenses	£1,000.00	£900.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£66.49	£39.45
Refreshments	£44.67	£475.66

Rent	£0.00	£0.00
Repairs & Renewals	£1,532.30	£11,067.94
Safeguarding	£194.00	£191.50
Technical Equipment	£128.97	£1,764.53
Website	£164.00	£0.00
Wi-Fi	£398.40	£258.46
Total	£122,910.71	£68,072.71

Budget

For the year 2024/2025

Category	2024/2025	2023/2024 (Budget)	2023/2024 (Spend)
Capital Expenditure	£1,500.00	£3,000.00	£317.97
Cleaning	£1,100.00	£300.00	£1,088.57
Compassion UK	£0.00	£1,150.00	£0.00
Decorating	£300.00	£500.00	£0.00
Donations	£400.00	£400.00	£653.48
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,500.00	£3,500.00	£4,430.79
Flowers	£300.00	£400.00	£175.83
Insurance & Licences	£5,000.00	£4,100.00	£4,759.20
Kitchen Equipment	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00
Maintenance	£15,000.00	£5,000.00	£1,739.90
Ministry Events	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,209.31
Miscellaneous	£500.00	£400.00	£930.60
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£3,000.00	£2,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£100.00	£100.00	£82.12
Pastor Expenses	£14,000.00	£20,000.00	£13,331.3
Pastor Salary	£20,500.00	£24,000.00	£20,199.74
Preacher's Expenses	£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£100.00	£100.00	£66.49
Refreshments	£150.00	£200.00	£44.67
Safeguarding	£200.00	£0.00	£194.00
Website	£164.00	£0.00	£164.00
Wi-Fi	£430.00	£204.00	£398.40
Total	£71,894.00	£67,004.00	£55,286.38

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The People's Mission has historically been an independent evangelical church all the while striving to work with other churches in the area that hold similar Biblical values and Gospel centered principles.

The Mission has continued to be an active member in the North East Gospel Partnership (NEGP). This is a network of churches based around the North East of England with the aim to help and support each other in ministry by providing friendship, organizing training, supporting new church planting initiatives while being united to see the North East reached for Christ. In recent months, the elders and I have opened discussion regarding the positives of working together along with networking with other churches not just in South Tyneside and the North East but on a national scale.

These discussions have given us opportunity to consider the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) which is a network of over 630 evangelical churches nationwide. This network of independent churches exists to foster interdependence among likeminded independent churches, encouraging churches to not isolate themselves but to partner in serving, praying, and participating in ministry together. Similar to the NEGP the FIEC believes churches working together can accomplish what no church could hope to do on their own. The Elders and Pastor are prayerfully considering the application process for the FIEC and we would value your prayers as we seek the

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As we move together into 2024 - with God's guidance and enabling – I know we will achieve all that He has planned for us as a fellowship. We continue to look to the Lord for guidance, strength and for Him to keep us humble as we serve together this year. May the People's Mission and all of God's ministries operating in this place be united as we seek first the Kingdom of God, and the righteousness found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Daniel.

Accounts

For the year ending 31st January 2024

Current Accounts:	
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Current Account NatWest	£25,889.58
Total	£25,911.49

Investments:	
Cambridge & Counties - 1Yr	£75,000.00
Cambridge & Counties - 2Yr	£75,060.17
Total	£150,060.17

Total as at 31.01.2023.

£185,744.27

Income

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Donations	£5,038.05	£6,060.42
Gift Aid	£13,204.32	£0.00
Investments	£66,723.51	£59,869.49
Legacies	£0.00	£0.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning	£0.00	£230.00
Ministry Events	£265.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£983.64	£3,086.33
Other Offering	£355.98	£712.50
Pastor Expenses	£0.00	£0.00
Sunday Offering & Standing Order Offerings	£23,228.42	£23,889.87
Transfers	£0.00	£0.00
Weddings / Funerals / Christenings	£0.00	£146.50
Total	£110,423.25	£93,995.11

Expenditure

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Capital Expenditure	£189.00	£914.21
Cleaning	£1,088.57	£2,005.81
Communion Wine	£0.00	£0.00
Decorating	£0.00	£23.99
Donations	£653.48	£2,642.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,430.79	£3,190.16
Fire Safety / Boiler Servicing	£207.60	£118.56
Flowers	£131.49	£121.62
Gifts	£0.00	£261.88
Harvest Items	£44.34	£0.00
Insurance & Licences	£4,759.20	£4,854.43
Kitchen Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Macmillan	£0.00	£230.00
Ministry Events	£3,209.31	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£883.60	£2,341.51
Missionary Quota	£2,500.00	£3,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£82.12	£328.98
Pastor Expenses	£13,331.31	£9,270.00
Pastor Salary	£20,199.74	£23,587.02
Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00
Piano Tuning	£47.00	£0.00
Preacher's Expenses	£1,000.00	£900.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£66.49	£39.45
Refreshments	£44.67	£475.66

Rent	£0.00	£0.00
Repairs & Renewals	£1,532.30	£11,067.94
Safeguarding	£194.00	£191.50
Technical Equipment	£128.97	£1,764.53
Website	£164.00	£0.00
Wi-Fi	£398.40	£258.46
Total	£122,910.71	£68,072.71

Budget

For the year 2024/2025

Category	2024/2025	2023/2024 (Budget)	2023/2024 (Spend)
Capital Expenditure	£1,500.00	£3,000.00	£317.97
Cleaning	£1,100.00	£300.00	£1,088.57
Compassion UK	£0.00	£1,150.00	£0.00
Decorating	£300.00	£500.00	£0.00
Donations	£400.00	£400.00	£653.48
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,500.00	£3,500.00	£4,430.79
Flowers	£300.00	£400.00	£175.83
Insurance & Licences	£5,000.00	£4,100.00	£4,759.20
Kitchen Equipment	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00
Maintenance	£15,000.00	£5,000.00	£1,739.90
Ministry Events	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,209.31
Miscellaneous	£500.00	£400.00	£930.60
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£3,000.00	£2,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£100.00	£100.00	£82.12
Pastor Expenses	£14,000.00	£20,000.00	£13,331.3
Pastor Salary	£20,500.00	£24,000.00	£20,199.74
Preacher's Expenses	£1,000.00	£500.00	£1,000.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£100.00	£100.00	£66.49
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Wi-Fi	£430.00	£204.00	£398.40
Total	£71,894.00	£67,004.00	£55,286.38

21st November 2024

Alex Brydon
Colorworld Imaging
PO Box 2, Norham Road
North Shields
NE29 0YQ

Dear Alex

Please find enclosed the Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit for The Peoples Mission year ended 31st January 2024.

We are pleased to report the Accounts have passed a clean Audit and we can confirm they are free from any material errors.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

For **TR Dixon & Co Ltd**

Will Clifton

FCCA

The People's Mission
Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit
For the year ended 31st January 2024

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Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Bermuda House
1A Dinsdale Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE2 1BD

We have audited the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024, which have been prepared from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us by Gwen Smith, acting on behalf of the People's Mission

Respective responsibilities of The People's Mission and Independent Auditor

The People's Mission are responsible for keeping proper, complete accounting records and for the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024. Gwen Smith has undertaken these responsibilities on behalf of The People's Mission.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024 and to report our opinion exclusively to the People's Mission, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any liability to anyone other than The People's Mission, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts in the statement sufficient to give reasonable assurance that it is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Basis of opinion

We planned and performed our independent audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024 show a true and fair summary of the accounting records relating to The People's Mission and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been made available to us.

We are not required to express an opinion on the adequacy of any future expenditure.

We include appendix A, B and C as evidence of the verification of figures provided.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2024

- i) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us, and
- ii) is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts, and other documents.
- iii) is correctly stated and free of material error.



Jennifer O'Toole FCCA Ba (Hons)
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: 21st November 2024

PEOPLE'S MISSION FORT STREET SOUTH SHIELDS

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Miscellaneous	£3,086.33	£645.42
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Sunday Offering	£14,429.87	£25,030.21
Transfers	£0.00	£15,000.00
Weddings / Funerals / Christenings	£146.50	
Total	£93,995.11	£55,089.96

Expenditure

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Category	31.01.2023	31.01.2022
Capital Expenditure	£914.21	£0.00
Cleaning	£2,005.81	£209.32
Communion Wine	£0.00	£68.68
Decorating	£23.99	£0.00
Donations	£2,642.00	£400.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£3,190.16	£2,590.40
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Miscellaneous	£2,341.51	£1,491.85
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£3,010.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£328.98	£159.84
Pastor Expenses	£9,270.00	£12,510.12
Pastor Salary	£23,587.02	£22,735.52
Preacher's Expenses	£900.00	£400.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£39.45	£0.00
Refreshments	£475.66	£318.86
Repairs & Renewals	£11,067.94	£0.00
Safeguarding	£191.50	£0.00
Technical Equipment	£1,764.53	£143.90
Wi-Fi	£258.46	£206.16
Total	£68,072.71	£51,883.17

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Expenditure

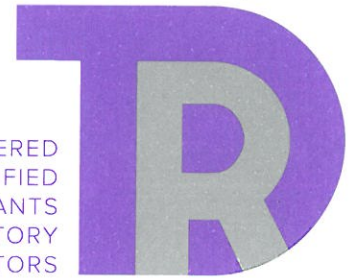
Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2023

Category	31.01.2023	31.01.2022
Capital Expenditure	£914.21	£0.00
Cleaning	£2,005.81	£209.32
Communion Wine	£0.00	£68.68
Decorating	£23.99	£0.00
Donations	£2,642.00	£400.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£3,190.16	£2,590.40
Fire Safety / Boiler Servicing	£118.56	£585.30
Flowers	£121.62	£0.00
Gifts	£261.88	£0.00
Insurance & Licences	£4,854.43	£4,404.04
Kitchen Equipment	£0.00	£26.99
Macmillan	£230.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£2,341.51	£1,491.85
Missionary Quota	£3,500.00	£3,010.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£328.98	£159.84
Pastor Expenses	£9,270.00	£12,510.12
Pastor Salary	£23,587.02	£22,735.52
Preacher's Expenses	£900.00	£400.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£39.45	£0.00
Refreshments	£475.66	£318.86
Repairs & Renewals	£11,067.94	£0.00
Safeguarding	£191.50	£0.00
Technical Equipment	£1,764.53	£143.90
Wi-Fi	£258.46	£206.16
Total	£68,072.71	£51,883.17

Budget

For the year 2023/2024

Category	2023/2024	2022/2023 (Budget)	2022/2023 (Spend)
Capital Expenditure	£1,000.00	£3,000.00	£914.21
Cleaning	£1,000.00	£300.00	£2,005.81
Compassion UK	£0.00	£1,150.00	£0.00
Decorating	£300.00	£500.00	£23.99
Donations	£400.00	£400.00	£2,642.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£4,000.00	£3,500.00	£3,190.16
Flowers	£300.00	£400.00	£121.62
Insurance & Licences	£5,200.00	£4,100.00	£4,854.43
Kitchen Equipment	£150.00	£150.00	£0.00
Maintenance	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£11,186.50
Miscellaneous	£500.00	£400.00	£2,326.51
Missionary Quota	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,500.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£250.00	£100.00	£328.98
Pastor Expenses	£10,000.00	£20,000.00	£9,270.00
Pastor Salary	£24,500.00	£24,000.00	£23,587.02
Preacher's Expenses	£600.00	£500.00	£900.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£50.00	£100.00	£39.45
Refreshments	£400.00	£200.00	£475.66
Safeguarding	£250.00	£0.00	£191.50
Technical Equipment	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,764.53
Wi-Fi	£300.00	£204.00	£258.46
Total	£58,200.00	£67,004.00	£67,580.83



7th November 2023

Alex Brydon
Colorworld Imaging
PO Box 2, Norham Road
North Shields
NE29 0YQ

Dear Alex

Please find enclosed the Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit for The Peoples Mission year ended 31st January 2023.

We are pleased to report the Accounts have passed a clean Audit and we can confirm they are free from any material errors.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

For TR Dixon & Co Ltd

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Will Clifton'.

Will Clifton

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The People's Mission
Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit
For the year ended 31st January 2023

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Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2023

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Jennifer O'Toole FCCA Ba (Hons)
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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PEOPLE'S MISSION FORT STREET SOUTH SHIELDS

England & Wales - Charity number 229259

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts

Year Ending 31st January 2022

People's Mission,
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Charity Reg. No 229259

God's Love Never Fails.

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Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st January 2022

In introducing this Annual Report, we must give the Lord our thanks for always being with us. This has been a challenging year as we struggle to adapt to a life living with the fears of covid, whilst also celebrating that those restrictions have lifted and church life can resume. The initial covid restrictions came in almost two years ago. We must be thankful to the Lord that although it has been a difficult two years he has loved and protected us during this time. If we trust in Him, we will be blessed.

The Annual report is an opportunity to recall the occasions during the year when the Lord has blessed us. This year it reflects how the Lord has continued to challenge us to put our trust in Him.

As a fellowship we were blessed with the Year with the dedication of Daniel as Pastor. I know the weekend was enjoyed with all.

The Good Friday Sunday School March of Witness was cancelled again as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. This change in tradition was difficult for all, but it did not stop us from remembering the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. We look forward to being able to carry out the March of Witness again this coming Good Friday.

Changes in membership

We Praise the Lord that Vicky Buzzard decided to become a member this year. Let us pray that we move out of covid restrictions and can spread God's word more easily in the local community that more people will come to the Lord and choose to become members of the People's Mission.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we record the home call to Glory of our dear Sister Margaret Dowell. Although Margaret had not been able to attend the Church services for several years, she was much loved and will be sadly missed. However, we do not mourn but celebrate in the knowledge that Margaret is now in the presence of her Saviour.

Believers Baptisms

No requests were made this year for a believer's baptism. May we pray that as the cases of Coronavirus reduce and life returns to normal that God will place a desire in the hearts of those not baptised will follow in Jesus' example and step through the waters of baptism.

Dedications

We have been blessed this year to have had one child dedication so far with a second planned for tomorrow. Let us pray that more families will dedicate their children to the Lord in the coming year.

Auxiliaries

It has been an exciting year as the Church Ministries have once again commenced. We have been much blessed as the local community, friends of the church and church members have returned to spend time with us. May we pray that God will continue to work through us to plant a seed of salvation in all who walk through our doors.

May God bless us during this year ahead as we continue to seek His Kingdom in all that we do.

Gwen Smith

Secretary

Pastors Report

Taking into consideration the aspects highlighted in the Pastor's Report submitted for 2020 / 21, the weekly activities at the People's Mission were still under many of the same lockdown regulations until July 2021. For the beginning of the year, we were able to meet each week for Sunday worship, albeit without singing and with restricted movement. Our Junior Church was able to reconvene in the hall.

For the months of January to July 2021, we were meeting In-Person on Sunday morning while providing Online, Pre-recorded services for those who were not able or comfortable joining us in person. Both were well attended. Although restrictions meant many of our programs couldn't operate normally, we were able to host a ZOOM "Coffee Connect" in the evening on 28th January and 25th February for a time of socializing amongst the church family. The Silver Band was able to celebrate the 122nd year Anniversary on 31st January with a pre-recorded Online service. Our weekly Bible studies still met each week on an online format. Despite the limitations and challenges we made the most of every opportunity we had to meet inside our building but also outside, following Government guidelines and restrictions as best we could. Even after restrictions were lifted, we continued to provide weekly recordings of our service, maintaining our online presence for the encouragement of others.

During the months still under lockdown, the Walk & Talk group met in the evening hours on 17th April, 23rd May, and the 27th June. We were able to do three walks in Spring and Summer months and one night time walk on the 23rd October which proved to be a big hit with the young people who came along with their torches, glow sticks and headlamps. These were positive and encouraging times when the church family could connect outside in the fresh air and enjoy both fellowship and God's creation around the Leas.

On 12th June, 10 young people from the Lawe Top community and our Junior Church came (with the parents and guardians) and helped the Mission tidy up the outside of our building. This was a practical event that was enjoyed by all participants and even got the attention of a local Postman who, when seeing what was happening with the young people involved, went away, and purchased Ice-lollies and came back to hand-deliver them to the kids. Some of the neighbours living around the Mission came out to see what was happening.

In July, lockdown restrictions were lifted which meant the majority of what wasn't happening, or could happen, in the Mission building could go ahead. With the summer months typically being the time when our ministries wind down and people are away on vacation, the joint decision was made to start things up again come September.

On the 30th September at the Members Meeting, the People's Mission Constitution was accepted and adopted. This document is intended to give clarity in purpose and direction in all People's Mission ministries and activities, explaining our Purpose Statement, Doctrinal Beliefs, Membership Requirements, Leadership Roles and descriptions,

Procedural Practices along with Provision for Amendments and guidance on how the meetings and business of the Mission should be conducted. No church constitution is perfect, but it serves as a tool to both protect the Mission and help communicate our identity and purpose as a church for ourselves to understand and new members who get involved.

On the 2nd October we were able to host the first “Coffee with Friends” since Covid-19 In-Person; which was well attended despite some apprehension. During the summer months it became increasingly clear that a second session of Parents & Toddlers needed to happen in order to relieve the current waiting list for the Morning session, while creating opportunity to connect with and bring in more people from the local, Lawe Top area. We had the capacity to expand this ministry into the afternoons each Thursday and the support for this ministry expansion was overwhelming amongst the volunteers. The first morning session since Covid-19 began in September, and the first afternoon session in October. It has been an encouragement to connect with new families and to see parents and grandparents, whose first introduction to the Mission was through the Toddlers program, start connecting with other ministries and initiatives currently underway.

One of these initiatives has been the “Friends of the Mission” which has been greatly helped by David & Carol Cooke. This is an initiative designed to help with the practical maintenance at the People’s Mission through inviting and actively encouraging practical involvement from our own people but also those from the wider community. We have seen parents, among others, from both Morning and Afternoon Toddlers take part in this initiative; painting walls and stripping wallpaper while engaging in wholesome conversation in the building.

On the 31st October the Mission Membership grew when Vicky Buzzard was accepted into Membership. That afternoon the Mission hosted the “Community Cardboard Drive-In” where the junior church along with young people from the community came along and built card-board cars, planes, tanks and houses from cardboard boxes and a film was shown, along with lots of snacks and goodies.

Things are better when we work together and on 14th November there was a joint Remembrance Day service with St. Stephen's Church. This was an encouraging time when we were able to work together towards a common goal, helping to foster a sense of unity and fellowship in the Lawe Top Community.

On the evening of 27th November, the People’s Mission hosted the first annual Ladies Dessert Night, which was an outreach initiative that saw many new and old faces come along to participate and enjoy. Hannah shared a message from the Bible and the night was a success largely due to the great support and assistance of the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Over the Advent/ Christmas season the Junior Church was present with us each Sunday morning for the first 5-10 minutes of the service. The young can learn from the old and the old can still learn from the young and we look forward to a growing multi-generational church in the months to come. The Junior Church is the next generation of the church.

These are but a few of the many exciting highlights from 2021. It should be noted that while the above took place, the Ladies Fellowship, Lunch-Club, Silver Band, mid-week Bible studies and much more continued to function after July and despite the difficulty of Covid-19, our Mission Ministries have all seen growth, maturity, and God's Blessing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Daniel

Accounts

For the year ending 31st January 2022

Current Accounts:	
Petty Cash	£21.91
Current Account NatWest	£12,407.14
Total	£12,429.05

Investments:	
Cambridge & Counties	£81,382.96
Yorkshire Bank	£65,196.03
Hodge Bank	£59,702.47
Total	£206,281.46

Total as at 31.1.2022 £229,103.57

Income

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2022

Category	31.01.2022	31.01.2021
Donations	£3,137.85	£5,174.70
Gift Aid	£6,276.48	£5,189.90
Legacies	£5,000.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£645.42	£344.02
Pastor Expenses	£0.00	£841.00
Sunday Offering & Standing Order Offerings	£25,030.21	£20,299.57
Transfers	£15,000.00	£38,883.52
Total	£55,089.96	£70,732.71

Expenditure

Accounts for the year ending 31st January 2022

Category	31.01.2022	31.01.2021
Capital Expenditure	£0.00	£629.98
Cleaning	£209.32	£167.21
Communion Wine	£68.68	£44.99
Donations	£400.00	£400.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£2,590.40	£1,923.79
Fire Safety / Boiler Servicing	£585.30	£175.68
Flowers	£0.00	£40.97
Insurance & Licences	£4,404.04	£4,042.41
Investments	£0.00	£4,383.01
Kitchen Equipment	£26.99	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£1,491.85	£386.60
Missionary Quota	£3,010.00	£3,000.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£159.84	£107.81
Pastor Expenses	£12,510.12	£20,462.13
Pastor Salary	£22,735.52	£23,592.97
Preacher's Expenses	£400.00	£550.00
Refreshments	£318.86	£0.00
Rent	£0.00	£80.00
Technical Equipment	£143.90	£1,678.89
Wi-Fi	£206.16	£301.79
Total	£51,883.17	£62,008.22

Budget

For the year 2022/2023

Category	2022/2023	2021/2022 (Budget)	2021/2022 (Spend)
Capital Expenditure	£2,000.00	£3000.00	£0.00
Cleaning	£300.00	£300.00	£209.32
Communion Wine	£100.00	£0.00	£66.68
Compassion UK	£0.00	£1,150.00	£0.00
Decorating	£500.00	£500.00	£0.00
Donations	£400.00	£400.00	£400.00
Electric / Gas / Water	£5,000.00	£3,500.00	£2,590.40
Flowers	£250.00	£400.00	£0.00
Insurance & Licences	£4,500.00	£4,100.00	£4,404.04
Kitchen Equipment	£150.00	£150.00	£26.99
Maintenance	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£3,154.30
Miscellaneous	£1,500.00	£400.00	£1,491.85
Missionary Quota	£4,000.00	£3,000.00	£3,010.00
Music Books / CDs / DVDs	£200.00	£100.00	£159.84
Pastor Expenses	£13,000.00	£20,000.00	£22,735.52
Pastor Salary	£23,000.00	£24,000.00	£22,735.52
Preacher's Expenses	£500.00	£500.00	£400.00
Printing / Postage / Stationery	£100.00	£100.00	£53.19
Refreshments	£350.00	£200.00	£318.86
Technical Equipment	£150.00	£0.00	£143.90
Wi-Fi	£205.00	£204.00	£206.16
Total	£61,205.00	£67,004.00	£51,883.17

Bible Study

Income		Expenditure	
Collections	£475.00	Donations	
		Tear Fund	£100.00
		Open Doors	£100.00
		New Hope for Children	£100.00
		Lagos Ministries International	£100.00
Sub-total	£475.00	Sub-total	£400.00
		Excess Income / Expenditure	£75.00
total	£475.00	total	£475.00

Cash in hand as 1.2.2021	£0.00
Cash in hand as 1.2.2022	£75.00

Ladies Fellowship

Income		Expenditure	
Offerings	£87.00	Christmas Carol Service	£38.00
Donations	£100.00	Postage Stamps	£10.20
Sub-total	£187.00	Sub-total	£48.20
		Excess Income / expenditure	£138.80
total	£187.00	total	£187.00

Cash as at 31.1.21	£6.71
Excess Income / Expenditure	£138.80
Capital as at 31.1.2022	£145.51

Lunch Club

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£581.31	Food and Flowers	£545.98
		Equipment	£55.95
		Sundry	£17.00
Sub-total	£581.31	Sub-total	£618.93
		Less excess / income	£37.62
Total	£581.31	Total	£581.31

Total Capital as at 31.1.2021	£948.38
Plus, excess income / expenditure	£37.62
Total Capital as at 31.1.2022	£910.76

Bank as at 31.1.2022	£855.15
Cash in hand	£55.61
Total Capital as at 31.1.2022	£910.76

Parent and Toddlers

Income		Expenditure	
Y/E Cash Deposit	£47.61	Gift Bibles	£97.02
Weekly Collections	£624.75	Refreshments	£310.86
Sale of Snowman Soup etc	£335.00	Toys/craft	£75.67
Children in Need	£113.25	Donation - D. Pritchard (Mr Tumble)	£300.00
Alzheimer's Society	£82.00	Snowman Soup Ingredients	£177.10
Drop & Donate	£197.11	Cleaning	£47.87
		Birthday Cards / Gifts	£130.07
		Children in Need	£122.50
		Food Safety Course	£132.00
		Alzheimer's Society	£82.00
Sub-total	£1399.72	Sub-total	£1475.09
Expenditure / Income	£75.37		
total	£1476.09	total	£1475.09

Capital as at 31.1.2021	£847.69
Less Expenditure / Income	£75.37
Bank Balance as at 31.01.22	£1,277.61
Less unpresented cheques	£505.29
Total	£772.32

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Independent Annual Report and Accounts Audit
For the year ended 31st January 2022

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(Senior Statutory Auditor)

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Date: 9th September 2022

Peoples Mission
Year end 31.01.2022

Appendix A

Income	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2022	Verified
Donations	3138	08.09.22
Gift Aid	6276	08.09.22
Legacies	5000	08.09.22
Misc	645	08.09.22
S/O Offering	3480	08.09.22
Sunday Offerings	21550	08.09.22
Bank Transfers from Closed Accounts	15000	08.09.22
	Total Income	
	55091	

On behalf of T R Dixon and Co Ltd, I can confirm that the figures in the accounts are correctly stated and free of material error.

Will Clifton
ACCA

09.09.22



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and strokes, positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Expenditure	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2022	Verified
Capital Expenditure	0	08.09.22
Cleaning	209	08.09.22
Communion wine	69	08.09.22
Donation	400	08.09.22
Electric	2590	08.09.22
Fire Safety	585	08.09.22
Floral Tributes	0	08.09.22
Harvest Items	0	08.09.22
Insurnace	4404	08.09.22
Investments	0	08.09.22
Kitchen Equipment	27	08.09.22
Macmillan	0	08.09.22
Miscellaneous	1492	08.09.22
Missionary Quota	3010	08.09.22
Music	160	08.09.22
Pastor Appointment	12510	08.09.22
Paster Salary	22736	08.09.22
Preachers expenses	400	08.09.22
PPS	372	08.09.22
Repairs	2568	08.09.22
Technical equipment	144	08.09.22
Wifi	206	08.09.22
Total Expenses	<u>51883</u>	
Total per Management report	<u>51883</u>	
Non Material Error	<u>0</u>	

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Will Clifton
ACCA

09.09.22



Peoples Mission
Year end 31.01.2022

Appendix C

Bank Accounts	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2022		Verified
Current Account Natwest 48836354 60-00-01		12407	08.09.22
Cash Account		22	
Revenue Accounts & cash in hand		<u>12429</u>	
Hodge Bank	30-16-27 7628200	59702	08.09.22
Cambridge	15011612 Deposit	81383	08.09.22
Monmouthshire Building Society	164999 Deposit	65196	08.09.22
Trust Fund Account Balance		<u>206281</u>	
Total Funds		<u>218711</u>	

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Will Clifton
ACCA

08.09.22



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For the year ended 31st January 2021

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An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts in the statement sufficient to give reasonable assurance that it is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Basis of opinion

We planned and performed our independent audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021 show a true and fair summary of the accounting records relating to The People's Mission and is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents which have been made available to us.

We are not required to express an opinion on the adequacy of any future expenditure.

We include appendix A, B and C as evidence of the verification of figures provided.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021

- i) have been prepared in accordance with the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us, and
- ii) is sufficiently supported by accounts, receipts and other documents.
- iii) is correctly stated and free of material error.

J. A. O'Toole

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Peoples Mission
Year end 31.01.2021

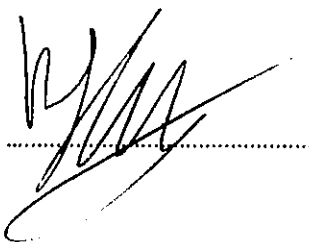
Appendix A

Income	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021		Verified
Donations	5175		01.09.21
Gift Aid	5190		01.09.21
Misc	344		01.09.21
Pastor Expenses	841		01.09.21
Sunday Offerings	20300		01.09.21
Bank Transfers from Closed Accounts	38884		01.09.21
Total Income	<u>70734</u>		

On behalf of T R Dixon and Co Ltd, I can confirm that the figures in the accounts are correctly stated and free of material error.

Will Clifton
ACCA

01.09.21



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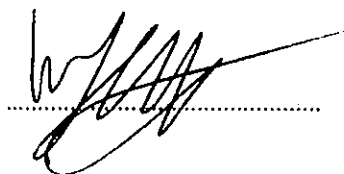
Appendix B

Expenditure	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021	Verified
Capital Expenditure	630	01.09.21
Cleaning	167	01.09.21
Communion wine	45	01.09.21
Donation	400	01.09.21
Electric	1924	01.09.21
Fire Safety	176	01.09.21
Floral Tributes	41	01.09.21
Harvest Items	0	01.09.21
Insurnace	4042	01.09.21
Investments	4383	01.09.21
Kitchen Equipment	0	01.09.21
Macmillan	0	01.09.21
Miscellaneous	387	01.09.21
Missionary Quota	3000	01.09.21
Music	108	01.09.21
Pastor Appointment	20462	01.09.21
Paster Salary	23593	01.09.21
Preachers expenses	550	01.09.21
Rent	80	01.09.21
Technical equipment	1679	01.09.21
Wifi	302	01.09.21
Total Expenses	<u>61969</u>	
Total per Management report	<u>62008</u>	
Non Material Error	<u>39</u>	

On behalf of T R Dixon and Co Ltd, I can confirm that the figures in the accounts are correctly stated and free of material error.

Will Clifton
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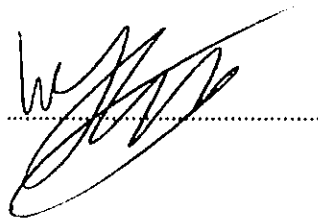
Appendix C

Bank Accounts	Accounts for the year ended 31st January 2021		Verified
Current Account Natwest 48836354 60-00-01		9419	01.09.21
Cash Account		22	N/A
Lloyds 00478832 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 28531760 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 26783060 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 000924211 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Lloyds 00197205 30-97-89	Closed	0	01.09.21
Revenue Accounts & cash in hand		<u>9441</u>	
Hodge Bank	30-16-27 07628200	74290	01.09.21
Cambridge	15011612 Deposit	80373	01.09.21
Yorkshire Bank	164999 Deposit	65000	01.09.21
Trust Fund Account Balance		<u>219663</u>	
Total Funds		<u>229104</u>	

On behalf of T R Dixon and Co Ltd, I can confirm that the figures in the accounts are correctly stated and free of material error.

Will Clifton
ACCA

01.09.21



Annual Report for the Year Ending 31st January 2021

In introducing this Annual Report, we must give the Lord our thanks for always being with us. This has been a year of grief, trial and tribulation with an international pandemic changing the lives of us all. However, this year the Lord has reminded us that He is faithful and never leaves our side. If we trust in Him, we will be blessed.

This time last year we were celebrating the arrival of Daniel and Hannah into our fellowship. We were looking forward for God's plans for us to be revealed. This Year, although we are in very different time, we can still look forward with excitement as waiting for his plans for our fellowship to unfold. Not only are able to see the end lockdown, and the returning of the new normal, but we are soon to own the Church Building. God has provided for us with this great gift, we must use this gift to bless His name and extend His kingdom.

The Annual report is an opportunity to recall the occasions during the year when the Lord has blessed us. This year it is a reflection of how the Lord has continued to challenge us to put our trust in Him.

The start of the year was with disappointment as Covid restrictions prevented us from having the Induction of Pastor Daniel. However, this has only been delayed, and it provides something to look forward to in the coming year.

The Good Friday Sunday School March of Witness was cancelled for the first time in 168 years. This change in tradition was difficult for all, but it did not stop us from remembering the sacrifice of Christ at Calvary for the Salvation of us all.

The Sunday School Anniversary was different this year, with it being delivered online via YouTube. However, we were able to still enjoy the celebration of the children as they took part in the safety of their home.

Changes in membership

Resignations

- Bob and Janet Wilson

New members

- Nicola Daglish
- Daniel and Hannah Butt

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we record the home call to Glory of our dear Sisters Hilda Hunter and Pat Bedlington. They were both faithful members of the fellowship, with unique and special ministries that impacted the lives of myself and so many others. They

are both greatly missed. However, we do not mourn but celebrate in the knowledge that they are both singing and praising in the presence of our Saviour.

Believers Baptisms

No requests were made this year for a believer's baptism. May we pray that as the cases of Coronavirus reduce and life returns to normal that God will place a desire in the hearts of those not baptised will follow in Jesus' example and step through the waters of baptism.

Births

The 22nd June 2021 was a day of great joy as we give thanks to God for the safe delivery of Alexandra Jane Butt.

Dedications

We were unable to have any child dedication this year. Let us pray that those dedications which were cancelled have only postponed, with the families still having a desire to dedicate their child to God later this year.

Auxiliaries

God has blessed us with a wide number of active auxiliaries, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to meet in fellowship, and learn more about our saviour Jesus Christ. Most of the auxiliaries were postponed over the last year. This did not however prevent us from keeping in touch. Through the use of technology, the Sunday Services could continue throughout the year, with the service streamed via YouTube. The Bible Study was also able to take part via Zoom. This use of technology has allowed us to bring praise to His name, and to study His word. The auxiliaries have also kept in contact in their own ways. May we pray that as the auxiliaries recommence that God will encourage the attendees to return.

May God bless us during this year ahead as we continue to seek His Kingdom in all that we do.

Gwen Smith

Secretary

Pastors Report

Getting Started:

In my Pastor's Report submitted at the Annual General Meeting on 7th March 2020, I shared with the congregation how I formatted my Pastoral calendar for the 2020 year into three simple objectives that we would work together implementing and developing with God's help. Nine days later (16th March) Matt Hancock told the House of Commons that all unnecessary social contact "should cease" and sixteen days later (23rd March) Prime Minister Boris Johnston told the country that people "must stay at home."

The pandemic hit, life changed, and the plans we made were cancelled, paused or postponed to a future date.

But God is good even in difficult times and I am pleased to report that the state of the Mission is strong and growing in strength even during the difficulty of this past year when we had to learn how to do things in a different way. Over the last year, everyone came together and maintained ministry momentum which will make things easier as we begin the process of exiting lockdown. I am thankful that before the pandemic hit we were able to host a Coffee Connection on 29th February which was an encouraging morning that saw involvement from the Mission family along with a large number of people from the community coming and supporting.

Despite there being only a handful of weeks last year when we were able to meet together "In-Person" for Sunday worship and prayer, the majority of our time spent together was online, including our mid-week Bible study sessions on Zoom, covering topics on the Apostle's Creed, Rico Tice's book *Honest Evangelism*, and most recently the Acts of the Apostles. It was encouraging to see people take part and adjust to these meetings being held online. The Mission, despite the hindrances that COVID-19 presented, was still active in many ways with outreach and support in the community. The Mission sent donations to Hospitality & Hope along with other local charities and food banks throughout the year; collecting shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child along with care packages for a local Women's Shelter, with donations coming in from the community and The Mission to Seafarers to assist in that initiative.

God's Impact in our Ministry:

Over this last year we have learned that the reach of the People's Mission has extended beyond our community in this virtual world where geography no longer matters, with participants in our weekly studies and worship joining us from all over the United Kingdom and even globally. The "views" and "statistics" connected to our services shared online are the involvement of real people who are being impacted by the ministry of the People's Mission. In God's goodness our efforts that seek to give expression to the hope that we know and share, by stepping outside our comfort zones to reach people for Jesus and His Kingdom, are yielding fruit.

Prior to lockdown, Michael and Julie were only able to take part in the People's Mission worship when they were in town visiting. But with our services being online, they have been able to take part even though they live far away. When asked to give feedback on their overall experience with the People's Mission, both "online" and "in person", Michael wrote:

"...Julie and I have always enjoyed the friendly welcome received at People's Mission in person. One of the few advantages of the pandemic, is that we can have fellowship with you weekly. We particularly enjoy Margaret's Junior Church, which never fails to raise a smile in these uncertain times. Keep up the good work!"

Paul joined the People's Mission during the months of lockdown and has been taking part in the online services as well as some of our most recent Zoom Bible Studies. When asked to share his "online" experience with the Mission, Paul wrote:

"..Since being with People's Mission my experience has been great. The online services are good mixture of Bible and songs even down to kids segment. I always look forward each Sunday for the service because it's always different in how it's produced and filmed. Even though I have only had the opportunity so far of doing People's Mission online, the few zoom meetings I've been part of are welcoming and everyone is down to earth and friendly. I feel I have been welcomed in as part of the family."

Moving Forward:

With our ministry moving online it prompted our leadership to evaluate and assess the Mission's presence and accessibility on the world wide web and social media. From January to December 2020, we had over 17,000 page views on our website, from over 3,600 visitors with the majority of activity and support coming from Canada, United States and the United Kingdom.

Access to the People's Mission online is important because it gives us a platform whereby, we can build an awareness of our ministry, sending people to our website where they can learn more, watch videos of our services and get a feel, both visually and audibly, for what People's Mission is all about. Utilizing Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and our new People's Mission website has given the community another level of interaction with the Mission. It also takes the People's Mission to where people are already spending so much of their time - connecting with others Online!

Email newsletters have also helped with the flow of communication. At the beginning of last year we produced "Mission Bulletins" that were distributed during our Morning and Evening services which helped communicate events and information to visitors and regular attendees. But with the pandemic we were no longer able to give these weekly bulletins out and much of our communication moved to phone calls and online

communication, with the exception of the People's Mission Insider which was the monthly Newsletter that was sent out in the mail between June to September last year. Email updates, resources and prayer news have also been regularly sent out to those who have signed up to the People's Mission email mailing list.

We are grateful to all our volunteers and ministry leaders for their hard work and dedication over 2020. We are especially thankful to Matthew, our Technical Operations Officer, for his time, help and countless volunteer hours spent transforming our online presence along with his work formatting the music arrangements put together by the People's Mission Silver Band.

New Ideas and Ministry Ventures:

While there was a lot that didn't happen last year, the downtime did give our leadership and volunteers time to stop, reflect and assess the different projects and ministry ventures of the People's Mission. It's been encouraging to hear your ideas about how to develop current ministries in the Mission, along with the great ideas some of you have regarding new ministry ventures. We're prayerful and looking forward to when government guidelines will be lifted so that we will be able to develop these ideas more and more.

With the easing of lockdown regulations during the summer months last year we had the opportunity to organize an exercise/ social group that met outdoors at different locations in the beautiful, scenic North East of England.

These outings were formalized under the name "Walk & Talk: A People's Mission Initiative" which has three objectives: 1) for people to WALK together, sharing in the experience of healthy exercise that helps, improves and boosts physical and mental health, 2) for people to TALK with each other, sharing perspective and experience in life, while taking part in positive fellowship, and 3) for people to take time to LOOK, enjoy and share in the beauty and wonder of God's Creation.

The walking group met in different locations twice a week from July to September and those who took part were people already connected to the People's Mission along with members of the community who had no prior involvement. The nature of this ministry is versatile, outreach oriented and has the potential to be adapted in many ways, allowing us to take "church" and "Christian fellowship" outside the Mission building, into the wider community.

Moving Forward:

As you read/ listen to the reports and summaries of what has happened this past year and perhaps what hasn't happened; be sure to take time to thank God and praise His Name for all that He has done at the People's Mission. Also, continue to pray for the ongoing encouragement of our Ministry leaders and volunteers, for their refreshment

and renewal as we moved forward into 2021, as we continue to welcome in the stranger
as we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word...

*"...What a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he
abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey."*

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Daniel Butt