

LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 240702

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK FOR THE TIME BEING CARRIED ON OR BY OR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI IN LONDON IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CONGREGATION THINK FIT.

Activities: The advancement of the Roman Catholic religion

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,245,852	£1,793,539	£19,144,619	16
2023-12-31	£1,547,399	£1,645,901	£17,267,828	16
2022-12-31	£2,212,953	£1,698,475	£16,652,831	16
2021-12-31	£1,231,440	£1,360,797	£18,048,200	15
2020-12-31	£1,296,514	£1,219,896	£16,781,878	15

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev JULIAN PETER LARGE	Chair	2012-03-29
Rev Jacopo Richard Tabarelli		2024-03-25
Rev RUPERT MCHARDY		2012-03-29
Rev Russell Joseph Rodrigues		2024-03-25
Rev UWE MICHAEL LANG		2012-11-27

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 240702

TRUSTEES: The Reverend Julian Large OBE (Provost and Chairman of Trustees)
Revd G Bowen (until 25 March 2024)
Revd Rupert McHardy
Rev'd Michael Lang
Rev'd Edward van den Bergh (until 25 March 2024)
Rev'd James Tabarelli (from 25 March 2024)
Rev'd James Rodrigues (from 25 March 2024)

OFFICE: The Oratory
Brompton Road
London SW7 2RP

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: Charity Commission Scheme dated 14 August 1969

AUDITORS: HaysMac LLP
10 Queen Street Place
London
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SOLICITORS: Withers
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7EG

BANKERS: National Westminster Bank Plc
55 Kensington High Street London W8 5EQ

INVESTMENT MANAGERS: Handelsbanken Wealth and Asset Management Ltd
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INVESTMENT POWERS: The provisions of the Trustees Act 2000 applied during the year.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

The Scheme specifies "the object of the Charity shall be to advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London in such ways as the Trustees of the Charity with the approval of the Congregation think fit".

This object is fulfilled in the following ways:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services
- The provision of Catholic Education
- The maintenance and upkeep of the Oratory Church and its associated premises in Brompton Road SW7, known as Brompton Oratory.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

The proclamation of the Catholic Faith is the main activity of the Oratory. This takes place in the Oratory church, with daily Masses and many other regular services. The Oratory Fathers who currently comprise the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, provide a wide range of support and pastoral care for their parishioners and those who worship in the Oratory church, and do so in the spirit of their founder St Philip Neri.

St Philip founded the Oratory in 16th century Rome; this has spread world-wide, secular priests living together a community life without vows, each Congregation independent from one another, with members intending to stay in the same community for their whole lives. This apostolate was brought to England by Blessed Cardinal Newman in the 1840's, with Father Faber founding the London Oratory at first in cramped premises near the Strand, moving to South Kensington in 1854. Since that time, the Oratory Fathers have continued pastoral work in London, often in conjunction with other parishes and organisations in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, of which the Oratory parish forms a part. The parish covers a large area of South Kensington, bounded by Gloucester Road, Hyde Park, Walton Street, Cale Street and Old Brompton Road.

A large Sunday Mass attendance and provision of the Sacraments and Christian formation to the parish and to regular worshippers, together with Catholic chaplaincy duties at the Royal Brompton Hospital, provide the ongoing work of the Oratory's mission. Additionally, the Fathers are Trustees and chaplains of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Chelsea and the London Oratory School in Fulham. A website, www.bromptonoratory.co.uk, gives details of the Charity's religious and pastoral activities.

MUSIC

A special feature of the Oratory has been its musical tradition, inspired by St Philip's own patronage of Palestrina, and the Fathers aim to maintain the highest standards in Church music. In this, they are following the directions of the Second Vatican Council; "Large choirs existing ... in major churches, which have in the course of centuries earned for themselves high renown by preserving and developing musical heritage of inestimable value, should be retained for sacred celebrations of a more elaborate kind" (Instruction on Music in the Sacred Liturgy, 1967). It is this heritage of Gregorian chant and the great works of Catholic Church music that is kept alive each Sunday and on major feast days.

A generous legacy was bequeathed by the late Jennifer Paterson for the maintenance of the Oratory Choir, establishing a Restricted fund, the Choir Fund, to help meet the costs of the Oratory choir, which sings at Solemn Mass and Vespers.

In 2003 a major overhaul of the church organ, built by J W Walker in 1954, was put in hand, and completed in 2007. This instrument is one of the most important built in London in the post-World War II period. Possessing 45 stops on three manuals, it was designed by Ralph Downes, organist of the Oratory 1936-77. The British Institute of Organ Studies Journal, 1996 describes it as the most successful of its kind in London.

In 2011, a scholarship was established to support the new position of Organ Scholar, through the generosity of a regular worshipper, in memory of his late wife, June Pettman. The funds of this scholarship were significantly augmented with a large legacy, received in 2017. The Fathers are most grateful to the late Mr Pettman for this wonderful gesture of support.

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PREMISES

The Oratory premises consist of the Oratory Church with the Lodge, the Oratory House and Halls, and the Newman Statue. The Church, built between 1880-84 with the dome and façade added in the 1890's, is a Grade II* listed building in neo-Baroque style. The Oratory House and Halls, built between 1853 and 1911, comprise the domestic areas of the Oratorian community, administration offices, Little Oratory, and parish halls. These are Grade II* listed buildings. The Statue of Cardinal Newman (1896) on Brompton Road has a Grade II listing. All of these properties are owned freehold. The upkeep of these extensive premises requires substantial management and both ongoing and major maintenance. In autumn 2024 a large project to renovate and redecorate the Sacred Heart chapel started, and was completed in early Spring 2025.

SCHOOLS

The Oratory Fathers have had a longstanding commitment to Catholic Education, and are presently Trustees of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Cale Street, Chelsea, and the London Oratory School in Fulham. The London Oratory School was granted Academy status from 1 August 2011.

VOLUNTEER HELP

The Fathers of the Oratory (Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri) rely substantially on volunteer help and financial support in many of their pastoral activities, and are much encouraged by the continuing level of commitment from a large number of people over many years.

NOVICES

A duty on the Congregation is to recruit, educate and train suitable candidates for the Catholic Priesthood, to serve as priests in the Oratory for the rest of their lives. Unlike religious Orders and Catholic dioceses, candidates join the Oratory to become members of the Community in that location; clergy are not moved from house to house by a superior or bishop. The one candidate at 31st December 2022 was ordained to the sacred priesthood in December 2023.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The primary public benefit of the Oratory is the provision of an ethical and moral code for society: the Oratory communicates, educates, encourages and coaches individuals into following and living the Catholic faith. The Oratory strongly supports the spiritual, moral and academic education of children, through catechetical programmes and sacramental preparation, as well as maintaining two schools. The Oratory also provides and maintains its church and other listed buildings. Further details of these activities are given throughout the Annual Report and Accounts.

That the Oratory does produce a public benefit beyond that benefit that accrues to its members, is shown in the public character of its distinctive buildings. All members of the public are welcome to enter the Oratory church free of charge for purposes connected to prayer, worship, meditation and the advancement of religion.

In addition to donations to the charity, Oratory parishioners and visitors donated £10,792 to UK and international Catholic charities, (2023- £9,378), and £7,860 to the Archdiocese of Westminster (2023 - £8,382).

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Provost and Chairman of Trustees Rev'd Julian Large was appointed OBE in the 2024 Birthday Honours, for services to Faith and Integration.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As in previous years, the Oratory provided religious services, pastoral care and education throughout the year, in the Oratory church and premises at Brompton Road, at the Oratory schools, in hospitals and elsewhere. The Fathers made themselves available to parishioners, visitors and those in need. Every day of the year the Church remained open for private prayer and visiting. The pastoral and spiritual work undertaken by the Fathers is not susceptible to numerical measurement, and continues year by year within a long-established framework.

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INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The target set for the fund managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. The charity avoids direct investment in armaments, pornography and “anti-life” pharmaceuticals.

During the year the value of the Charity’s investment portfolio rose. The continuing stock market volatility since the year end emphasises that a considerable degree of caution is needed when considering investment values.

Investment values do not necessarily represent liquid resources to spend; the capital sums need to be held to generate income to support the Charity’s ongoing work and commitments.

The investment model target for 2024 continued as inflation plus 3.5%. Investments showed a total return of 9%.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Oratory Fathers plan to continue all their present activities

- their pastoral work in the Oratory Church and Parish,
- their schools,
- the upkeep and development of their premises,
- maintenance of sufficient reserves, and generation of further growth of investment portfolios to ensure the long-term future of the charity.

With the support and collaboration of those who are drawn to Christ and His Church and who seek the Oratory’s help in fulfilling their Christian vocation to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal sources of income include donations made at religious services in the Oratory Church; Offertory collections £236,051 (2023: £255,328) other voluntary contributions made directly for the support of the Oratory church: £585,228 (2023: £502,400), and contributions to support Music: £40,841 (2023: £93,327). Donations for social and pastoral activities totalled £181,674 (2023: £46,148). St Raphael’s annual appeal raised £7,350 (2023: £65,060). General donations totalled £2,349 (2023: £18,310). Investment income totalled £238,025 (2023: £216,697). Legacies totalled £654,021 (2023: £141,485).

Details of expenditure are given in notes 2 to 5 of the Annual Accounts.

Overall, before investments, the Oratory has a net profit of £452,313 (2023: loss of £98,502)

RESERVES

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 totalled £13,081,301 (2023: £11,703,234) for the general purposes of the Charity. This is equivalent to approximately 9 years’ unrestricted expenditure. However, the charity’s reserves including investments total £13,075,598 (2023: £11,679,478). These amounts are tied up in investments which can be liquidated as needed.

Restricted funds at 31 December 2024 totalled £6,063,318 (2023: £5,564,594).

Given the listed building status and historic nature of the whole Brompton Road premises, the independent position of the Oratory, (separate from the Archdiocese of Westminster and from other Oratories), and the prevalent financial and economic uncertainty, these are regarded, along with investments, as appropriate levels necessary for supporting the Charity’s ongoing commitments and securing its long-term operation.

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RISK REVIEW

The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, by having in place appropriate insurances, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the Trust they have established routinely effective systems to mitigate those risks. The systems are devised according to need. The scope of all these measures is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and of adults at risk is of great importance to the Oratory. Failing to prevent abuse of the vulnerable has serious repercussions for the individual, the mission of the Oratory and the Catholic Church. The consequences of abuse of individuals can be grave and long-lasting. The Charity's aim is to prevent this from happening to children or adults at risk, whilst in the care of the Church. To mitigate this risk, the Charity follows the policies and procedures put in place by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Community age profile

While the age profile of the members is increasing, as existing members grow older. The fathers seek to reduce the age profile by nurturing the vocations of those who approach the Oratory; some continue their path of discernment here, others try their vocation elsewhere in the Catholic Church, other still find that their vocation is to a different state in life. A restricted fund (St Raphael's) has been established to provide for the support and training of new candidates for the priesthood.

Long-term financial sustainability

Risks include reductions in key sources of revenue, and increased costs of staffing and routine maintenance and compliance upgrades of the premises.

The Oratory's income comes from four main sources – collections and other donations made in church, investment income, legacies, and income from varied external uses of the premises. This is supplemented by fund-raising for special projects, and other smaller income streams.

Property upkeep

The two main Oratory buildings are both 19th century Grade II* Listed Buildings. Their long-term fitness for use requires regular large-scale projects to keep them watertight and the infrastructure up to date, whilst maintaining the historic character of the buildings, often involving specialist contractors and specialist skills.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The London Oratory Charity is a Charitable Trust established by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 14 August 1969, Charity Registration Number 240702. The Trustees were granted a Certificate of Incorporation by the Charity Commissioners on 10 February 1970.

ORGANISATION

The Charity is governed by the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, a Society of Apostolic Life within the Roman Catholic Church; the priests elect from within their number 5 Trustees to serve for three years. At the triennial election on 26 March 2021 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds George Bowen, Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Revd Edward van den Bergh was also elected. At the triennial elections on 25th March 2024 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, rev'ds Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Rev'ds James Tabarelli and Joseph Rodrigues were newly elected. The Trustees and the Congregation meet frequently to plan and carry forward their spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, and to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Trust.

The trustees are drawn from amongst the existing Fathers, and have already been closely involved in carrying out the charity's pastoral work and other activities. New trustees will have lived at the Oratory for at least 6 years before their ordination (at which point they are eligible for election as a trustee) and receive training during these years on the charity's finances and operating policies.

As well as carrying out the majority of the Charity's pastoral and religious works, the trustees are closely involved in all the activities of the Charity, and as such constitute its key management personnel. They receive no remuneration for their duties.

SUBSIDIARY

The Charity had established a trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, which was incorporated on 6 January 2012 and took over the charity's trading activities including the Oratory's shop, car parking and magazine sales. The company has traded profitably since being established, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Statement by the Trustees on the capital value of School Buildings & Lands

The land on which the Oratory Primary School and London Oratory School are located, is in the ownership of the Trust. The main consequence of this that the users of the land, the Governors of the Schools, who have no title of their own in the land, thereby come under an obligation to use the property for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed, i.e., they must promote a Catholic School in the buildings which they occupy. The other benefits of ownership that would normally follow on from legal title do not in fact accrue to the Trustees, as the extent to which they can charge rents, take mortgages on the property, etc., are all greatly hemmed in by Education Law which gives the Secretary of State for Education power over whether a sale takes place, and if it does take place, how the proceeds of sale should be used. These restrictions lead the Trustees to conclude that so long as the Schools operate as going concerns, there is no capital value to the Oratory in the stock of school lands and buildings. For these reasons they are not capitalised.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees are all Roman Catholic priests and members of the Congregation of the Oratory. They are housed by the Trust and are reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry in the same way as all other priests of the Congregation. However, no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

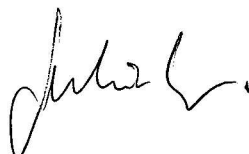
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Scheme dated 14 August 1969. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

28th October 2025
and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Rev'd Julian Large – Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Oratory Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with Canon law, employment law, health and safety regulations and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, FRS102 and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

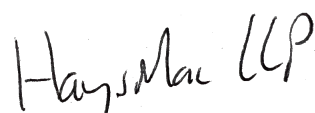
- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries at the year-end
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



HaysMac LLP
Statutory Auditors

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Date: 30 October 2025

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
- Donations and gifts		888,219	317,065	1,205,284	1,068,460
- Legacies		676,640	16,381	654,021	141,485
Charitable activities:					
- Oratory fees		100,735	-	100,735	74,485
- Sales of Oratory magazine		2,541	-	2,541	3,362
Other trading activities					
- Oratory shop sales		45,246	-	45,246	42,910
Investments		155,497	82,328	238,025	216,697
Total Income		<u>1,830,078</u>	<u>415,774</u>	<u>2,245,852</u>	<u>1,547,399</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Fundraising	2	10,214	-	10,214	9,993
Trading	2	39,454	-	39,454	47,289
Investment management		88,636	37,117	125,753	112,141
Charitable activities	3	1,351,785	266,333	1,618,118	1,476,478
Total Expenditure	5	<u>1,490,089</u>	<u>303,450</u>	<u>1,793,539</u>	<u>1,645,901</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments		339,989	112,324	452,313	(98,502)
Net gains on investments	8	1,038,078	386,400	1,424,478	713,499
Net movement in funds		<u>1,378,067</u>	<u>498,724</u>	<u>1,876,791</u>	<u>614,997</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward 1 January 2024		11,703,234	5,564,594	17,267,828	16,652,831
Funds carried forward 31 December 2024		<u>£13,081,301</u>	<u>£6,063,318</u>	<u>£19,144,619</u>	<u>£17,267,828</u>

All transactions during the year were derived from continuing activities.

Comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2023 can be seen in note 20 to these financial statements.

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

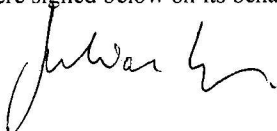
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	5,703	23,756
Investments	8	18,395,912	16,956,909
		<u>18,401,615</u>	<u>16,980,665</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		21,668	22,335
Debtors	9	811,802	288,336
Cash at bank and in hand		148,048	256,919
		<u>981,518</u>	<u>567,590</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(238,514)</u>	<u>(280,427)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>743,004</u>	<u>287,163</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS		<u>£19,144,619</u>	<u>£17,267,828</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	11	6,063,318	5,564,594
Unrestricted funds:			
General funds		13,081,301	11,703,234
		<u>£19,144,619</u>	<u>£17,267,828</u>

The charity only surplus for the year amounted to £1,424,478 (2023: surplus of £629,627).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on and were signed below on its behalf by:

28th October 2024



Rev'd Julian Large
Trustee

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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	2024	£	£	2023	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Tangible fixed assets	7			5,703		23,756	
Investments	8			18,395,914		16,956,911	
				<u>18,401,617</u>		<u>16,980,667</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	9	819,601			293,921		
Cash at bank and in hand		106,986			235,602		
		<u>926,587</u>			<u>529,523</u>		
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(199,550)			(253,593)		
NET CURRENT ASSETS				<u>727,037</u>		<u>275,930</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS				<u>£19,128,654</u>		<u>£17,256,597</u>	
FUNDS							
Restricted funds	11			6,063,318		5,564,594	
Unrestricted funds:							
General funds				13,065,336		11,692,003	
				<u>£19,128,654</u>		<u>£17,256,597</u>	

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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in)/operating activities	17	<u>(331,249)</u>	<u>(199,387)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		238,025	216,697
Purchase of fixed assets		(1,122)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		5,520,133	9,815,515
Purchase of investments		(5,719,015)	(10,380,237)
Decrease in investment cash		184,357	481,805
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>222,378</u>	<u>133,780</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(108,871)	(65,607)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	18	<u>256,919</u>	<u>322,526</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	<u><u>£148,048</u></u>	<u><u>256,919</u></u>

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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2019) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The London Oratory Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts consolidate those of the charity and of its subsidiary undertaking up to 31 December 2024. The result of the charity's non-charitable trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, has been consolidated within the Statement of Financial Activities.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered the future plans of the Charity, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

d) Income recognition

The charity recognises income when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds and any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or similar income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the legacy is in the form of an asset other than cash or an asset listed on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the asset being able to be reliably measured and title to the asset has passed to the charity. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations by means of collections or received in cash are recognised upon receipt of funds.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received or dividend is due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; investment management fees; costs of fundraising activities including the costs of goods sold, and their associated support costs. Fundraising costs do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating the church and related activities and includes all activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities based on time spent in each area.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if their original cost of purchase exceeds £600.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets capitalised, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	- 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and other equipment	- 5 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years

The Charity had 2 voluntary aided church schools, one of which became an academy on 1 August 2011. The school properties (land and buildings) are vested in the name of the Charity. The London Oratory Charity cannot take a unilateral decision to dispose of these properties. Disposal can only occur if the school governors and the Secretary of State for Education decide that all or part of a school site is no longer required for education. In most circumstances, where a disposal occurs, the Secretary of State or the local authority may be entitled to recoup grant. Although no rights of ownership vest in the school governing body, most other rights and obligations, such as for the maintenance and repair of the school and its facilities, are passed to the Governors. The Trustees therefore consider that, for the purposes of these financial statements, the nature of their ownership is that of a custodianship and therefore these properties have not been capitalised. Details of these properties are set out in the notes to the accounts.

g) Heritage assets

No value is attributed to heritage assets (the Oratory and artefacts) on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. The age, variety and lack of comparable market data would make any attempt at valuation extremely onerous and costly compared with the benefit derived by users of the accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price, except for the shares in the trading subsidiary which are carried at cost. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

n) Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

o) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. RAISING FUNDS	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising		
Card payment machine	2,654	-
Advertisements and appeals	-	298
Summer Garden Party expenses	7,560	8,769
	<u>£10,214</u>	<u>£9,993</u>
Trading		
Oratory shop cost of sales	<u>£39,454</u>	<u>£47,289</u>

All expenditure in the above categories was allocated to unrestricted funds in both the current and prior year.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2024	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Church expenses	265,652	12,559	278,211	253,695
Music costs	247,514	75,211	322,725	285,432
Premises costs	318,161	-	318,161	372,000
Premises - Major Works	10,793	116,414	127,207	104,955
Premises - lodge	-	-	-	154
Community expenses	359,855	2,817	362,672	230,842
Novices	-	-	-	27,138
Social and pastoral	13,802	46,412	60,214	69,781
Diocese expenses	-	-	-	1,000
LOS donations	-	-	-	129
Religious education	1,045	-	1,045	264
Support costs (see below)	55,585	-	55,585	49,312
Governance (see note 4)	79,377	-	79,377	81,776
	<u>£1,351,785</u>	<u>£266,333</u>	<u>£1,618,118</u>	<u>£1,476,478</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2023	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £		
Church expenses	240,625	13,070	253,695		
Music costs	224,688	60,744	285,432		
Premises costs	372,000	-	372,000		
Premises - Major Works	59,877	45,078	104,955		
Premises – Boiler Room depreciation	-	-	-		
Premises – Schools	-	-	-		
Premises - lodge	154	-	154		
Community expenses	230,771	71	230,842		
Novices	-	27,138	27,138		
Social and pastoral	17,332	52,449	69,781		
Diocese expenses	1,000	-	1,000		
LOS donations	129	-	129		
Religious education	264	-	264		
Support costs (see below)	49,312	-	49,312		
Governance (see note 4)	81,776	-	81,776		
	<u>£1,277,928</u>	<u>£198,550</u>	<u>£1,476,478</u>		
				2024	2023
				£	£
SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF:					
Printing, postage and stationery			5,098	3,479	
Telephone and fax			7,926	7,023	
Internet			8,890	8,140	
Bank charges			24,992	25,265	
Other			8,679	5,405	
			<u>£55,585</u>	<u>£49,312</u>	
4. GOVERNANCE COSTS			2024	2023	
			£	£	
Salaries			35,700	36,583	
Auditors' remuneration:					
- Charity			30,000	30,000	
- Blemell House			4,450	3,960	
Other fees payable to the auditor - corporation tax			7,890	1,200	
Other costs			1,337	9,933	
			<u>£79,377</u>	<u>£81,776</u>	

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

5. TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2024

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	352,716	1,168,850	79,377	19,175	1,618,118	1,476,478
Raising funds	-	175,421	-	-	175,421	169,423
	<u>£352,716</u>	<u>£1,342,271</u>	<u>£79,377</u>	<u>£19,175</u>	<u>£1,793,539</u>	<u>£1,645,901</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2023

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	327,882	1,047,321	81,776	19,499	1,476,478
Raising funds	-	169,423	-	-	169,423
	<u>£327,882</u>	<u>£1,216,744</u>	<u>£81,776</u>	<u>£19,499</u>	<u>£1,645,901</u>

Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	350,930	334,728
Social security costs	29,526	21,485
Pension costs	7,961	8,252
	<u>£388,417</u>	<u>£364,465</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

	2024	2023
The average number of employees was:	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>

The trustees constitute the key management personnel – see note 6 below.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

As members of the Congregation, the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Charity but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year (2023: Nil).

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	Computers and Other Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2024	26,124	553,179	14,039	593,342
Additions	-	1,122	-	1,122
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	26,124	554,301	14,039	594,464
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2024	26,124	529,423	14,039	569,586
Charge for the year	-	19,175	-	19,175
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	26,124	548,598	14,039	588,761
NET BOOK VALUE (represented by Fixed Assets used for charitable purposes)				
2024:	£-	£5,703	£-	£5,703
2023:	£-	£23,756	£-	£23,756

No value for the property (Listed Building Status Grade II*), comprising The Oratory SW7 is reflected in the financial statements. The buildings were erected between 1854 and 1884 with further additions up to 1911. Historic cost data is not available and, in any event, the net book value, after charging normal rates of depreciation would not be material. The property has an insurance value of £51m, and a replacement cost of £192m.

Any material improvement to the buildings will be capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. Two schools are owned in the name of the London Oratory Charity:

The Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The London Oratory School, an academy in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Trustees consider that the school properties have no capital value to the London Oratory Charity – see Accounting Policy 1(f). The school properties have an insurance value of £45.7m.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Market value at 1 January 2024	16,543,538	15,265,317	16,543,540	15,265,319
Less: Disposals	(5,520,133)	(9,815,515)	(5,520,133)	(9,815,515)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	5,719,015	10,380,237	5,719,015	10,380,237
Realised and unrealised gains and (losses)	1,424,478	713,499	1,424,478	713,499
	<u>18,166,898</u>	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>18,166,900</u>	<u>16,543,540</u>
Market value at 31 December 2024	18,166,898	16,543,538	18,166,900	16,543,540
Cash held for investment	229,014	413,371	229,014	413,371
	<u>£18,395,912</u>	<u>£16,956,909</u>	<u>£18,395,914</u>	<u>£16,956,911</u>
Listed Investments:				
Fixed interest	4,570,648	5,034,445	4,570,648	5,034,445
Equities and bonds	13,596,250	11,509,093	13,596,250	11,509,093
	<u>18,166,898</u>	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>18,166,898</u>	<u>16,543,538</u>
Unquoted Investment:				
Blemell House Ltd	-	-	2	2
	<u>18,166,898</u>	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>18,166,900</u>	<u>16,543,540</u>
Cash held for investment	229,014	413,371	229,014	413,371
	<u>£18,395,912</u>	<u>£16,956,909</u>	<u>£18,395,914</u>	<u>£16,956,911</u>
9. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	811,802	288,336	806,559	280,879
Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	13,042	13,042
	<u>£811,802</u>	<u>£288,336</u>	<u>£819,601</u>	<u>£293,921</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	95,699	163,963	56,435	137,129
Accruals and deferred income	133,906	107,637	133,906	107,637
Other taxes and social security	9,209	8,827	9,209	8,827
	<u>£238,514</u>	<u>£280,427</u>	<u>£199,550</u>	<u>£253,593</u>

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2024

	Balance 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2024 £
St Raphael's Fund	426,316	28,559	(1,688)	19,772	472,959
Edifices	45,500	88,553	(116,414)	-	17,639
Prefects Fund	22,923	712	(3,876)	2,804	22,563
Choir	3,447,847	47,924	(72,345)	248,736	3,672,162
Organ	3,541	83	(3,675)	-	(51)
Pettman Scholarship	1,328,942	19,391	(19,962)	102,650	1,431,021
Poor Fund	23,640	187,995	(46,412)	-	165,223
(And Mantegazza)					
Orchestra Fund	10,485	10,362	(12,538)	-	8,309
St Wilfrid's Statue	2,006	31	-	-	2,037
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Brompton Baroque	4,627	76	-	-	4,703
Primary School Funds	150,292	14,729	(13,981)	12,438	163,478
Our Lady's Altar Flowers	19,258	16,147	(12,559)	-	22,846
Church Lighting Fund	73,774	1,212	-	-	74,986
	<u>£5,564,594</u>	<u>£415,774</u>	<u>£(303,450)</u>	<u>£386,400</u>	<u>£6,063,318</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2023

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
St Raphael's Fund	374,109	71,424	(28,701)	9,484	426,316
Edifices	-	45,500	-	-	45,500
Prefects Fund	22,415	407	(1,244)	1,345	22,923
Choir	3,214,709	154,322	(61,761)	140,577	3,447,847
Organ	6,882	103	(3,444)	-	3,541
Poor Fund	29,441	46,648	(52,449)	-	23,640
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,981	25	-	-	2,006
Orchestra Fund	-	15,000	(4,515)	-	10,485
Brompton Baroque	4,565	62	-	-	4,627
Primary School Funds	171,734	18,652	(46,061)	5,967	150,292
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,270,695	17,458	(17,372)	58,161	1,328,942
Church Lighting Fund	72,783	991	-	-	73,774
Our Lady's Flowers	15,330	16,998	(13,070)	-	19,258
	<u>£5,190,087</u>	<u>£387,590</u>	<u>£(228,617)</u>	<u>£215,534</u>	<u>£5,564,594</u>

The funds are established for the following:

St Raphael's	Maintenance and education of Oratorian novices and students.
Edifices	For major repairs and maintenance
Prefects Fund	For the Brothers of The Little Oratory.
Choir	For the support of the Oratory Choir.
Organ	For major overhauls and maintenance of the Oratory pipe organs.
Poor Fund	For the relief of poverty.
St Wilfrid's Statue	Carving of a statue of St Wilfrid.
Orchestra Fund	For orchestras at Solemn Masses
Brompton Baroque	For Baroque recitals.
Primary School Funds	Parental contributions etc for the Oratory Primary School.
Calvary carving	For the carving and installation of a new calvary crucifix, statues, and mural.
	The balance is to be used for improvements to lighting and floor repairs.
Pettman Scholarship	Organ Scholarship in memory of June Pettman.
Church Lighting Fund	Towards church lighting.
Our Lady's Flowers	For flowers at the Lady Altar

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	5,703	-	5,703
Investments	12,753,806	5,642,106	18,395,912
Current assets	520,633	460,885	981,518
Creditors due within 1 year	(198,841)	(39,673)	(238,514)
	<u>£13,081,301</u>	<u>£6,063,318</u>	<u>£19,144,619</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	23,756	-	23,756
Investments	11,846,565	5,110,344	16,956,909
Current assets	72,902	494,688	567,590
Creditors due within 1 year	(239,989)	(40,438)	(280,427)
	<u>£11,703,234</u>	<u>£5,564,594</u>	<u>£17,267,828</u>

14. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

The London Oratory School, which became an academy on 1 August 2011 (previously a voluntary aided school) in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, are connected.

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15. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited (Company Registered Number: 7899744). Blemell House's principal activity is to carry out trading operations to support the London Oratory Charity.

A summary of the trading results for the year for Blemell House Limited is shown below.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	107,312	92,813
Cost of sales	(39,455)	(47,091)
Gross profit	67,857	45,722
Administration expenses	(6,600)	(7,719)
Other income	203	415
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	£61,460	£38,418
Balance Sheet	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets	67,970	51,108
Less creditors falling due within one year	(52,006)	(39,877)
	£15,964	£11,231
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	15,962	11,229
	£15,964	£11,231

16. HERITAGE ASSETS

No value is attributed to the heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. Heritage assets include plate, textiles, books, monuments and statues contained within the Oratory. The assets are integral to the Charity's objective of advancing the Roman Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

The Oratory has accumulated over the last 160 years a sizeable and specialised collection of religious plate, art works, vestments and books. Very few of these are of significant individual worth. These are used to adorn the Oratory church and enrich the church's liturgies. Many of the paintings and statues are on display in the church, open for over 12 hours daily throughout the year. Different vestments and plate are used during Mass and other church services on various days throughout the liturgical year.

A register of plate and vestments is maintained. A full card index of books is maintained in the library and individual scholars and researchers are granted access to the library if appropriate.

Heritage assets are maintained and conserved as far as possible. There is no policy to dispose of these assets.

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17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,876,791	614,997
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	19,175	19,499
Gains on investments	(1,424,478)	(713,499)
Dividends and interest from investments	(238,025)	(216,697)
Decrease in stock	667	2,813
(Increase) in debtors	(523,466)	(3,803)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(41,913)	97,303
Net cash (used in)/generated by operating activities	£(331,249)	£(199,387)
18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2024 £	2023 £
Cash and bank and in hand	£148,048	£256,919

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity was gifted £56,727 (2023: £49,779) from profits of Blemell House Limited. At the year-end, Blemell House Limited owed £13,042 (2023 - £13,042) to the Charity).

Rev Rupert McHardy and Rev Julian Large, trustees of this charity, are trustees of W Faber Counselling. £5,600 was paid to W Faber Counselling in the year (2023:- £3,800). There was £1,249 due at the year-end (2023: £1,249).

There were no further related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year.

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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies:			
- Donations and gifts	833,397	235,063	1,068,460
- Legacies	59,166	82,319	141,485
Charitable activities:			
- Oratory fees	74,485	-	74,485
- Sales of Oratory magazine	3,362	-	3,362
Other trading activities			
- Oratory shop sales	42,910	-	42,910
Investments	146,489	70,208	216,697
Total Income	1,159,809	387,590	1,547,399
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	9,993	-	9,993
Trading	47,289	-	47,289
Investment management	82,074	30,067	112,141
Charitable activities	1,277,928	198,550	1,476,478
Total Expenditure	1,417,284	228,617	1,645,901
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments	(257,475)	158,973	(98,502)
Net gains on investments	497,965	215,534	713,499
Net movement in funds	240,490	374,507	614,997
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward 1 January 2023	11,462,744	5,190,087	16,652,831
Funds carried forward 31 December 2023	£11,703,234	£5,564,594	£17,267,828

Accounts

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Charity Number: 240702
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 240702

TRUSTEES: The Reverend Julian Large OBE (Provost and Chairman of Trustees)
Revd G Bowen (until 25 March 2024)
Revd Rupert McHardy
Revd Michael Lang
Revd Edward van den Bergh (until 25 March 2024)
Revd James Tabarelli (from 25 March 2024)
Revd Joseph Rodrigues (from 25 March 2024)

OFFICE: The Oratory
Brompton Road
London SW7 2RP

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: Charity Commission Scheme dated 14 August 1969

AUDITORS: HaysMac LLP
10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG

SOLICITORS: Withers
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7EG

BANKERS: National Westminster Bank Plc
Kensington Royal Garden Branch
55 Kensington High Street London W8 5EQ

INVESTMENT MANAGERS: Handelsbanken Wealth and Asset Management Ltd
No.1 Kingsway
London WC2B 6AN

INVESTMENT POWERS: The provisions of the Trustees Act 2000 applied during the year.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

The Scheme specifies "the object of the Charity shall be to advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London in such ways as the Trustees of the Charity with the approval of the Congregation think fit".

This object is fulfilled in the following ways:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services
- The provision of Catholic Education
- The maintenance and upkeep of the Oratory Church and its associated premises in Brompton Road SW7, known as Brompton Oratory.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

The proclamation of the Catholic Faith is the main activity of the Oratory. This takes place in the Oratory church, with daily Masses and many other regular services. The Oratory Fathers who currently comprise the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, provide a wide range of support and pastoral care for their parishioners and those who worship in the Oratory church, and do so in the spirit of their founder St Philip Neri.

St Philip founded the Oratory in 16th century Rome; this has spread world-wide, secular priests living together a community life without vows, each Congregation independent from one another, with members intending to stay in the same community for their whole lives. This apostolate was brought to England by Blessed Cardinal Newman in the 1840's, with Father Faber founding the London Oratory at first in cramped premises near the Strand, moving to South Kensington in 1854. Since that time, the Oratory Fathers have continued pastoral work in London, often in conjunction with other parishes and organisations in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, of which the Oratory parish forms a part. The parish covers a large area of South Kensington, bounded by Gloucester Road, Hyde Park, Walton Street, Cale Street and Old Brompton Road.

A large Sunday Mass attendance and provision of the Sacraments and Christian formation to the parish and to regular worshippers, together with Catholic chaplaincy duties at the Royal Brompton Hospital, provide the ongoing work of the Oratory's mission. Additionally, the Fathers are Trustees and chaplains of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Chelsea and the London Oratory School in Fulham. A website, www.bromptonoratory.co.uk, gives details of the Charity's religious and pastoral activities.

MUSIC

A special feature of the Oratory has been its musical tradition, inspired by St Philip's own patronage of Palestrina, and the Fathers aim to maintain the highest standards in Church music. In this, they are following the directions of the Second Vatican Council; "Large choirs existing ... in major churches, which have in the course of centuries earned for themselves high renown by preserving and developing musical heritage of inestimable value, should be retained for sacred celebrations of a more elaborate kind" (Instruction on Music in the Sacred Liturgy, 1967). It is this heritage of Gregorian chant and the great works of Catholic Church music that is kept alive each Sunday and on major feast days.

A generous legacy was bequeathed by the late Jennifer Paterson for the maintenance of the Oratory Choir, establishing a Restricted fund, the Choir Fund, to help meet the costs of the Oratory choir, which sings at Solemn Mass and Vespers.

In 2003 a major overhaul of the church organ, built by J W Walker in 1954, was put in hand, and completed in 2007. This instrument is one of the most important built in London in the post-World War II period. Possessing 45 stops on three manuals, it was designed by Ralph Downes, organist of the Oratory 1936-77. The British Institute of Organ Studies Journal, 1996 describes it as the most successful of its kind in London.

In 2011, a scholarship was established to support the new position of Organ Scholar, through the generosity of a regular worshipper, in memory of his late wife, June Pettman. The funds of this scholarship were significantly augmented with a large legacy, received in 2017. The Fathers are most grateful to the late Mr Pettman for this wonderful gesture of support.

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PREMISES

The Oratory premises consist of the Oratory Church with the Lodge, the Oratory House and Halls, and the Newman Statue. The Church, built between 1880-84 with the dome and façade added in the 1890's, is a Grade II* listed building in neo-Baroque style. The Oratory House and Halls, built between 1853 and 1911, comprise the domestic areas of the Oratorian community, administration offices, Little Oratory, and parish halls. These are Grade II* listed buildings. The Statue of Cardinal Newman (1896) on Brompton Road has a Grade II listing. All of these properties are owned freehold. The upkeep of these extensive premises requires substantial management and both ongoing and major maintenance.

SCHOOLS

The Oratory Fathers have had a longstanding commitment to Catholic Education, and are presently Trustees of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Cale Street, Chelsea, and the London Oratory School in Fulham. The London Oratory School was granted Academy status from 1 August 2011.

VOLUNTEER HELP

The Fathers of the Oratory (Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri) rely substantially on volunteer help and financial support in many of their pastoral activities, and are much encouraged by the continuing level of commitment from a large number of people over many years.

NOVICES

A duty on the Congregation is to recruit, educate and train suitable candidates for the Catholic Priesthood, to serve as priests in the Oratory for the rest of their lives. Unlike religious Orders and Catholic dioceses, candidates join the Oratory to become members of the Community in that location; clergy are not moved from house to house by a superior or bishop. The one candidate at 31st December 2022 was ordained to the sacred priesthood in December 2023.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The primary public benefit of the Oratory is the provision of an ethical and moral code for society: the Oratory communicates, educates, encourages and coaches individuals into following and living the Catholic faith. The Oratory strongly supports the spiritual, moral and academic education of children, through catechetical programmes and sacramental preparation, as well as maintaining two schools. The Oratory also provides and maintains its church and other listed buildings. Further details of these activities are given throughout the Annual Report and Accounts.

That the Oratory does produce a public benefit beyond that benefit that accrues to its members, is shown in the public character of its distinctive buildings. All members of the public are welcome to enter the Oratory church free of charge for purposes connected to prayer, worship, meditation and the advancement of religion.

In addition to donations to the charity, Oratory parishioners and visitors donated £9,378 to UK and international Catholic charities, (2022- £4,708), and £8,382 to the Archdiocese of Westminster (2022 - £7,520).

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Provost and Chairman of Trustees Revd Julian Large was appointed OBE in the 2024 Birthday Honours, for services to Faith and Integration.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As in previous years, the Oratory provided religious services, pastoral care and education throughout the year, in the Oratory church and premises at Brompton Road, at the Oratory schools, in hospitals and elsewhere. The Fathers made themselves available to parishioners, visitors and those in need. Every day of the year the Church remained open for private prayer and visiting. The pastoral and spiritual work undertaken by the Fathers is not susceptible to numerical measurement, and continues year by year within a long-established framework.

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INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The target set for the fund managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. The charity avoids direct investment in armaments, pornography and "anti-life" pharmaceuticals.

During the year the value of the Charity's investment portfolio rose. The continuing stock market volatility since the year end emphasises that a considerable degree of caution is needed when considering investment values.

Investment values do not necessarily represent liquid resources to spend; the capital sums need to be held to generate income to support the Charity's ongoing work and commitments.

The investment model target for 2023 continued as inflation plus 3.5%. Investments showed a total return of 4.7%.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Oratory Fathers plan to continue all their present activities

- their pastoral work in the Oratory Church and Parish,
- their schools,
- the upkeep and development of their premises,
- maintenance of sufficient reserves, and generation of further growth of investment portfolios to ensure the long-term future of the charity.

With the support and collaboration of those who are drawn to Christ and His Church and who seek the Oratory's help in fulfilling their Christian vocation to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal sources of income include donations made at religious services in the Oratory Church; Offertory collections £255,328 (2022: £252,702) other voluntary contributions made directly for the support of the Oratory church: £502,400 (2022: £455,986), and contributions to support Music: £93,327 (2022: £57,110). Donations for social and pastoral activities totalled £46,148 (2022: £45,519). St Raphael's annual appeal raised £65,060 (2022: £60,999). General donations totalled £18,310 (2022: £15,367). Investment income totalled £216,697 (2022: £213,105). Legacies totalled £141,485 (2022: £889,163).

Details of expenditure are given in notes 2 to 5 of the Annual Accounts.

Overall, before investments, the Oratory has a net loss of £98,502 (2022: gain of £514,478)

RESERVES

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2023 totalled £11,703,234 (2022: £11,468,744) for the general purposes of the Charity. This is equivalent to approximately 8 years' unrestricted expenditure. However, the charity's reserves including investments total £11,679,478 (2022: £16,609,576). These amounts are tied up in investments which can be liquidated as needed.

Restricted funds at 31 December 2023 totalled £5,564,594 (2022: £5,190,087).

Given the listed building status and historic nature of the whole Brompton Road premises, the independent position of the Oratory, (separate from the Archdiocese of Westminster and from other Oratories), and the prevalent financial and economic uncertainty, these are regarded, along with investments, as appropriate levels necessary for supporting the Charity's ongoing commitments and securing its long-term operation.

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RISK REVIEW

The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, by having in place appropriate insurances, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the Trust they have established routinely effective systems to mitigate those risks. The systems are devised according to need. The scope of all these measures is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and of adults at risk is of great importance to the Oratory. Failing to prevent abuse of the vulnerable has serious repercussions for the individual, the mission of the Oratory and the Catholic Church. The consequences of abuse of individuals can be grave and long-lasting. The Charity's aim is to prevent this from happening to children or adults at risk, whilst in the care of the Church. To mitigate this risk, the Charity follows the policies and procedures put in place by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Community age profile

While the age profile of the members is increasing, as existing members grow older. The fathers seek to reduce the age profile by nurturing the vocations of those who approach the Oratory; some continue their path of discernment here, others try their vocation elsewhere in the Catholic Church, other still find that their vocation is to a different state in life. A restricted fund (St Raphael's) has been established to provide for the support and training of new candidates for the priesthood.

Long-term financial sustainability

Risks include reductions in key sources of revenue, and increased costs of staffing and routine maintenance and compliance upgrades of the premises.

The Oratory's income comes from four main sources – collections and other donations made in church, investment income, legacies, and income from varied external uses of the premises. This is supplemented by fund-raising for special projects, and other smaller income streams.

Property upkeep

The two main Oratory buildings are both 19th century Grade II* Listed Buildings. Their long-term fitness for use requires regular large-scale projects to keep them watertight and the infrastructure up to date, whilst maintaining the historic character of the buildings, often involving specialist contractors and specialist skills.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The London Oratory Charity is a Charitable Trust established by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 14 August 1969, Charity Registration Number 240702. The Trustees were granted a Certificate of Incorporation by the Charity Commissioners on 10 February 1970.

ORGANISATION

The Charity is governed by the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, a Society of Apostolic Life within the Roman Catholic Church; the priests elect from within their number 5 Trustees to serve for three years. At the triennial election on 25 March 2021 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds George Bowen, Rupert McHardy, Michael Lang and Edward van den Bergh were re-elected as Trustees. At the triennial election on 25 March 2024 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Revds James Tabarelli and Joseph Rodrigues were newly elected. The Trustees and the Congregation meet frequently to plan and carry forward their spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, and to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Trust.

The trustees are drawn from amongst the existing Fathers, and have already been closely involved in carrying out the charity's pastoral work and other activities. New trustees will have lived at the Oratory for at least 6 years before their ordination (at which point they are eligible for election as a trustee) and receive training during these years on the charity's finances and operating policies.

As well as carrying out the majority of the Charity's pastoral and religious works, the trustees are closely involved in all the activities of the Charity, and as such constitute its key management personnel. They receive no remuneration for their duties.

SUBSIDIARY

The Charity had established a trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, which was incorporated on 6 January 2012 and took over the charity's trading activities including the Oratory's shop, car parking and magazine sales. The company has traded profitably since being established, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Statement by the Trustees on the capital value of School Buildings & Lands

The land on which the Oratory Primary School and London Oratory School are located, is in the ownership of the Trust. The main consequence of this that the users of the land, the Governors of the Schools, who have no title of their own in the land, thereby come under an obligation to use the property for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed, i.e., they must promote a Catholic School in the buildings which they occupy. The other benefits of ownership that would normally follow on from legal title do not in fact accrue to the Trustees, as the extent to which they can charge rents, take mortgages on the property, etc., are all greatly hemmed in by Education Law which gives the Secretary of State for Education power over whether a sale takes place, and if it does take place, how the proceeds of sale should be used. These restrictions lead the Trustees to conclude that so long as the Schools operate as going concerns, there is no capital value to the Oratory in the stock of school lands and buildings. For these reasons they are not capitalised.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees are all Roman Catholic priests and members of the Congregation of the Oratory. They are housed by the Trust and are reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry in the same way as all other priests of the Congregation. However, no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

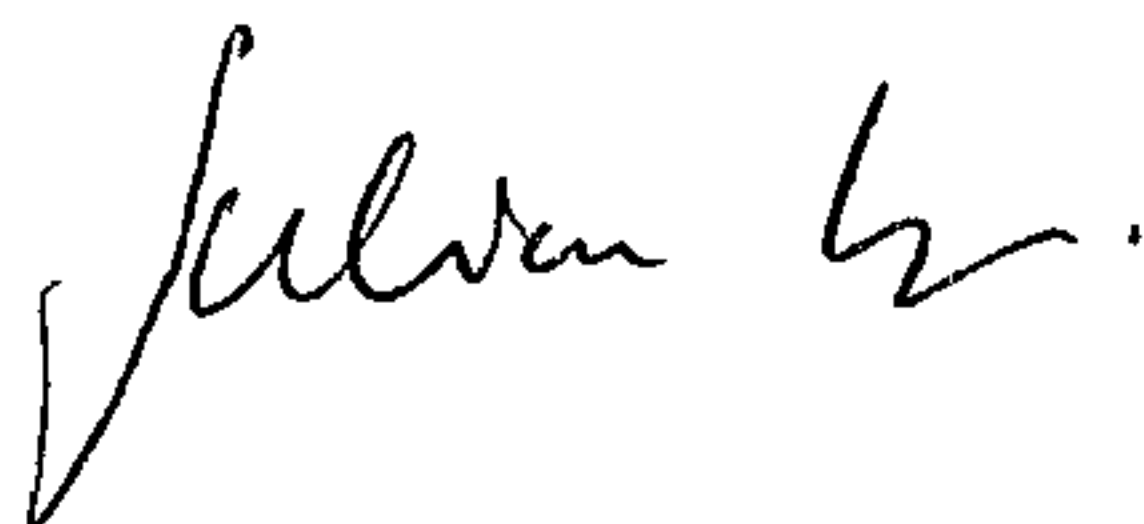
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Scheme dated 14 August 1969. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on *10th December 2024* and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Father Julian Large – Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Oratory Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with Canon law, employment law, health and safety regulations and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, FRS102 and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries at the year-end
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Hays Mac LLP

**HaysMac LLP
Statutory Auditors**

**10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG**

Date: 18 December 2024

HaysMac LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
- Donations and gifts		833,397	235,063	1,068,460	980,567
- Legacies		59,166	82,319	141,485	889,163
Charitable activities:					
- Oratory fees		74,485	-	74,485	91,227
- Sales of Oratory magazine		3,362	-	3,362	4,783
Other trading activities					
- Oratory shop sales		42,910	-	42,910	34,108
Investments		146,489	70,208	216,697	213,105
Total Income		<u>1,159,809</u>	<u>387,590</u>	<u>1,547,399</u>	<u>2,212,953</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Fundraising	2	9,993	-	9,993	11,273
Trading	2	47,289	-	47,289	42,507
Investment management		82,074	30,067	112,141	107,667
Charitable activities	3	1,277,928	198,550	1,476,478	1,537,028
Total Expenditure	5	<u>1,417,284</u>	<u>228,617</u>	<u>1,645,901</u>	<u>1,698,475</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments		(257,475)	158,973	(98,502)	514,478
Net gains on investments	8	<u>497,965</u>	<u>215,534</u>	<u>713,499</u>	<u>(1,909,847)</u>
Net movement in funds		240,490	374,507	614,997	(1,395,369)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward 1 January 2023		<u>11,462,744</u>	<u>5,190,087</u>	<u>16,652,831</u>	<u>18,048,200</u>
Funds carried forward 31 December 2023		<u><u>£11,703,234</u></u>	<u><u>£5,564,594</u></u>	<u><u>£17,267,828</u></u>	<u><u>£16,652,831</u></u>

All transactions during the year were derived from continuing activities.

Comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2022 can be seen in note 20 to these financial statements.

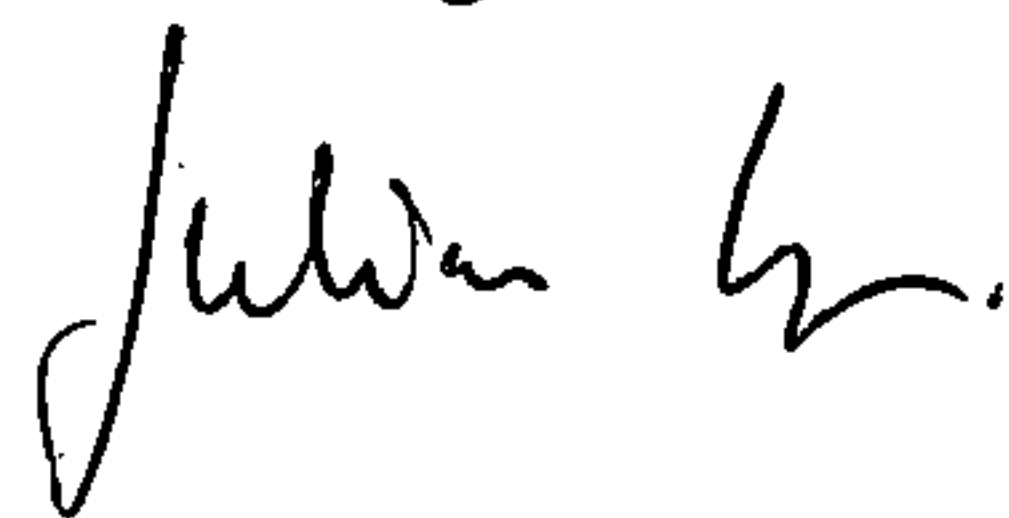
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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		23,756		43,255
Investments	8		16,956,909		16,160,493
			<u>16,980,665</u>		<u>16,203,748</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		22,335		25,148	
Debtors	9	288,336		284,533	
Cash at bank and in hand		256,919		322,526	
		<u>567,590</u>		<u>632,207</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(280,427)</u>		<u>(183,124)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>287,163</u>		<u>449,083</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u>£17,267,828</u>		<u>£16,652,831</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		5,564,594		5,190,087
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds			11,703,234		11,462,744
			<u>£17,267,828</u>		<u>£16,652,831</u>

The charity only surplus for the year amounted to £629,627 (2022: deficit of £1,388,241).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 10th December 2024 and were signed below on its behalf by:



The Reverend Julian Large
Trustee

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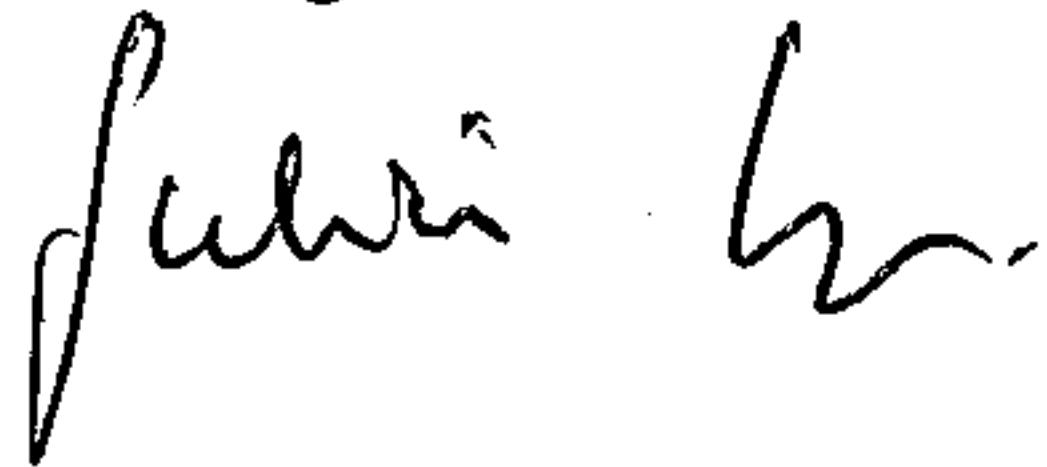
THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		23,756		43,255
Investments	8		16,956,911		16,160,495
			<u>16,980,667</u>		<u>16,203,750</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	293,921		286,026	
Cash at bank and in hand		235,602		303,809	
		<u>529,523</u>		<u>589,835</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(253,593)</u>		<u>(166,615)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>275,930</u>		<u>423,220</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u>£17,256,597</u>		<u>£16,626,970</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		5,564,594		5,190,087
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds			11,692,003		11,436,883
			<u>£17,256,597</u>		<u>£16,626,970</u>

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Trustee

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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	17	<u>(199,387)</u>	<u>256,530</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		216,697	213,105
Purchase of fixed assets		-	(4,196)
Proceeds from sale of investments		9,815,515	6,806,204
Purchase of investments		(10,380,237)	(7,392,406)
Decrease/(increase) in investment cash		481,805	(199,409)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>133,780</u>	<u>(576,702)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(65,607)	(320,172)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	18	<u>322,526</u>	<u>642,698</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	<u><u>£256,919</u></u>	<u><u>£322,526</u></u>

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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2019) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The London Oratory Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts consolidate those of the charity and of its subsidiary undertaking up to 31 December 2023. The result of the charity's non-charitable trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, has been consolidated within the Statement of Financial Activities.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered the future plans of the Charity, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

d) Income recognition

The charity recognises income when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds and any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or similar income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the legacy is in the form of an asset other than cash or an asset listed on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the asset being able to be reliably measured and title to the asset has passed to the charity. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations by means of collections or received in cash are recognised upon receipt of funds.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received or dividend is due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; investment management fees; costs of fundraising activities including the costs of goods sold, and their associated support costs. Fundraising costs do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating the church and related activities and includes all activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities based on time spent in each area.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if their original cost of purchase exceeds £600.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets capitalised, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	- 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and other equipment	- 5 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years

The Charity had 2 voluntary aided church schools, one of which became an academy on 1 August 2011. The school properties (land and buildings) are vested in the name of the Charity. The London Oratory Charity cannot take a unilateral decision to dispose of these properties. Disposal can only occur if the school governors and the Secretary of State for Education decide that all or part of a school site is no longer required for education. In most circumstances, where a disposal occurs, the Secretary of State or the local authority may be entitled to recoup grant. Although no rights of ownership vest in the school governing body, most other rights and obligations, such as for the maintenance and repair of the school and its facilities, are passed to the Governors. The Trustees therefore consider that, for the purposes of these financial statements, the nature of their ownership is that of a custodianship and therefore these properties have not been capitalised. Details of these properties are set out in the notes to the accounts.

g) Heritage assets

No value is attributed to heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. The age, variety and lack of comparable market data would make any attempt at valuation extremely onerous and costly compared with the benefit derived by users of the accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price, except for the shares in the trading subsidiary which are carried at cost. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

n) Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

o) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. RAISING FUNDS

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising	-	2,107
Card payment machine	298	397
Advertisements and appeals	9,695	8,769
Summer Garden Party expenses	<u>£9,993</u>	<u>£11,273</u>
Trading	<u>£47,289</u>	<u>£42,507</u>
Oratory shop cost of sales		

All expenditure in the above categories was allocated to unrestricted funds in both the current and prior year.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Church expenses	240,625	13,070	253,695	277,141
Music costs	224,688	60,744	285,432	282,676
Premises costs	372,000	-	372,000	315,739
Premises - Major Works	59,877	45,078	104,955	109,785
Premises - Boiler Room depreciation	-	-	-	57,892
Premises - Schools	-	-	-	6,664
Premises - lodge	154	-	154	-
Community expenses	230,771	71	230,842	237,957
Novices	-	27,138	27,138	54,152
Social and pastoral	17,332	52,449	69,781	59,803
Diocese expenses	1,000	-	1,000	-
LOS donations	129	-	129	217
Religious education	264	-	264	293
Support costs (see below)	49,312	-	49,312	41,966
Governance (see note 4)	81,776	-	81,776	92,743
	<u>£1,277,928</u>	<u>£198,550</u>	<u>£1,476,478</u>	<u>£1,537,028</u>

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2022	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £		
Church expenses	264,651	12,490	277,141		
Music costs	229,629	53,047	282,676		
Premises costs	315,739	-	315,739		
Premises - Major Works	109,785	-	109,785		
Premises – Boiler Room depreciation	57,892	-	57,892		
Premises – Schools	-	6,664	6,664		
Community expenses	237,946	11	237,957		
Novices	-	54,152	54,152		
Social and pastoral	14,882	44,921	59,803		
LOS donations	217	-	217		
Religious education	293	-	293		
Support costs (see below)	41,966	-	41,966		
Governance (see note 4)	92,743	-	92,743		
	<u>£1,365,743</u>	<u>£171,285</u>	<u>£1,537,028</u>		
				2023	2022
				£	£
SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF:					
Printing, postage and stationery			3,479	5,080	
Telephone and fax			7,023	6,298	
Internet			8,140	7,760	
Bank charges			25,265	20,580	
Other			5,405	2,248	
			<u>£49,312</u>	<u>£41,966</u>	
4. GOVERNANCE COSTS			2023	2022	
			£	£	
Salaries			36,583	50,532	
Auditors' remuneration:					
- Charity			30,000	29,640	
- Blemell House			3,960	2,486	
Other fees payable to the auditor - corporation tax			1,300	1,200	
Other costs			9,933	8,945	
			<u>£81,776</u>	<u>£92,743</u>	

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

5. TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2023

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	327,882	1,047,321	81,776	19,499	1,476,478	1,537,028
Raising funds	-	169,423	-	-	169,423	161,447
	<u>£327,882</u>	<u>£1,216,744</u>	<u>£81,776</u>	<u>£19,499</u>	<u>£1,645,901</u>	<u>£1,698,475</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2022

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	384,964	980,712	92,743	78,609	1,537,028
Raising funds	-	161,447	-	-	161,447
	<u>£384,964</u>	<u>£1,142,159</u>	<u>£92,743</u>	<u>£78,609</u>	<u>£1,698,475</u>

Staff Costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	334,728	388,277
Social security costs	21,485	36,954
Pension costs	8,252	10,265
	<u>£364,465</u>	<u>£435,496</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

	2023	2022
The average number of employees was:	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>

The trustees constitute the key management personnel – see note 6 below.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

As members of the Congregation, the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Charity but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year (2022: Nil).

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	Computers and Other Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2023	26,124	554,142	14,039	594,305
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(963)	-	(963)
At 31 December 2023	<u>26,124</u>	<u>553,179</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>593,342</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	26,124	510,887	14,039	551,050
Charge for the year	-	19,499	-	19,499
Eliminated on disposal	-	(963)	-	(963)
At 31 December 2023	<u>26,124</u>	<u>529,423</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>569,586</u>
NET BOOK VALUE (represented by Fixed Assets used for charitable purposes)				
2023:	<u>£-</u>	<u>£23,756</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£23,756</u>
2022:	<u>£-</u>	<u>£43,255</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£43,255</u>

No value for the property (Listed Building Status Grade II*), comprising The Oratory SW7 is reflected in the financial statements. The buildings were erected between 1854 and 1884 with further additions up to 1911. Historic cost data is not available and, in any event, the net book value, after charging normal rates of depreciation would not be material. The property has an insurance value of £51m, and a replacement cost of £192m.

Any material improvement to the buildings will be capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. Two schools are owned in the name of the London Oratory Charity:

The Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The London Oratory School, an academy in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Trustees consider that the school properties have no capital value to the London Oratory Charity – see Accounting Policy 1(f). The school properties have an insurance value of £45.7m.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Market value at 1 January 2023	15,265,317	16,588,962	15,265,319	16,588,964
Less: Disposals	(9,815,515)	(6,806,204)	(9,815,515)	(6,806,204)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	10,380,237	7,392,406	10,380,237	7,392,406
Realised and unrealised gains and (losses)	713,499	(1,909,847)	713,499	(1,909,847)
Market value at 31 December 2023	16,543,538	15,265,317	16,543,540	15,265,319
Cash held for investment	413,371	895,176	413,371	895,176
	<u>£16,956,909</u>	<u>£16,160,493</u>	<u>£16,956,911</u>	<u>£16,160,495</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2023	<u>£16,507,080</u>	<u>£15,660,102</u>	<u>£16,507,082</u>	<u>£15,660,104</u>
Listed Investments:				
Fixed interest	5,034,445	3,702,876	5,034,445	3,702,876
Equities and bonds	11,509,093	11,562,441	11,509,093	11,562,441
	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>15,265,317</u>
Unquoted Investment:				
Blemell House Ltd	-	-	2	2
	<u>16,543,538</u>	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,543,540</u>	<u>15,265,319</u>
Cash held for investment	413,371	895,176	413,371	895,176
	<u>£16,956,909</u>	<u>£16,160,493</u>	<u>£16,956,911</u>	<u>£16,160,495</u>

9. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	288,336	284,533	280,879	272,984
Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	13,042	13,042
	<u>£288,336</u>	<u>£284,533</u>	<u>£293,921</u>	<u>£286,026</u>

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Charity	
	2023 £	2022 £	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	163,963	65,268	137,129	48,759
Accruals and deferred income	107,637	112,815	107,637	112,815
Other taxes and social security	8,827	5,041	8,827	5,041
	<u>£280,427</u>	<u>£183,124</u>	<u>£253,593</u>	<u>£166,615</u>

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2023

	Balance 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2023 £
St Raphael's Fund	374,109	71,424	(28,701)	9,484	426,316
Edifices	-	45,500	-	-	45,500
Prefects Fund	22,415	407	(1,244)	1,345	22,923
Choir	3,214,709	154,322	(61,761)	140,577	3,447,847
Organ	6,882	103	(3,444)	-	3,541
Poor Fund	29,441	46,648	(52,449)	-	23,640
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,981	25	-	-	2,006
Orchestra Fund	-	15,000	(4,515)	-	10,485
Brompton Baroque	4,565	62	-	-	4,627
Primary School Funds	171,734	18,652	(46,061)	5,967	150,292
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,270,695	17,458	(17,372)	58,161	1,328,942
Church Lighting Fund	72,783	991	-	-	73,774
Our Lady's Altar Flowers	15,330	16,998	(13,070)	-	19,258
	<u>£5,190,087</u>	<u>£387,590</u>	<u>£(228,617)</u>	<u>£215,534</u>	<u>£5,564,594</u>

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11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2022

	Balance 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2022 £
St Raphael's Fund	374,389	82,241	(55,703)	(26,818)	374,109
Prefects Fund	26,705	417	(903)	(3,804)	22,415
Choir	2,832,951	733,984	(51,766)	(300,460)	3,214,709
Organ	13,363	79	(6,560)	-	6,882
Poor Fund	28,761	45,602	(44,922)	-	29,441
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,977	4	-	-	1,981
Brompton Baroque	4,556	9	-	-	4,565
Primary School Funds	167,956	28,290	(7,640)	(16,872)	171,734
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,425,210	16,859	(17,530)	(153,844)	1,270,695
Church Lighting Fund	72,634	149	-	-	72,783
Our Lady's Flowers	6,270	21,550	(12,490)	-	15,330
	<u>£4,960,215</u>	<u>£929,184</u>	<u>£(197,514)</u>	<u>£(501,798)</u>	<u>£5,190,087</u>

The funds are established for the following:

St Raphael's	Maintenance and education of Oratorian novices and students.
Edifices	For major repairs and maintenance
Prefects Fund	For the Brothers of The Little Oratory.
Choir	For the support of the Oratory Choir.
Organ	For major overhauls and maintenance of the Oratory pipe organs.
Poor Fund	For the relief of poverty.
St Wilfrid's Statue	Carving of a statue of St Wilfrid.
Orchestra Fund	For orchestras at Solemn Masses
Brompton Baroque	For Baroque recitals.
Primary School Funds	Parental contributions etc for the Oratory Primary School.
Calvary carving	For the carving and installation of a new calvary crucifix, statues, and mural.
	The balance is to be used for improvements to lighting and floor repairs.
Pettman Scholarship	Organ Scholarship in memory of June Pettman.
Church Lighting Fund	Towards church lighting.
Our Lady's Flowers	For flowers at the Lady Altar

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12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	23,756	-	23,756
Investments	11,846,565	5,110,344	16,956,909
Current assets	72,902	494,688	567,590
Creditors due within 1 year	(239,989)	(40,438)	(280,427)
	<u>£11,703,234</u>	<u>£5,564,594</u>	<u>£17,267,828</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	43,255	-	43,255
Investments	11,321,536	4,838,957	16,160,493
Current assets	271,916	360,291	632,207
Creditors due within 1 year	(173,963)	(9,161)	(183,124)
	<u>£11,462,744</u>	<u>£5,190,087</u>	<u>£16,652,831</u>

14. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

The London Oratory School, which became an academy on 1 August 2011 (previously a voluntary aided school) in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, are connected.

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15. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited (Company Registered Number: 7899744). Blemell House's principal activity is to carry out trading operations to support the London Oratory Charity.

A summary of the trading results for the year for Blemell House Limited is shown below.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	92,813	97,343
Cost of sales	(47,091)	(44,339)
Gross profit	45,722	53,004
Administration expenses	(7,719)	(5,414)
Other income	415	-
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	£38,418	£47,590
Balance Sheet	2023	2023
	£	£
Current assets	51,108	52,144
Less creditors falling due within one year	(39,877)	(29,552)
	£11,231	£22,592
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	11,229	22,590
	£11,231	£22,592

16. HERITAGE ASSETS

No value is attributed to the heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. Heritage assets include plate, textiles, books, monuments and statues contained within the Oratory. The assets are integral to the Charity's objective of advancing the Roman Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

The Oratory has accumulated over the last 160 years a sizeable and specialised collection of religious plate, art works, vestments and books. Very few of these are of significant individual worth. These are used to adorn the Oratory church and enrich the church's liturgies. Many of the paintings and statues are on display in the church, open for over 12 hours daily throughout the year. Different vestments and plate are used during Mass and other church services on various days throughout the liturgical year.

A register of plate and vestments is maintained. A full card index of books is maintained in the library and individual scholars and researchers are granted access to the library if appropriate.

Heritage assets are maintained and conserved as far as possible. There is no policy to dispose of these assets.

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17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	614,997	(1,395,369)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	19,499	78,609
Gains/(losses) on investments	(713,499)	1,909,847
Dividends and interest from investments	(216,697)	(213,105)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	2,813	(6,469)
(Increase) in debtors	(3,803)	(85,661)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	97,303	(31,322)
Net cash (used in)/generated by operating activities	£(199,387)	£256,530
18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2023 £	2022 £
Cash and bank and in hand	£256,919	£322,526

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity was gifted £49,779 (2022: £54,718) from profits of Blemell House Limited. At the year-end, Blemell House Limited owed £13,042 (2022 - £13,042) to the Charity}.

Revd Rupert McHardy and Revd Julian Large, trustees of this charity, are trustees of W Faber Counselling. £3,800 was paid to W Faber Counselling in the year (2022.- £nil). There was £1,249 nil due at the year-end (2022: £1,249).

There were no further related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year.

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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies:			
- Donations and gifts	817,918	162,649	980,567
- Legacies	180,963	708,200	889,163
Charitable activities:			
- Oratory fees	91,227	-	91,227
- Sales of Oratory magazine	4,783	-	4,783
Other trading activities			
- Oratory shop sales	34,108	-	34,108
Investments	154,770	58,335	213,105
Total Income	1,283,769	929,184	2,212,953
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	11,273	-	11,273
Trading	42,507	-	42,507
Investment management	107,667	-	107,667
Charitable activities	1,339,514	197,514	1,537,028
Total Expenditure	1,500,961	197,514	1,698,475
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments	(217,197)	731,670	514,478
Net losses on investments	(1,408,049)	(501,798)	(1,909,847)
Net movement in funds	(1,625,241)	229,872	(1,395,369)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward 1 January 2022	13,087,985	4,960,215	18,048,200
Funds carried forward 31 December 2022	£11,462,744	£5,190,087	£16,652,831

LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 240702

TRUSTEES: The Reverend Julian Large (Provost and Chairman of Trustees)
Revd G Bowen
Revd Rupert McHardy
Rev'd Michael Lang
Rev'd Edward van den Bergh

OFFICE: The Oratory
Brompton Road
London SW7 2RP

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: Charity Commission Scheme dated 14 August 1969

AUDITORS: Haysmacintyre LLP
10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG

SOLICITORS: Withers
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7EG

BANKERS: National Westminster Bank Plc
18 Cromwell Place London SW7 2LB

INVESTMENT MANAGERS: Handelsbanken Wealth and Asset Management Ltd
No.1 Kingsway
London WC2B 6AN

INVESTMENT POWERS: The provisions of the Trustees Act 2000 applied during the year.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

The Scheme specifies "the object of the Charity shall be to advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London in such ways as the Trustees of the Charity with the approval of the Congregation think fit".

This object is fulfilled in the following ways:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services
- The provision of Catholic Education
- The maintenance and upkeep of the Oratory Church and its associated premises in Brompton Road SW7, known as Brompton Oratory.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

The proclamation of the Catholic Faith is the main activity of the Oratory. This takes place in the Oratory church, with daily Masses and many other regular services. The Oratory Fathers who currently comprise the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, provide a wide range of support and pastoral care for their parishioners and those who worship in the Oratory church, and do so in the spirit of their founder St Philip Neri.

St Philip founded the Oratory in 16th century Rome; this has spread world-wide, secular priests living together a community life without vows, each Congregation independent from one another, with members intending to stay in the same community for their whole lives. This apostolate was brought to England by Blessed Cardinal Newman in the 1840's, with Father Faber founding the London Oratory at first in cramped premises near the Strand, moving to South Kensington in 1854. Since that time, the Oratory Fathers have continued pastoral work in London, often in conjunction with other parishes and organisations in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, of which the Oratory parish forms a part. The parish covers a large area of South Kensington, bounded by Gloucester Road, Hyde Park, Walton Street, Cale Street and Old Brompton Road.

A large Sunday Mass attendance and provision of the Sacraments and Christian formation to the parish and to regular worshippers, together with Catholic chaplaincy duties at the Royal Brompton Hospital, provide the ongoing work of the Oratory's mission. Additionally, the Fathers are Trustees and chaplains of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Chelsea and the London Oratory School in Fulham. A website, www.bromptonoratory.co.uk, gives details of the Charity's religious and pastoral activities.

MUSIC

A special feature of the Oratory has been its musical tradition, inspired by St Philip's own patronage of Palestrina, and the Fathers aim to maintain the highest standards in Church music. In this, they are following the directions of the Second Vatican Council; "Large choirs existing ... in major churches, which have in the course of centuries earned for themselves high renown by preserving and developing musical heritage of inestimable value, should be retained for sacred celebrations of a more elaborate kind" (Instruction on Music in the Sacred Liturgy, 1967). It is this heritage of Gregorian chant and the great works of Catholic Church music that is kept alive each Sunday and on major feast days.

A generous legacy was bequeathed by the late Jennifer Paterson for the maintenance of the Oratory Choir, establishing a Restricted fund, the Choir Fund, to help meet the costs of the Oratory choir, which sings at Solemn Mass and Vespers.

In 2003 a major overhaul of the church organ, built by J W Walker in 1954, was put in hand, and completed in 2007. This instrument is one of the most important built in London in the post-World War II period. Possessing 45 stops on three manuals, it was designed by Ralph Downes, organist of the Oratory 1936-77. The British Institute of Organ Studies Journal, 1996 describes it as the most successful of its kind in London.

In 2011, a scholarship was established to support the new position of Organ Scholar, through the generosity of a regular worshipper, in memory of his late wife, June Pettman. The funds of this scholarship were significantly augmented with a large legacy, received in 2017. The Fathers are most grateful to the late Mr Pettman for this wonderful gesture of support.

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PREMISES

The Oratory premises consist of the Oratory Church with the Lodge, the Oratory House and Halls, and the Newman Statue. The Church, built between 1880-84 with the dome and façade added in the 1890's, is a Grade II* listed building in neo-Baroque style. The Oratory House and Halls, built between 1853 and 1911, comprise the domestic areas of the Oratorian community, administration offices, Little Oratory, and parish halls. These are Grade II* listed buildings. The Statue of Cardinal Newman (1896) on Brompton Road has a Grade II listing. All of these properties are owned freehold. The upkeep of these extensive premises requires substantial management and both ongoing and major maintenance.

SCHOOLS

The Oratory Fathers have had a longstanding commitment to Catholic Education, and are presently Trustees of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Cale Street, Chelsea, and the London Oratory School in Fulham. The London Oratory School was granted Academy status from 1 August 2011.

VOLUNTEER HELP

The Fathers of the Oratory (Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri) rely substantially on volunteer help and financial support in many of their pastoral activities, and are much encouraged by the continuing level of commitment from a large number of people over many years.

NOVICES

A duty on the Congregation is to recruit, educate and train suitable candidates for the Catholic Priesthood, to serve as priests in the Oratory for the rest of their lives. Unlike religious Orders and Catholic dioceses, candidates join the Oratory to become members of the Community in that location; clergy are not moved from house to house by a superior or bishop. There was one candidate at 31 December 2022 (2021 - two). The candidate was ordained to the diaconate in December 2022.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The primary public benefit of the Oratory is the provision of an ethical and moral code for society: the Oratory communicates, educates, encourages and coaches individuals into following and living the Catholic faith. The Oratory strongly supports the spiritual, moral and academic education of children, through catechetical programmes and sacramental preparation, as well as maintaining two schools. The Oratory also provides and maintains its church and other listed buildings. Further details of these activities are given throughout the Annual Report and Accounts.

That the Oratory does produce a public benefit beyond that benefit that accrues to its members, is shown in the public character of its distinctive buildings. All members of the public are welcome to enter the Oratory church free of charge for purposes connected to prayer, worship, meditation and the advancement of religion.

In addition to donations to the charity, Oratory parishioners and visitors donated £4,708 to UK and international Catholic charities, (2021- £5,044), and £7,520 to the Archdiocese of Westminster (2021 - £2,334).

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As in previous years, the Oratory provided religious services, pastoral care and education throughout the year, in the Oratory church and premises at Brompton Road, at the Oratory schools, in hospitals and elsewhere. The Fathers made themselves available to parishioners, visitors and those in need. Every day of the year the Church remained open for private prayer and visiting. The pastoral and spiritual work undertaken by the Fathers is not susceptible to numerical measurement, and continues year by year within a long-established framework.

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INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The target set for the fund managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. The charity avoids direct investment in armaments, pornography and “anti-life” pharmaceuticals.

During the year the value of the Charity’s investment portfolio fell. The continuing stock market volatility since the year end emphasises that a considerable degree of caution is needed when considering investment values.

Investment values do not necessarily represent liquid resources to spend; the capital sums need to be held to generate income to support the Charity’s ongoing work and commitments.

The investment model target for 2022 continued as inflation plus 3.5%. Investments showed a total return of -10.6%.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Oratory Fathers plan to continue all their present activities

- their pastoral work in the Oratory Church and Parish,
- their schools,
- the upkeep and development of their premises,
- maintenance of sufficient reserves, and generation of further growth of investment portfolios to ensure the long-term future of the charity.

With the support and collaboration of those who are drawn to Christ and His Church and who seek the Oratory’s help in fulfilling their Christian vocation to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal sources of income include donations made at religious services in the Oratory Church; Offertory collections £252,702 (2021: £111,530) other voluntary contributions made directly for the support of the Oratory church: £455,986 (2021: £446,740), and contributions to support Music: £57,110 (2021: £16,488). Donations for social and pastoral activities totalled £45,519 (2021: £38,428). St Raphael’s annual appeal raised £60,999 (2021: £76,223). General donations totalled £15,367 (2021: £70,930). The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants totalled £nil (2021: £12,733). Investment income totalled £213,105 (2021: £199,378). Legacies totalled £889,163 (2020: £62,863).

Details of expenditure are given in notes 2 to 5 of the Annual Accounts.

Overall, before investments, the Oratory has a net gain of £514,478 (2021: deficit of £129,357)

RESERVES

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 totalled £11,462,744 (2021: £13,087,985) of which £nil (2021: £2,129) has been set aside for specific purposes leaving £11,462,744 (2020: £13,085,856) for the general purposes of the Charity. This is equivalent to approximately 7.6 years’ unrestricted expenditure. However, the charity’s free reserves excluding investments, total £97,953 (2021: £207,968) and are equivalent to one months’ (2021: 2 months) unrestricted fund expenditure.

Restricted funds at 31 December 2022 totalled £5,190,087 (2021: £4,960,215).

Given the listed building status and historic nature of the whole Brompton Road premises, the independent position of the Oratory, (separate from the Archdiocese of Westminster and from other Oratories), and the prevalent financial and economic uncertainty, these are regarded, along with investments, as appropriate levels necessary for supporting the Charity’s ongoing commitments and securing its long term operation.

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RISK REVIEW

The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, by having in place appropriate insurances, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the Trust they have established routinely effective systems to mitigate those risks. The systems are devised according to need. The scope of all these measures is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and of adults at risk is of great importance to the Oratory. Failing to prevent abuse of the vulnerable has serious repercussions for the individual, the mission of the Oratory and the Catholic Church. The consequences of abuse of individuals can be grave and long-lasting. The Charity's aim is to prevent this from happening to children or adults at risk, whilst in the care of the Church. To mitigate this risk, the Charity follows the policies and procedures put in place by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Community age profile

While the age profile of the members is increasing, as existing members grow older. The fathers seek to reduce the age profile by nurturing the vocations of those who approach the Oratory; some continue their path of discernment here, others try their vocation elsewhere in the Catholic Church, other still find that their vocation is to a different state in life. A restricted fund (St Raphael's) has been established to provide for the support and training of new candidates for the priesthood.

Long-term financial sustainability

Risks include reductions in key sources of revenue, and increased costs of staffing and routine maintenance and compliance upgrades of the premises.

The Oratory's income comes from four main sources – collections and other donations made in church, investment income, legacies, and income from varied external uses of the premises. This is supplemented by fund-raising for special projects, and other smaller income streams.

Property upkeep

The two main Oratory buildings are both 19th century Grade II* Listed Buildings. Their long-term fitness for use requires regular large-scale projects to keep them watertight and the infrastructure up to date, whilst maintaining the historic character of the buildings, often involving specialist contractors and specialist skills.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The London Oratory Charity is a Charitable Trust established by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 14 August 1969, Charity Registration Number 240702. The Trustees were granted a Certificate of Incorporation by the Charity Commissioners on 10 February 1970.

ORGANISATION

The Charity is governed by the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, a Society of Apostolic Life within the Roman Catholic Church; the priests elect from within their number 5 Trustees to serve for three years. At the triennial election on 26 March 2018 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds George Bowen, Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Revd Edward van den Bergh was also elected. All five were re-elected on 25 March 2021. The Trustees and the Congregation meet frequently to plan and carry forward their spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, and to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Trust.

The trustees are drawn from amongst the existing Fathers, and have already been closely involved in carrying out the charity's pastoral work and other activities. New trustees will have lived at the Oratory for at least 6 years before their ordination (at which point they are eligible for election as a trustee) and receive training during these years on the charity's finances and operating policies.

As well as carrying out the majority of the Charity's pastoral and religious works, the trustees are closely involved in all the activities of the Charity, and as such constitute its key management personnel. They receive no remuneration for their duties.

SUBSIDIARY

The Charity had established a trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, which was incorporated on 6 January 2012 and took over the charity's trading activities including the Oratory's shop, car parking and magazine sales. The company has traded profitably since being established, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Statement by the Trustees on the capital value of School Buildings & Lands

The land on which the Oratory Primary School and London Oratory School are located, is in the ownership of the Trust. The main consequence of this that the users of the land, the Governors of the Schools, who have no title of their own in the land, thereby come under an obligation to use the property for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed, i.e., they must promote a Catholic School in the buildings which they occupy. The other benefits of ownership that would normally follow on from legal title do not in fact accrue to the Trustees, as the extent to which they can charge rents, take mortgages on the property, etc., are all greatly hemmed in by Education Law which gives the Secretary of State for Education power over whether a sale takes place, and if it does take place, how the proceeds of sale should be used. These restrictions lead the Trustees to conclude that so long as the Schools operate as going concerns, there is no capital value to the Oratory in the stock of school lands and buildings. For these reasons they are not capitalised.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees are all Roman Catholic priests and members of the Congregation of the Oratory. They are housed by the Trust and are reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry in the same way as all other priests of the Congregation. However, no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

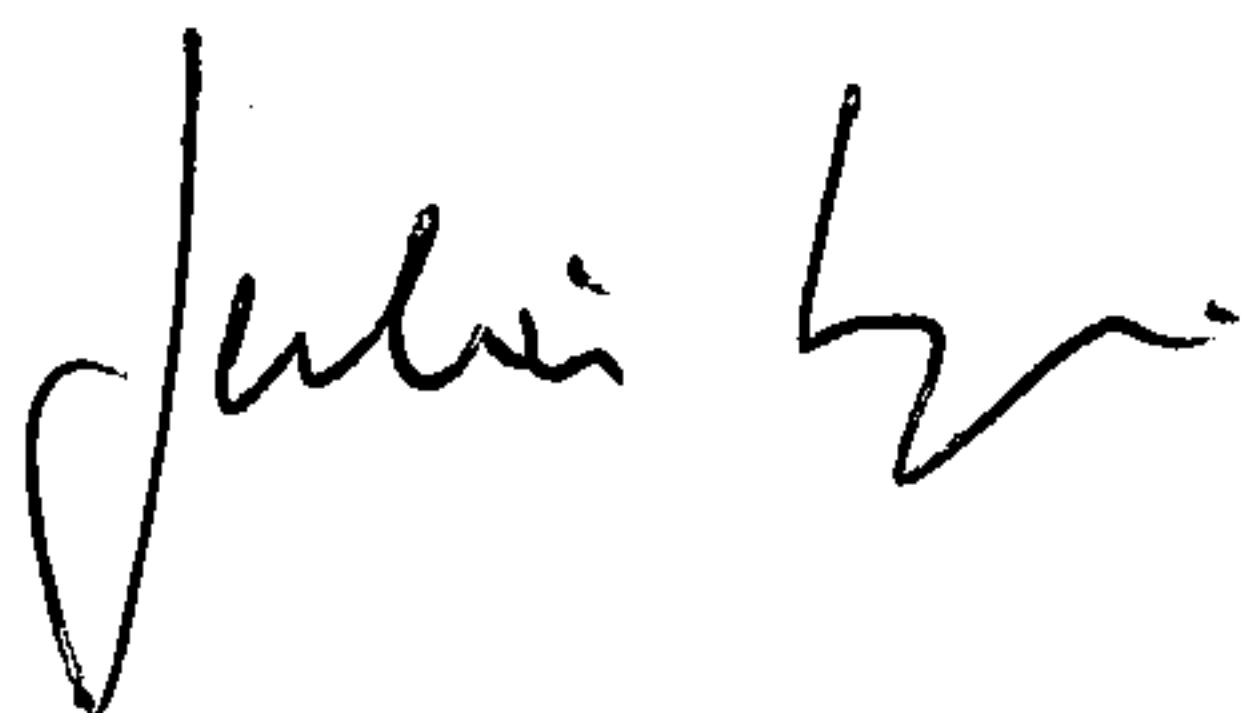
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Scheme dated 14 August 1969. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 31st Oct 23 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Father Julian Large – Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Oratory Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with Canon law, employment law, health and safety regulations and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, FRS102 and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries at the year-end
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG

Date: **13.11.23**

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
- Donations and gifts		817,918	162,649	980,567	864,563
- Legacies		180,963	708,200	889,163	62,863
- HMRC furlough grants		-	-	-	12,733
Charitable activities:					
- Oratory fees		91,227	-	91,227	64,049
- Sales of Oratory magazine		4,783	-	4,783	4,503
Other trading activities					
- Oratory shop sales		34,108	-	34,108	23,351
Investments		154,770	58,335	213,105	199,378
Total Income		<u>1,283,769</u>	<u>929,184</u>	<u>2,212,953</u>	<u>1,231,440</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Fundraising	2	11,273	-	11,273	6,517
Trading	2	42,507	-	42,507	18,813
Investment management		107,667	-	107,667	115,425
Charitable activities	3	1,339,514	197,514	1,537,028	1,220,042
Total Expenditure	5	<u>1,500,961</u>	<u>197,514</u>	<u>1,698,475</u>	<u>1,360,797</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments		(217,197)	731,670	514,478	(129,357)
Net gains on investments	8	(1,408,049)	(501,798)	(1,909,847)	1,395,679
Net movement in funds		<u>(1,625,241)</u>	<u>229,872</u>	<u>(1,395,369)</u>	<u>1,266,322</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward 1 January 2022		13,087,985	4,960,215	18,048,200	16,781,878
Funds carried forward 31 December 2022		<u>£11,462,744</u>	<u>£5,190,087</u>	<u>£16,652,831</u>	<u>£18,048,200</u>

All transactions during the year were derived from continuing activities.

Comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2021 can be seen in note 20 to these financial statements.

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

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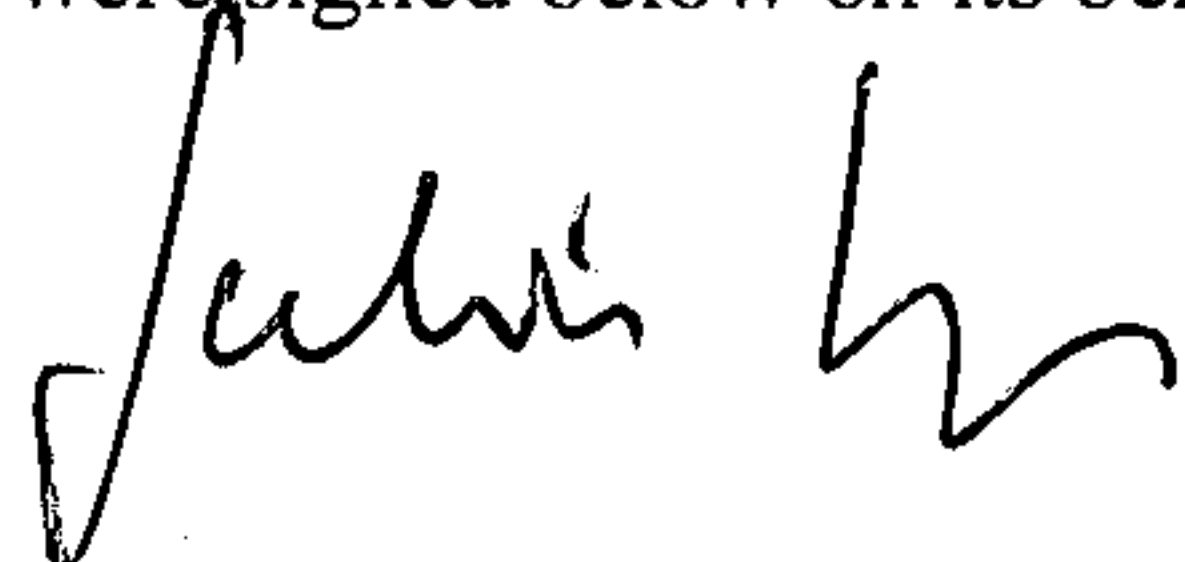
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		43,255		117,668
Investments	8		16,160,493		17,284,729
			<u>16,203,748</u>		<u>17,402,397</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		25,148		18,679	
Debtors	9	284,533		198,872	
Cash at bank and in hand		322,526		642,698	
		<u>632,207</u>		<u>860,249</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(183,124)</u>		<u>(214,446)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>449,083</u>		<u>645,803</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u><u>£16,652,831</u></u>		<u><u>£18,048,200</u></u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		5,190,087		4,960,215
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	12	-		2,129	
General funds		<u>11,462,744</u>		<u>13,085,856</u>	
			<u>11,462,744</u>		<u>13,087,985</u>
			<u><u>£16,652,831</u></u>		<u><u>£18,048,200</u></u>

The charity only deficit for the year amounted to £1,388,241 (2021: surplus of £1,233,333).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on and were signed below on its behalf by:



The Reverend Julian Large
Trustee

31st October 2023

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

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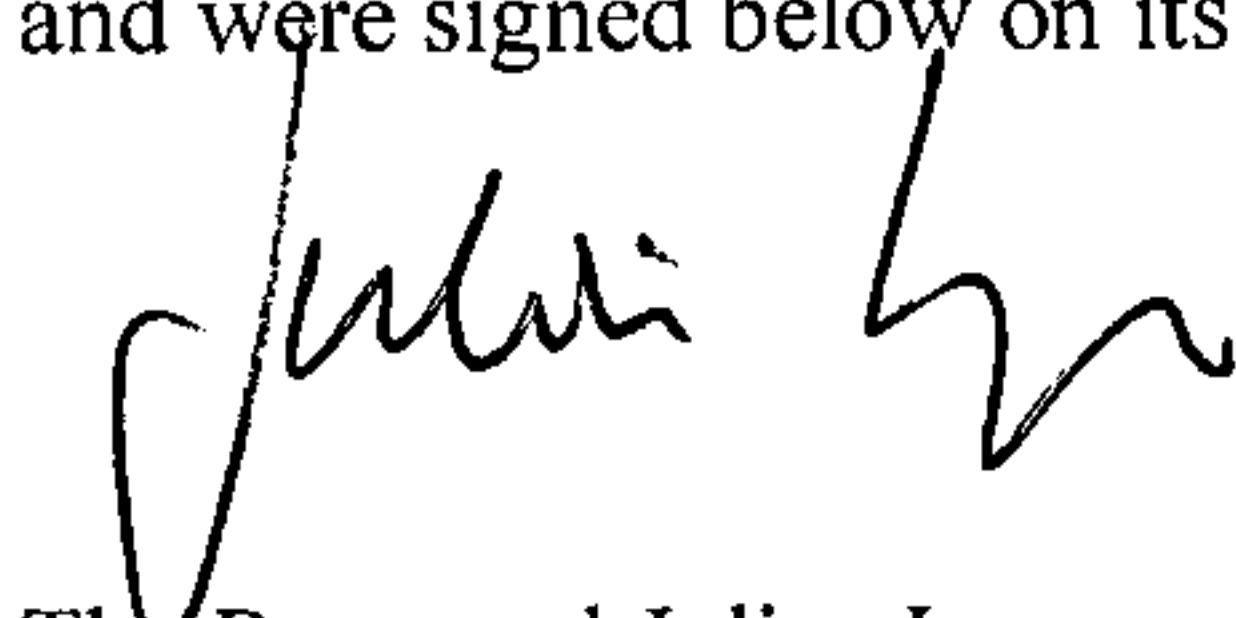
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	7	43,255	117,668
Investments	8	16,160,495	17,284,731
		<u>16,203,750</u>	<u>17,402,399</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	286,026	208,755
Cash at bank and in hand		303,809	609,489
		<u>589,835</u>	<u>818,244</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(166,615)</u>	<u>(205,432)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>423,220</u>	<u>612,812</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS		<u><u>£16,626,970</u></u>	<u><u>£18,015,211</u></u>
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	11	5,190,087	4,960,215
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	12	-	2,129
General funds		11,436,883	13,052,867
		<u>11,436,883</u>	<u>13,054,996</u>
		<u><u>£16,626,970</u></u>	<u><u>£18,015,211</u></u>

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31st October 2023



The Reverend Julian Large
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	17	256,530	(183,286)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		213,105	199,378
Purchase of fixed assets		(4,196)	(15,624)
Proceeds from sale of investments		6,806,204	4,225,405
Purchase of investments		(7,392,406)	(3,632,837)
(Increase) in investment cash		(199,409)	(482,001)
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(576,702)	294,321
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(320,172)	111,035
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	18	642,698	531,663
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	£322,526	£642,698

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2021) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The London Oratory Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts consolidate those of the charity and of its subsidiary undertaking up to 31 December 2022. The result of the charity's non-charitable trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, has been consolidated within the Statement of Financial Activities.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered the future plans of the Charity, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

d) Income recognition

The charity recognises income when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds and any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or similar income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the legacy is in the form of an asset other than cash or an asset listed on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the asset being able to be reliably measured and title to the asset has passed to the charity. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations by means of collections or received in cash are recognised upon receipt of funds.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received or dividend is due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

HMRC furlough grants represent the total amount claimed from HM Revenue and Customs under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The income is accounted for in the period in which the salary payments are made to furloughed staff.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; investment management fees; costs of fundraising activities including the costs of goods sold, and their associated support costs. Fundraising costs do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating the church and related activities and includes all activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities based on time spent in each area.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if their original cost of purchase exceeds £600.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets capitalised, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	- 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and other equipment	- 5 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years

The Charity had 2 voluntary aided church schools, one of which became an academy on 1 August 2011. The school properties (land and buildings) are vested in the name of the Charity. The London Oratory Charity cannot take a unilateral decision to dispose of these properties. Disposal can only occur if the school governors and the Secretary of State for Education decide that all or part of a school site is no longer required for education. In most circumstances, where a disposal occurs, the Secretary of State or the local authority may be entitled to recoup grant. Although no rights of ownership vest in the school governing body, most other rights and obligations, such as for the maintenance and repair of the school and its facilities, are passed to the Governors. The Trustees therefore consider that, for the purposes of these financial statements, the nature of their ownership is that of a custodianship and therefore these properties have not been capitalised. Details of these properties are set out in the notes to the accounts.

g) Heritage assets

No value is attributed to heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. The age, variety and lack of comparable market data would make any attempt at valuation extremely onerous and costly compared with the benefit derived by users of the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price, except for the shares in the trading subsidiary which are carried at cost. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Designated Funds

Funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose:

Halls Fund - for maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

n) Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

o) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. RAISING FUNDS	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising		
Card payment machine	2,107	-
Advertisements and appeals	397	582
Summer Garden Party expenses	8,769	5,935
	<u>£11,273</u>	<u>£6,517</u>
Trading		
Oratory shop cost of sales	<u>£42,507</u>	<u>£18,813</u>

All expenditure in the above categories was allocated to unrestricted funds in both the current and prior year.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2022	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Church expenses	264,651	12,490	277,141	208,508
Music costs	229,629	53,047	282,676	193,465
Premises costs	315,739	-	315,739	313,671
Premises - Major Works	109,785	-	109,785	70,548
Premises – Boiler Room depreciation	57,892	-	57,892	-
Premises – Schools	-	6,664	6,664	17,941
Community expenses	237,946	11	237,957	192,794
Novices	-	54,152	54,152	80,719
Social and pastoral	14,882	44,921	59,803	26,854
LOS donations	217	-	217	183
Religious education	293	-	293	518
Support costs (see below)	41,966	-	41,966	48,023
Governance (see note 4)	92,743	-	92,743	66,818
	<u>£1,365,743</u>	<u>£171,285</u>	<u>£1,537,028</u>	<u>£1,220,042</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2021	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Church expenses	195,568	12,940	208,508
Music costs	140,889	52,576	193,465
Premises costs	313,671	-	313,671
Premises - Major Works	70,548	-	70,548
Premises – Schools	-	17,941	17,941
Community expenses	192,762	32	192,794
Novices	-	80,719	80,719
Social and pastoral	8,339	18,515	26,854
LOS donations	183	-	183
Religious education	518	-	518
Support costs (see below)	48,018	5	48,023
Governance (see note 4)	66,818	-	66,818
	<u>£1,037,314</u>	<u>£182,728</u>	<u>£1,220,042</u>

	2022 £	2021 £
SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF:		
Printing, postage and stationery	5,080	3,982
Telephone and fax	6,298	6,019
Internet	7,760	15,168
Bank charges	20,580	14,764
Other	2,248	8,090
	<u>£41,966</u>	<u>£48,023</u>

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries	50,532	27,649
Auditors' remuneration:		
- Charity	29,640	23,160
- Blemell House	2,486	4,807
Other fees payable to the auditor - corporation tax	1,140	1,200
Other costs	8,945	10,002
	<u>£92,743</u>	<u>£66,818</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5. TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2022

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	384,964	980,712	92,743	78,609	1,537,028	1,220,042
Raising funds	-	161,447	-	-	161,447	140,755
	<u>£384,964</u>	<u>£1,142,159</u>	<u>£92,743</u>	<u>£78,609</u>	<u>£1,698,475</u>	<u>£1,360,797</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2021

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	336,888	720,630	66,818	95,706	1,220,042
Raising funds	-	140,755	-	-	140,755
	<u>£336,888</u>	<u>£861,385</u>	<u>£66,818</u>	<u>£95,706</u>	<u>£1,360,797</u>

Staff Costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	388,277	330,837
Social security costs	36,954	25,684
Pension costs	10,265	8,016
	<u>£435,496</u>	<u>£364,537</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

	2022	2021
The average number of employees was:	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>

The trustees constitute the key management personnel – see note 6 below.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

As members of the Congregation, the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Charity but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year (2021: Nil).

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	Computers and Other Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2022	26,124	549,946	14,039	590,109
Additions	-	4,194	-	4,196
	<u>26,124</u>	<u>554,142</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>594,305</u>
At 31 December 2022	26,124	554,142	14,039	594,305
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	25,559	432,843	14,039	472,441
Charge for the year	565	78,044	-	78,609
	<u>26,124</u>	<u>510,887</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>551,050</u>
At 31 December 2022	26,124	510,887	14,039	551,050
NET BOOK VALUE (represented by Fixed Assets used for charitable purposes)				
2022:	-	£43,255	-	£43,255
2021:	£565	£117,103	-	£117,668

No value for the property (Listed Building Status Grade II*), comprising The Oratory SW7 is reflected in the financial statements. The buildings were erected between 1854 and 1884 with further additions up to 1911. Historic cost data is not available and, in any event, the net book value, after charging normal rates of depreciation would not be material. The property has an insurance value of £48.8m, and a replacement cost of £115m.

Any material improvement to the buildings will be capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. Two schools are owned in the name of the London Oratory Charity:

The Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The London Oratory School, an academy in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Trustees consider that the school properties have no capital value to the London Oratory Charity – see Accounting Policy 1(f). The school properties have an insurance value of £45.2m.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Market value at 1 January 2022	16,588,962	15,785,851	16,588,964	15,785,853
Less: Disposals	(6,806,204)	(4,225,405)	(6,806,204)	(4,225,405)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	7,392,406	3,632,837	7,392,406	3,632,837
Realised and unrealised (losses) and gains	(1,909,847)	1,395,679	(1,909,847)	1,395,679
	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,265,319</u>	<u>16,588,964</u>
Market value at 31 December 2022	15,265,317	16,588,962	15,265,319	16,588,964
Cash held for investment	895,176	695,767	895,176	695,767
	<u>£16,160,493</u>	<u>£17,284,729</u>	<u>£16,160,495</u>	<u>£17,284,731</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2022	<u>£15,660,102</u>	<u>£13,607,508</u>	<u>£15,660,104</u>	<u>£13,607,510</u>
Listed Investments:				
Fixed interest	3,702,876	1,205,671	3,702,876	1,205,671
Equities and bonds	11,562,441	15,383,291	11,562,441	15,383,291
	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,588,962</u>
Unquoted Investment:				
Blemell House Ltd	-	-	2	2
	<u>15,265,317</u>	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,265,319</u>	<u>16,588,964</u>
Cash held for investment	895,176	695,767	895,176	695,767
	<u>£16,160,493</u>	<u>£17,284,729</u>	<u>£16,160,495</u>	<u>£17,284,731</u>
9. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	284,533	198,872	272,984	195,711
Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	13,042	13,044
	<u>£284,533</u>	<u>£198,872</u>	<u>£286,026</u>	<u>£208,755</u>

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10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	65,268	136,670	48,759	127,656
Accruals and deferred income	112,815	69,209	112,815	69,209
Other taxes and social security	5,041	8,567	5,041	8,567
	<u>£183,124</u>	<u>£214,446</u>	<u>£166,615</u>	<u>£205,432</u>

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2022

	Balance 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2022 £
St Raphael's Fund	374,389	82,241	(55,703)	(26,818)	374,109
Prefects Fund	26,705	417	(903)	(3,804)	22,415
Choir	2,832,951	733,984	(51,766)	(300,460)	3,214,709
Organ	13,363	79	(6,560)	-	6,882
Poor Fund	28,761	45,602	(44,922)	-	29,441
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,977	4	-	-	1,981
Brompton Baroque	4,556	9	-	-	4,565
Primary School Funds	167,956	28,290	(7,640)	(16,872)	171,734
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,425,210	16,859	(17,530)	(153,844)	1,270,695
Church Lighting Fund	72,634	149	-	-	73,783
Our Lady's Flowers	6,270	21,550	(12,490)	-	15,330
	<u>£4,960,215</u>	<u>£929,184</u>	<u>£(197,514)</u>	<u>£(501,798)</u>	<u>£5,190,087</u>

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11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2021

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
St Raphael's Fund	313,134	120,951	(82,381)	22,685	374,389
Prefects Fund	24,081	356	(950)	3,218	26,705
Choir	2,714,322	67,522	(59,455)	110,562	2,832,951
Organ	16,170	2	(2,809)	-	13,363
Poor Fund	8,845	38,431	(18,515)	-	28,761
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,977	-	-	-	1,977
Brompton Baroque	4,556	-	-	-	4,556
Primary School Funds	164,243	8,435	(18,993)	14,271	167,956
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,365,394	20,731	(14,821)	53,906	1,425,210
Church Lighting Fund	72,627	7	-	-	72,634
Our Lady's Flowers	855	18,355	(12,940)	-	6,270
	<u>£4,691,647</u>	<u>£274,790</u>	<u>£(210,864)</u>	<u>£204,642</u>	<u>£4,960,215</u>

The funds are established for the following:

St Raphael's	Maintenance and education of Oratorian novices and students.
Prefect's	For the Brothers of The Little Oratory.
Choir	For the support of the Oratory Choir.
Organ	For major overhauls and maintenance of the Oratory pipe organs.
Poor Fund	For the relief of poverty.
St Wilfrid's Statue	Carving of a statue of St Wilfrid.
Brompton Baroque	For Baroque recitals.
Primary School Funds	Parental contributions etc for the Oratory Primary School.
Calvary carving	For the carving and installation of a new calvary crucifix, statues, and mural.
	The balance is to be used for improvements to lighting and floor repairs.
Pettman Scholarship	Organ Scholarship in memory of June Pettman.
Church Lighting Fund	Towards church lighting.
Our Lady's Flowers	For flowers at the Lady Altar

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12. DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2022

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2022 £
Halls	2,129	22,904	(25,033)	-	-
	<u>£2,129</u>	<u>£22,904</u>	<u>£(25,033)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£-</u>

The funds are established for the following:

Halls - For the maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY - 2021

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
Halls	7,739	5,083	(10,693)	-	2,129
	<u>£7,739</u>	<u>£5,083</u>	<u>£(10,693)</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£2,129</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	43,255	-	43,255
Investments	11,321,536	4,838,957	16,160,493
Current assets	271,916	360,291	632,207
Creditors due within 1 year	(173,963)	(9,161)	(183,124)
	<u>£11,462,744</u>	<u>£5,190,087</u>	<u>£16,652,831</u>

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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	117,668	-	117,668
Investments	12,762,349	4,522,380	17,284,729
Current assets	414,502	445,747	860,249
Creditors due within 1 year	(206,534)	(7,912)	(214,446)
	<u>£13,087,985</u>	<u>£4,960,215</u>	<u>£18,048,200</u>

14. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

The London Oratory School, which became an academy on 1 August 2011 (previously a voluntary aided school) in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, are connected.

15. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited (Company Registered Number: 7899744). Blemell House's principal activity is to carry out trading operations to support the London Oratory Charity.

A summary of the trading results for the year for Blemell House Limited is shown below.

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	97,343	72,676
Cost of sales	(44,339)	(21,053)
Gross profit	53,004	51,623
Administration expenses	(5,414)	(5,332)
Other income	-	427
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	<u>£47,590</u>	<u>£46,718</u>
Balance Sheet	2022 £	2022 £
Current assets	52,144	51,928
Less creditors falling due within one year	(29,552)	(22,208)
	<u>£22,592</u>	<u>£29,720</u>
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	22,590	29,718
	<u>£22,592</u>	<u>£29,720</u>

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16. HERITAGE ASSETS

No value is attributed to the heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. Heritage assets include plate, textiles, books, monuments and statues contained within the Oratory. The assets are integral to the Charity's objective of advancing the Roman Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

The Oratory has accumulated over the last 160 years a sizeable and specialised collection of religious plate, art works, vestments and books. Very few of these are of significant individual worth. These are used to adorn the Oratory church and enrich the church's liturgies. Many of the paintings and statues are on display in the church, open for over 12 hours daily throughout the year. Different vestments and plate are used during Mass and other church services on various days throughout the liturgical year.

A register of plate and vestments is maintained. A full card index of books is maintained in the library and individual scholars and researchers are granted access to the library if appropriate.

Heritage assets are maintained and conserved as far as possible. There is no policy to dispose of these assets.

17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(1,395,369)	1,266,322
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	78,609	95,706
Losses/(gains) on investments	1,909,847	(1,395,679)
Dividends and interest from investments	(213,105)	(199,378)
(Increase)/decrease in stock	(6,469)	1,595
(Increase) in debtors	(85,661)	(917)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(31,322)	49,065
Net cash generated by/(used in) operating activities	£256,530	£(183,286)

18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash and bank and in hand	<u>£322,526</u>	<u>£642,698</u>

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity was gifted £54,718 (2021: £20,121) from profits of Blemell House Limited. At the year-end, Blemell House Limited owed £13,042 (2021 - £13,044) to the Charity}.

Rev Rupert McHardy and Rev Julian Large, trustees of this charity, are trustees of W Faber Counselling. £1,249 (2021: £1,249) was owed by W Faber Counselling at the year-end. There were no new transactions in the year.

There were no further related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year.

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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies:			
- Donations and gifts	668,491	196,072	864,563
- Legacies	51,863	11,000	62,863
- HMRC furlough grants	12,733	-	12,733
Charitable activities:			
- Oratory fees	64,049	-	64,049
- Sales of Oratory magazine	4,503	-	4,503
Other trading activities			
- Oratory shop sales	23,351	-	23,351
Investments	131,660	67,718	199,378
Total Income	956,650	274,790	1,231,440
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	6,517	-	6,517
Trading	18,813	-	18,813
Investment management	87,289	28,136	115,425
Charitable activities	1,037,314	182,728	1,220,042
Total Expenditure	1,149,933	210,864	1,360,797
Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments	(193,283)	63,926	(129,357)
Net gains on investments	1,191,037	204,642	1,395,679
Net movement in funds	997,754	268,568	1,266,322
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward 1 January 2021	12,090,231	4,691,647	16,781,878
Funds carried forward 31 December 2021	£13,087,985	£4,960,215	£18,048,200

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 240702

TRUSTEES: The Reverend Julian Large (Provost and Chairman of Trustees)
Revd G Bowen
Revd Rupert McHardy
Rev'd Michael Lang
Rev'd Edward van den Bergh

OFFICE: The Oratory
Brompton Road
London SW7 2RP

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: Charity Commission Scheme dated 14 August 1969

AUDITORS: Haysmacintyre LLP
10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG

SOLICITORS: Withers
20 Old Bailey
London EC4M 7EG

BANKERS: National Westminster Bank Plc
18 Cromwell Place London SW7 2LB (from 24 June 2021)

INVESTMENT MANAGERS: Handelsbanken Wealth and Asset Management Ltd
No.1 Kingsway
London WC2B 6AN

INVESTMENT POWERS: The provisions of the Trustees Act 2000 applied during the year.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

The Scheme specifies "the object of the Charity shall be to advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London in such ways as the Trustees of the Charity with the approval of the Congregation think fit".

This object is fulfilled in the following ways:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services
- The provision of Catholic Education
- The maintenance and upkeep of the Oratory Church and its associated premises in Brompton Road SW7, known as Brompton Oratory.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

The proclamation of the Catholic Faith is the main activity of the Oratory. This takes place in the Oratory church, with daily Masses and many other regular services. The Oratory Fathers who currently comprise the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, provide a wide range of support and pastoral care for their parishioners and those who worship in the Oratory church, and do so in the spirit of their founder St Philip Neri.

St Philip founded the Oratory in 16th century Rome; this has spread world-wide, secular priests living together a community life without vows, each Congregation independent from one another, with members intending to stay in the same community for their whole lives. This apostolate was brought to England by Blessed Cardinal Newman in the 1840's, with Father Faber founding the London Oratory at first in cramped premises near the Strand, moving to South Kensington in 1854. Since that time, the Oratory Fathers have continued pastoral work in London, often in conjunction with other parishes and organisations in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, of which the Oratory parish forms a part. The parish covers a large area of South Kensington, bounded by Gloucester Road, Hyde Park, Walton Street, Cale Street and Old Brompton Road.

A large Sunday Mass attendance and provision of the Sacraments and Christian formation to the parish and to regular worshippers, together with Catholic chaplaincy duties at the Royal Brompton Hospital, provide the ongoing work of the Oratory's mission. Additionally, the Fathers are Trustees and chaplains of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Chelsea and the London Oratory School in Fulham. A website, www.bromptonoratory.co.uk, gives details of the Charity's religious and pastoral activities.

MUSIC

A special feature of the Oratory has been its musical tradition, inspired by St Philip's own patronage of Palestrina, and the Fathers aim to maintain the highest standards in Church music. In this, they are following the directions of the Second Vatican Council; "Large choirs existing ... in major churches, which have in the course of centuries earned for themselves high renown by preserving and developing musical heritage of inestimable value, should be retained for sacred celebrations of a more elaborate kind" (Instruction on Music in the Sacred Liturgy, 1967). It is this heritage of Gregorian chant and the great works of Catholic Church music that is kept alive each Sunday and on major feast days.

A generous legacy was bequeathed by the late Jennifer Paterson for the maintenance of the Oratory Choir, establishing a Restricted fund, the Choir Fund, to help meet the costs of the Oratory choir, which sings at Solemn Mass and Vespers.

In 2003 a major overhaul of the church organ, built by J W Walker in 1954, was put in hand, and completed in 2007. This instrument is one of the most important built in London in the post-World War II period. Possessing 45 stops on three manuals, it was designed by Ralph Downes, organist of the Oratory 1936-77. The British Institute of Organ Studies Journal, 1996 describes it as the most successful of its kind in London.

In 2011, a scholarship was established to support the new position of Organ Scholar, through the generosity of a regular worshipper, in memory of his late wife, June Pettman. The funds of this scholarship were significantly augmented with a large legacy, received in 2017. The Fathers are most grateful to the late Mr Pettman for this wonderful gesture of support.

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PREMISES

The Oratory premises consist of the Oratory Church with the Lodge, the Oratory House and Halls, and the Newman Statue. The Church, built between 1880-84 with the dome and façade added in the 1890's, is a Grade II* listed building in neo-Baroque style. The Oratory House and Halls, built between 1853 and 1911, comprise the domestic areas of the Oratorian community, administration offices, Little Oratory, and parish halls. These are Grade II* listed buildings. The Statue of Cardinal Newman (1896) on Brompton Road has a Grade II listing. All of these properties are owned freehold. The upkeep of these extensive premises requires substantial management and both ongoing and major maintenance.

SCHOOLS

The Oratory Fathers have had a longstanding commitment to Catholic Education, and are presently Trustees of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Cale Street, Chelsea, and the London Oratory School in Fulham. The London Oratory School was granted Academy status from 1 August 2011.

VOLUNTEER HELP

The Fathers of the Oratory (Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri) rely substantially on volunteer help and financial support in many of their pastoral activities, and are much encouraged by the continuing level of commitment from a large number of people over many years.

NOVICES

A duty on the Congregation is to recruit, educate and train suitable candidates for the Catholic Priesthood, to serve as priests in the Oratory for the rest of their lives. Unlike religious Orders and Catholic dioceses, candidates join the Oratory to become members of the Community in that location; clergy are not moved from house to house by a superior or bishop. There were two candidates at 31 December 2021 (2020 - four). One of these candidates was ordained to the priesthood in September 2021.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The primary public benefit of the Oratory is the provision of an ethical and moral code for society: the Oratory communicates, educates, encourages and coaches individuals into following and living the Catholic faith. The Oratory strongly supports the spiritual, moral and academic education of children, through catechetical programmes and sacramental preparation, as well as maintaining two schools. The Oratory also provides and maintains its church and other listed buildings. Further details of these activities are given throughout the Annual Report and Accounts.

That the Oratory does produce a public benefit beyond that benefit that accrues to its members, is shown in the public character of its distinctive buildings. All members of the public are welcome to enter the Oratory church free of charge for purposes connected to prayer, worship, meditation and the advancement of religion.

In addition to donations to the charity, Oratory parishioners and visitors donated £5,044 to UK and international Catholic charities, (2020- £1,985), and £2,334 to the Archdiocese of Westminster (2020 - £4,432).

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As in previous years, the Oratory provided religious services, pastoral care and education throughout the year, in the Oratory church and premises at Brompton Road, at the Oratory schools, in hospitals and elsewhere. The Fathers made themselves available to parishioners, visitors and those in need. Every day of the year the Church remained open for private prayer and visiting. The pastoral and spiritual work undertaken by the Fathers is not susceptible to numerical measurement, and continues year by year within a long-established framework.

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INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The target set for the fund managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. The charity avoids direct investment in armaments, pornography and "anti-life" pharmaceuticals.

During the year the value of the Charity's investment portfolio rose. The continuing stock market volatility since the year end emphasises that a considerable degree of caution is needed when considering investment values.

Investment values do not necessarily represent liquid resources to spend; the capital sums need to be held to generate income to support the Charity's ongoing work and commitments.

The investment model target for 2021 continued as inflation plus 3.5%. Investments showed a total return of 8.2%.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Oratory Fathers plan to continue all their present activities

- their pastoral work in the Oratory Church and Parish,
- their schools,
- the upkeep and development of their premises,
- maintenance of sufficient reserves, and generation of further growth of investment portfolios to ensure the long-term future of the charity.

With the support and collaboration of those who are drawn to Christ and His Church and who seek the Oratory's help in fulfilling their Christian vocation to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal sources of income include donations made at religious services in the Oratory Church; Offertory collections £111,530 (2020: £67,433) other voluntary contributions made directly for the support of the Oratory church: £446,740 (2020: £366,412), and contributions to support Music: £16,488 (2020: £37,171). Donations for social and pastoral activities totalled £38,428 (2020: £17,534). St Raphael's annual appeal raised £76,223 (2020: £154,790). General donations totalled £70,930 (2020: £95,428). The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants totalled £12,733 (2020: £61,273). Investment income totalled £199,378 (2020: £202,813). Legacies totalled £62,863 (2020: £220,165).

Details of expenditure are given in notes 2 to 5 of the Annual Accounts.

Overall, before investments, the Oratory has a net loss of £129,357 (2020: surplus of £76,618)

RESERVES

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 totalled £13,087,985 (2020: £12,090,231) of which £2,129 (2020: £7,739) has been set aside for specific purposes leaving £13,085,856 (2020: £12,082,492) for the general purposes of the Charity. This is equivalent to approximately 12 years' unrestricted expenditure. However, the charity's free reserves excluding investments, total £207,968 (2020: £325,725) and are equivalent to approximately two months' (2020: 4 months) unrestricted fund expenditure.

Restricted funds at 31 December 2021 totalled £4,960,215 (2020: £4,691,647).

Given the listed building status and historic nature of the whole Brompton Road premises, the independent position of the Oratory, (separate from the Archdiocese of Westminster and from other Oratories), and the prevalent financial and economic uncertainty, these are regarded, along with investments, as appropriate levels necessary for supporting the Charity's ongoing commitments and securing its long term operation.

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RISK REVIEW

The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, by having in place appropriate insurances, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the Trust they have established routinely effective systems to mitigate those risks. The systems are devised according to need. The scope of all these measures is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and of adults at risk is of great importance to the Oratory. Failing to prevent abuse of the vulnerable has serious repercussions for the individual, the mission of the Oratory and the Catholic Church. The consequences of abuse of individuals can be grave and long-lasting. The Charity's aim is to prevent this from happening to children or adults at risk, whilst in the care of the Church. To mitigate this risk, the Charity follows the policies and procedures put in place by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Community age profile

While the age profile of the members is increasing, as existing members grow older. The fathers seek to reduce the age profile by nurturing the vocations of those who approach the Oratory; some continue their path of discernment here, others try their vocation elsewhere in the Catholic Church, other still find that their vocation is to a different state in life. A restricted fund (St Raphael's) has been established to provide for the support and training of new candidates for the priesthood.

Long-term financial sustainability

Risks include reductions in key sources of revenue, and increased costs of staffing and routine maintenance and compliance upgrades of the premises.

The Oratory's income comes from four main sources – collections and other donations made in church, investment income, legacies, and income from varied external uses of the premises. This is supplemented by fund-raising for special projects, and other smaller income streams.

Property upkeep

The two main Oratory buildings are both 19th century Grade II* Listed Buildings. Their long-term fitness for use requires regular large-scale projects to keep them watertight and the infrastructure up to date, whilst maintaining the historic character of the buildings, often involving specialist contractors and specialist skills.

COVID-19

The pandemic continued to cause significant disruptions to the charity's activities. The premises were open to the public throughout the year, but attendance in the early part of the year continued to be limited by social distancing requirements. The Fathers were able to continue with all their daily liturgies in public, and also continued pastoral work as circumstances permitted. Many of the parish groups were able to re-start in person, having been cancelled, or held only online in 2020. Opening hours remain reduced from the pre-pandemic schedule.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The London Oratory Charity is a Charitable Trust established by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 14 August 1969, Charity Registration Number 240702. The Trustees were granted a Certificate of Incorporation by the Charity Commissioners on 10 February 1970.

ORGANISATION

The Charity is governed by the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, a Society of Apostolic Life within the Roman Catholic Church; the priests elect from within their number 5 Trustees to serve for three years. At the triennial election on 26 March 2018 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds George Bowen, Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Revd Edward van den Bergh was also elected. All five were re-elected on 25 March 2021. The Trustees and the Congregation meet frequently to plan and carry forward their spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, and to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Trust.

The trustees are drawn from amongst the existing Fathers, and have already been closely involved in carrying out the charity's pastoral work and other activities. New trustees will have lived at the Oratory for at least 6 years before their ordination (at which point they are eligible for election as a trustee) and receive training during these years on the charity's finances and operating policies.

As well as carrying out the majority of the Charity's pastoral and religious works, the trustees are closely involved in all the activities of the Charity, and as such constitute its key management personnel. They receive no remuneration for their duties.

SUBSIDIARY

The Charity had established a trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, which was incorporated on 6 January 2012 and took over the charity's trading activities including the Oratory's shop, car parking and magazine sales. The company has traded profitably since being established, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Statement by the Trustees on the capital value of School Buildings & Lands

The land on which the Oratory Primary School and London Oratory School are located, is in the ownership of the Trust. The main consequence of this that the users of the land, the Governors of the Schools, who have no title of their own in the land, thereby come under an obligation to use the property for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed, i.e., they must promote a Catholic School in the buildings which they occupy. The other benefits of ownership that would normally follow on from legal title do not in fact accrue to the Trustees, as the extent to which they can charge rents, take mortgages on the property, etc., are all greatly hemmed in by Education Law which gives the Secretary of State for Education power over whether a sale takes place, and if it does take place, how the proceeds of sale should be used. These restrictions lead the Trustees to conclude that so long as the Schools operate as going concerns, there is no capital value to the Oratory in the stock of school lands and buildings. For these reasons they are not capitalised.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees are all Roman Catholic priests and members of the Congregation of the Oratory. They are housed by the Trust and are reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry in the same way as all other priests of the Congregation. However, no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

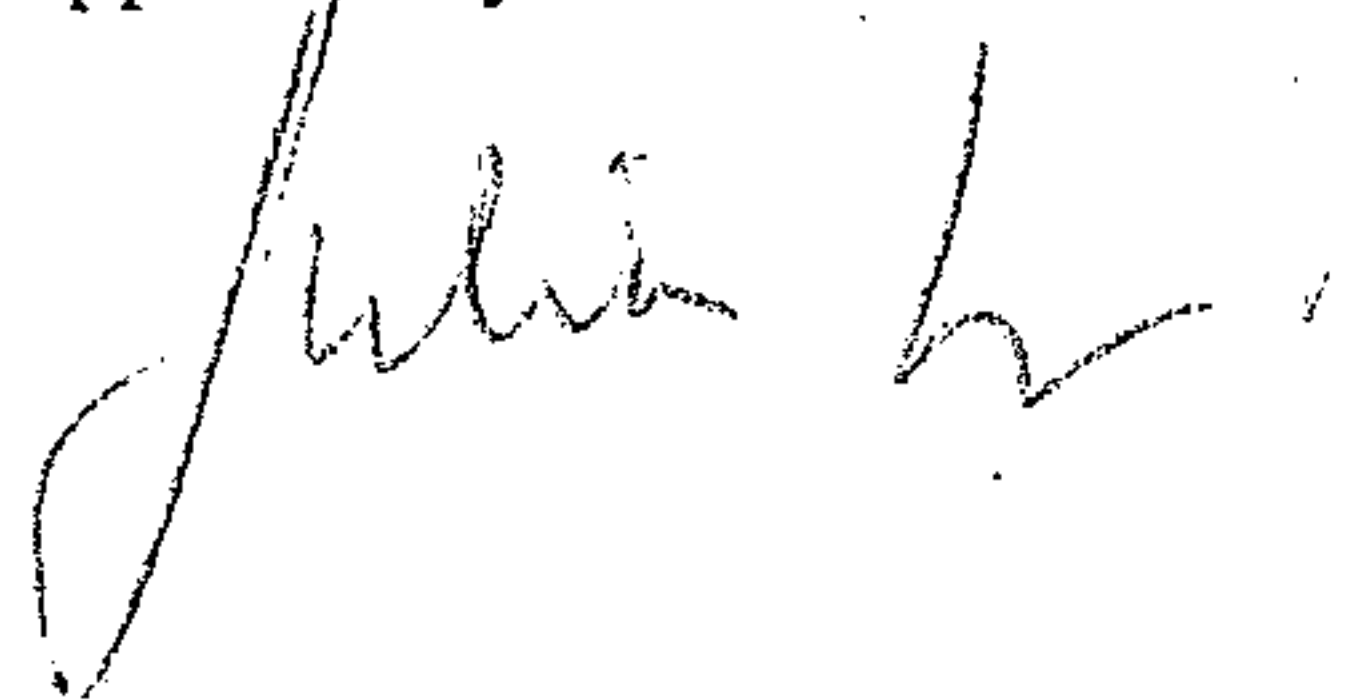
The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Scheme dated 14 August 1969. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on

30th October 22
and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Father Julian Large – Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Oratory Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY (continued)**

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with Canon law, employment law, health and safety regulations and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, FRS102 and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities; and
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries at the year-end
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Haysmacintyre LLP

**Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors**

**10 Queen Street Place
London
EC4R 1AG**

Date: 31 October 2022

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
- Donations and gifts		668,491	196,072	864,563	754,354
- Legacies		51,863	11,000	62,863	220,165
- HMRC furlough grants		12,733	-	12,733	61,273
Charitable activities:					
- Oratory fees		64,049	-	64,049	44,084
- Sales of Oratory magazine		4,503	-	4,503	2,718
Other trading activities					
- Oratory shop sales		23,351	-	23,351	11,107
Investments		131,660	67,718	199,378	202,813
Total Income		956,650	274,790	1,231,440	1,296,514
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Fundraising	2	6,517	-	6,517	275
Trading	2	18,813	-	18,813	16,255
Investment management		87,289	28,136	115,425	101,438
Charitable activities	3	1,037,314	182,728	1,220,042	1,101,928
Total Expenditure	5	1,149,933	210,864	1,360,797	1,219,896
Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments		(193,283)	63,926	(129,357)	76,618
Net gains on investments	8	1,191,037	204,642	1,395,679	1,185,034
Net movement in funds		997,754	268,568	1,266,322	1,261,652
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward 1 January 2021		12,090,231	4,691,647	16,781,878	15,520,226
Funds carried forward 31 December 2021		£13,087,985	£4,960,215	£18,048,200	£16,781,878

All transactions during the year were derived from continuing activities.

Comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2020 can be seen in note 20 to these financial statements.

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		117,668		197,750
Investments	8		17,284,731		15,999,619
			<u>17,402,399</u>		<u>16,197,369</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	208,755		201,058	
Cash at bank and in hand		609,489		528,284	
		<u>818,244</u>		<u>729,342</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(205,432)</u>		<u>(144,833)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>612,812</u>		<u>584,509</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u><u>£18,015,211</u></u>		<u><u>£16,781,878</u></u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		4,960,215		4,691,647
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	12	2,129		7,739	
General funds		<u>13,052,867</u>		<u>12,082,492</u>	
			<u>13,054,996</u>		<u>12,090,231</u>
			<u><u>£18,015,211</u></u>		<u><u>£16,781,878</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on and were signed below on its behalf by:

Julia Large

The Reverend Julian Large
Trustee

30th October '22

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

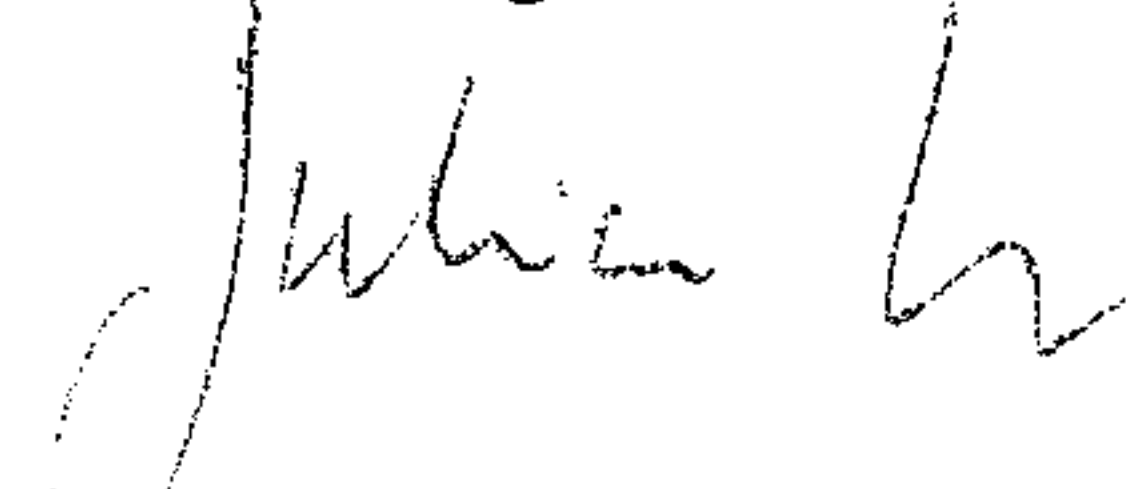
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		117,668		197,750
Investments	8		17,284,729		15,999,617
			<u>17,402,397</u>		<u>16,197,367</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		18,679		20,274	
Debtors	9	198,872		197,955	
Cash at bank and in hand		642,698		531,663	
		<u>860,249</u>		<u>749,892</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(214,446)</u>		<u>(165,381)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>645,803</u>		<u>584,511</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u><u>£18,048,200</u></u>		<u><u>£16,781,878</u></u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		4,960,215		4,691,647
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	12	2,129		7,739	
General funds		<u>13,085,856</u>		<u>12,082,492</u>	
			<u>13,087,985</u>		<u>12,090,231</u>
			<u><u>£18,048,200</u></u>		<u><u>£16,781,878</u></u>

The charity only surplus for the year amounted to £1,233,333 (2020: £1,261,652).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on and were signed below on its behalf by:



The Reverend Julian Large
Trustee

30th October 22

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in) operating activities	17	(183,286)	(4,924)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		199,378	202,813
Purchase of fixed assets		(15,624)	(15,577)
Proceeds from sale of investments		4,225,405	4,463,827
Purchase of investments		(3,632,837)	(4,228,683)
(Increase) in investment cash		(482,001)	(118,330)
Net cash provided by investing activities		294,321	304,050
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		111,035	299,126
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	18	531,663	232,537
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	£642,698	£531,663

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2020) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The London Oratory Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts consolidate those of the charity and of its subsidiary undertaking up to 31 December 2021. The result of the charity's non-charitable trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, has been consolidated within the Statement of Financial Activities.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered the future plans of the Charity, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

d) Income recognition

The charity recognises income when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds and any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or similar income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the legacy is in the form of an asset other than cash or an asset listed on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the asset being able to be reliably measured and title to the asset has passed to the charity. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations by means of collections or received in cash are recognised upon receipt of funds.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received or dividend is due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

HMRC furlough grants represent the total amount claimed from HM Revenue and Customs under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The income is accounted for in the period in which the salary payments are made to furloughed staff.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; investment management fees; costs of fundraising activities including the costs of goods sold, and their associated support costs. Fundraising costs do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating the church and related activities and includes all activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities based on time spent in each area.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if their original cost of purchase exceeds £600.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets capitalised, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	- 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and other equipment	- 5 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years

The Charity had 2 voluntary aided church schools, one of which became an academy on 1 August 2011. The school properties (land and buildings) are vested in the name of the Charity. The London Oratory Charity cannot take a unilateral decision to dispose of these properties. Disposal can only occur if the school governors and the Secretary of State for Education decide that all or part of a school site is no longer required for education. In most circumstances, where a disposal occurs, the Secretary of State or the local authority may be entitled to recoup grant. Although no rights of ownership vest in the school governing body, most other rights and obligations, such as for the maintenance and repair of the school and its facilities, are passed to the Governors. The Trustees therefore consider that, for the purposes of these financial statements, the nature of their ownership is that of a custodianship and therefore these properties have not been capitalised. Details of these properties are set out in the notes to the accounts.

g) Heritage assets

No value is attributed to heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. The age, variety and lack of comparable market data would make any attempt at valuation extremely onerous and costly compared with the benefit derived by users of the accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price, except for the shares in the trading subsidiary which are carried at cost. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Designated Funds

Funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose:

Halls Fund - for maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

n) Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

o) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. RAISING FUNDS

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fundraising		
Advertisements and appeals	582	275
Summer Garden Party expenses	5,935	-
	<u>£6,517</u>	<u>£275</u>
Trading		
Oratory shop cost of sales	<u>£18,813</u>	<u>£16,255</u>

All expenditure in the above categories was allocated to unrestricted funds in both the current and prior year.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Church expenses	195,568	12,940	208,508	174,069
Music costs	140,889	52,576	193,465	164,806
Premises costs	313,671	-	313,671	295,971
Premises - Major Works	70,548	-	70,548	71,753
Premises – Boiler Room	-	-	-	12,713
Premises – Schools	-	17,941	17,941	-
Community expenses	192,762	32	192,794	160,987
Novices	-	80,719	80,719	88,071
Social and pastoral	8,339	18,515	26,854	31,660
Diocese expenses	-	-	-	8,543
LOS donations	183	-	183	88
Religious education	518	-	518	5
Support costs (see below)	48,018	5	48,023	35,027
Governance (see note 4)	66,818	-	66,818	58,235
	<u>£1,037,314</u>	<u>£182,728</u>	<u>£1,220,042</u>	<u>£1,101,928</u>

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Church expenses	166,469	7,600	174,069
Music costs	111,664	53,142	164,806
Premises costs	295,971	-	295,971
Premises - Major Works	71,753	-	71,753
Premises – Boiler Room	-	12,713	12,713
Community expenses	160,607	380	160,987
Novices	-	88,071	88,071
Social and pastoral	8,128	23,532	31,660
Diocese expenses	8,543	-	8,543
LOS donations	88	-	88
Religious education	5	-	5
Support costs (see below)	35,027	-	35,027
Governance (see note 4)	58,235	-	58,235
	<u>£916,490</u>	<u>£185,438</u>	<u>£1,101,928</u>

SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF:

	2021 £	2020 £
Printing, postage and stationery	3,982	4,282
Telephone and fax	6,019	5,932
Internet	15,168	8,239
Bank charges	14,764	10,364
Other	8,090	6,210
	<u>£48,023</u>	<u>£35,027</u>

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	27,649	24,396
Auditors' remuneration:		
- Charity	23,160	22,080
- Blemell House	4,807	2,500
Other fees payable to the auditor - corporation tax	1,200	1,020
Other costs	10,002	8,239
	<u>£66,818</u>	<u>£58,235</u>

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5. TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2021

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	364,537	692,981	66,818	95,706	1,220,042	1,101,928
Raising funds	-	140,755	-	-	140,755	117,968
	<u>£364,537</u>	<u>£833,736</u>	<u>£66,818</u>	<u>£95,706</u>	<u>£1,360,797</u>	<u>£1,219,896</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2020

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	316,574	621,354	58,235	105,765	1,101,928
Raising funds	-	117,968	-	-	117,968
	<u>£316,574</u>	<u>£739,322</u>	<u>£58,235</u>	<u>£105,765</u>	<u>£1,219,896</u>

Staff Costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	330,837	287,624
Social security costs	25,684	21,503
Pension costs	8,016	7,447
	<u>£364,537</u>	<u>£316,574</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

	2021	2020
The average number of employees was:	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

The trustees constitute the key management personnel – see note 6 below.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

As members of the Congregation, the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Charity but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year (2020: Nil).

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	Computers and Other Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2021	26,124	534,322	14,039	574,485
Additions	-	15,624	-	15,624
	<u>26,124</u>	<u>549,946</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>590,109</u>
At 31 December 2021	26,124	549,946	14,039	590,109
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021	24,668	338,028	14,039	376,735
Charge for the year	891	94,815	-	95,706
	<u>25,559</u>	<u>432,843</u>	<u>14,039</u>	<u>472,441</u>
At 31 December 2021	25,559	432,843	14,039	472,441
NET BOOK VALUE (represented by Fixed Assets used for charitable purposes)				
2021:	<u>£565</u>	<u>£117,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£117,668</u>
2020:	<u>£1,456</u>	<u>£196,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£197,750</u>

No value for the property (Listed Building Status Grade II*), comprising The Oratory SW7 is reflected in the financial statements. The buildings were erected between 1854 and 1884 with further additions up to 1911. Historic cost data is not available and, in any event, the net book value, after charging normal rates of depreciation would not be material. The property has an insurance value of £42.4M, and a replacement cost of £115M.

Any material improvement to the buildings will be capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. Two schools are owned in the name of the London Oratory Charity:

The Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The London Oratory School, an academy in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Trustees consider that the school properties have no capital value to the London Oratory Charity – see Accounting Policy 1(f). The school properties have an insurance value of £44.5m.

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Charity	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Market value at 1 January 2021	15,785,851	14,835,961	15,785,853	14,835,963
Less: Disposals	(4,225,405)	(4,463,827)	(4,225,405)	(4,463,827)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	3,632,837	4,228,683	3,632,837	4,228,683
Net gains on revaluation	1,093,916	1,728,261	1,093,916	1,728,261
Realised gains/(losses)	301,763	(543,227)	301,763	(543,227)
	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>16,588,964</u>	<u>15,785,853</u>
Market value at 31 December 2021	16,588,962	15,785,851	16,588,964	15,785,853
Cash held for investment	695,767	213,766	695,767	213,766
	<u>£17,284,729</u>	<u>£15,999,617</u>	<u>£17,284,731</u>	<u>£15,999,619</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2021	<u>£13,607,508</u>	<u>£13,407,787</u>	<u>£13,607,508</u>	<u>£13,407,787</u>
Listed Investments:				
Fixed interest	1,205,671	2,438,417	1,205,671	2,438,417
Equities and bonds	15,383,291	13,347,434	15,383,291	13,347,434
	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,785,851</u>
Unquoted Investment:				
Blemell House Ltd	-	-	2	2
	<u>16,588,962</u>	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>16,588,964</u>	<u>15,785,853</u>
Cash held for investment	695,767	213,766	695,767	213,766
	<u>£17,284,729</u>	<u>£15,999,617</u>	<u>£17,284,731</u>	<u>£15,999,619</u>
9. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	198,872	197,955	198,832	197,937
Amounts owed by group companies		-	9,923	3,121
	<u>£198,872</u>	<u>£197,955</u>	<u>£208,755</u>	<u>£201,058</u>

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10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Charity	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	136,670	132,275	127,656	111,727
Accruals and deferred income	69,209	25,320	69,209	25,320
Other taxes and social security	8,567	7,786	8,567	7,786
	<u>£214,446</u>	<u>£165,381</u>	<u>£205,432</u>	<u>£144,833</u>

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2021

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
St Raphael's Fund	313,134	120,951	(82,381)	22,685	374,389
Prefects Fund	24,081	356	(950)	3,218	26,705
Choir	2,714,322	67,522	(59,455)	110,562	2,832,951
Organ	16,170	2	(2,809)	-	13,363
Poor Fund	8,845	38,431	(18,515)	-	28,761
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,977	-	-	-	1,977
Brompton Baroque	4,556	-	-	-	4,556
Primary School Funds	164,243	8,435	(18,993)	14,271	167,956
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,365,394	20,731	(14,821)	53,906	1,425,210
Church Lighting Fund	72,627	7	-	-	72,634
Our Lady's Flowers	855	18,355	(12,940)	-	6,270
	<u>£4,691,647</u>	<u>£274,790</u>	<u>£(210,864)</u>	<u>£204,642</u>	<u>£4,960,215</u>

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11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2020

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
St Raphael's Fund	229,348	158,413	(89,503)	14,876	313,134
Prefects Fund	22,185	369	(583)	2,110	24,081
Choir	2,464,128	53,542	(57,223)	253,875	2,714,322
Organ	19,161	116	(3,107)	-	16,170
Poor Fund	14,829	17,548	(23,532)	-	8,845
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,976	1	-	-	1,977
Brompton Baroque	4,552	4	-	-	4,556
Primary School Funds	157,968	10,530	(13,614)	9,359	164,243
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,237,989	20,138	(16,512)	123,779	1,365,394
Church Lighting Fund	72,568	59	-	-	72,627
Our Lady's Flowers	1,796	6,659	(7,600)	-	855
	<u>£4,231,943</u>	<u>£267,379</u>	<u>£(211,674)</u>	<u>£403,999</u>	<u>£4,691,647</u>

The funds are established for the following:

St Raphael's	Maintenance and education of Oratorian novices and students.
Prefect's	For the Brothers of The Little Oratory.
Choir	For the support of the Oratory Choir.
Organ	For major overhauls and maintenance of the Oratory pipe organs.
Poor Fund	For the relief of poverty.
St Wilfrid's Statue	Carving of a statue of St Wilfrid.
Brompton Baroque	For Baroque recitals.
Primary School Funds	Parental contributions etc for the Oratory Primary School.
Calvary carving	For the carving and installation of a new calvary crucifix, statues, and mural.
	The balance is to be used for improvements to lighting and floor repairs.
Pettman Scholarship	Organ Scholarship in memory of June Pettman.
Church Lighting Fund	Towards church lighting.
Orchestra Fund	For orchestras at Mass.
Our Lady's Flowers	For flowers at the Lady Altar

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12. DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2021

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2021 £
Halls	7,739	5,083	(10,693)	-	2,129
	<u>£7,739</u>	<u>£5,083</u>	<u>£(10,693)</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£2,129</u>

The funds are established for the following:

Halls - For the maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY - 2020

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2020 £
Halls	21,024	6,989	(20,274)	-	7,739
	<u>£21,024</u>	<u>£6,989</u>	<u>£(20,274)</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£7,739</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	117,668	-	117,668
Investments	12,762,349	4,522,380	17,284,729
Current assets	414,502	445,747	860,249
Creditors due within 1 year	(206,534)	(7,912)	(214,446)
	<u>£13,087,985</u>	<u>£4,960,215</u>	<u>£18,048,200</u>

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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	197,750	-	197,750
Investments	11,566,756	4,432,861	15,999,617
Current assets	487,612	262,280	749,892
Creditors due within 1 year	(161,887)	(3,494)	(165,381)
	<u>£12,090,231</u>	<u>£4,691,647</u>	<u>£16,781,878</u>

14. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

The London Oratory School, which became an academy on 1 August 2011 (previously a voluntary aided school) in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, are connected.

15. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited (Company Registered Number: 7899744). Blemell House's principal activity is to carry out trading operations to support the London Oratory Charity.

A summary of the trading results for the year for Blemell House Limited is shown below.

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	72,676	41,535
Cost of sales	(21,053)	(16,255)
Gross profit	51,023	25,280
Administration expenses	(5,332)	(5,169)
Other income	427	10
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	<u>£46,718</u>	<u>£20,121</u>
Balance Sheet	2021 £	2021 £
Current assets	51,928	23,671
Less creditors falling due within one year	(22,208)	(20,548)
	<u>£32,989</u>	<u>£3,123</u>
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	29,718	3,121
	<u>£29,720</u>	<u>£3,123</u>

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16. HERITAGE ASSETS

No value is attributed to the heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. Heritage assets include plate, textiles, books, monuments and statues contained within the Oratory. The assets are integral to the Charity's objective of advancing the Roman Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

The Oratory has accumulated over the last 160 years a sizeable and specialised collection of religious plate, art works, vestments and books. Very few of these are of significant individual worth. These are used to adorn the Oratory church and enrich the church's liturgies. Many of the paintings and statues are on display in the church, open for over 12 hours daily throughout the year. Different vestments and plate are used during Mass and other church services on various days throughout the liturgical year.

A register of plate and vestments is maintained. A full card index of books is maintained in the library and individual scholars and researchers are granted access to the library if appropriate.

Heritage assets are maintained and conserved as far as possible. There is no policy to dispose of these assets.

17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,266,322	1,261,652
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	95,706	105,765
(Gains) on investments	(1,395,679)	(1,185,034)
Dividends and interest from investments	(199,378)	(202,813)
Decrease/(increase) in stock	1,595	(1,547)
(Increase) in debtors	(917)	(4,617)
Increase in creditors	49,065	21,670
Net cash (used in) operating activities	£(183,286)	£(4,924)

18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash and bank and in hand	£642,698	£531,663

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity was gifted £17,000 from profits of Blemell House Limited. At the year-end, Blemell House Limited owed £9,923 (2020 - £3,121) to the Charity.

Rev Rupert McHardy and Rev Julian Large, trustees of this charity, are trustees of W Faber Counselling. £1,249 (2020: £1,249) was owed by W Faber Counselling at the year-end.

There were no further related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year.

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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies:				
- Donations and gifts		565,106	189,248	754,354
- Legacies		208,165	12,000	220,165
- HMRC furlough grants		61,273	-	61,273
Charitable activities:				
- Oratory fees		44,084	-	44,084
- Sales of Oratory magazine		2,718	-	2,718
Other trading activities				
- Oratory shop sales		11,107	-	11,107
Investments		136,682	66,131	202,813
Total Income		<u>1,029,135</u>	<u>267,379</u>	<u>1,296,514</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Fundraising		275	-	275
Trading		16,255	-	16,255
Investment management		75,202	26,236	101,438
Charitable activities		916,490	185,438	1,101,928
Total Expenditure		<u>1,008,222</u>	<u>211,674</u>	<u>1,219,896</u>
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments		20,913	55,705	76,618
Net gains on investments		781,035	403,999	1,185,034
Net movement in funds		<u>801,948</u>	<u>459,704</u>	<u>1,261,652</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Funds brought forward 1 January 2020		11,288,283	4,231,943	15,520,226
Funds carried forward 31 December 2020		<u>£12,090,231</u>	<u>£4,691,647</u>	<u>£16,781,878</u>

Accounts

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
Charity Number: 240702
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	240702
TRUSTEES:	The Reverend Julian Large (Provost and Chairman of Trustees) Revd G Bowen Revd Rupert McHardy Rev'd Michael Lang Rev'd Edward van den Bergh
OFFICE:	The Oratory Brompton Road London SW7 2RP
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT:	Charity Commission Scheme dated 14 August 1969
AUDITORS:	Haysmacintyre LLP 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG
SOLICITORS:	Withers 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7EG
BANKERS:	National Westminster Bank Plc 18 Cromwell Place London SW7 2LB (from 24 June 2021)
INVESTMENT MANAGERS:	Handelsbanken Wealth and Asset Management Ltd No.1 Kingsway London WC2B 6AN
INVESTMENT POWERS:	The provisions of the Trustees Act 2000 applied during the year.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

The Scheme specifies "the object of the Charity shall be to advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London in such ways as the Trustees of the Charity with the approval of the Congregation think fit".

This object is fulfilled in the following ways:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services
- The provision of Catholic Education
- The maintenance and upkeep of the Oratory Church and its associated premises in Brompton Road SW7, known as Brompton Oratory.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

The proclamation of the Catholic Faith is the main activity of the Oratory. This takes place in the Oratory church, with daily Masses and many other regular services. The Oratory Fathers who currently comprise the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, provide a wide range of support and pastoral care for their parishioners and those who worship in the Oratory church, and do so in the spirit of their founder St Philip Neri.

St Philip founded the Oratory in 16th century Rome; this has spread world-wide, secular priests living together a community life without vows, each Congregation independent from one another, with members intending to stay in the same community for their whole lives. This apostolate was brought to England by Blessed Cardinal Newman in the 1840's, with Father Faber founding the London Oratory at first in cramped premises near the Strand, moving to South Kensington in 1854. Since that time, the Oratory Fathers have continued pastoral work in London, often in conjunction with other parishes and organisations in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster, of which the Oratory parish forms a part. The parish covers a large area of South Kensington, bounded by Gloucester Road, Hyde Park, Walton Street, Cale Street and Old Brompton Road.

A large Sunday Mass attendance and provision of the Sacraments and Christian formation to the parish and to regular worshippers, together with Catholic chaplaincy duties at the Royal Brompton Hospital, provide the ongoing work of the Oratory's mission. Additionally, the Fathers are Trustees and chaplains of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Chelsea and the London Oratory School in Fulham. A website, www.bromptonoratory.co.uk, gives details of the Charity's religious and pastoral activities.

MUSIC

A special feature of the Oratory has been its musical tradition, inspired by St Philip's own patronage of Palestrina, and the Fathers aim to maintain the highest standards in Church music. In this, they are following the directions of the Second Vatican Council; "Large choirs existing ... in major churches, which have in the course of centuries earned for themselves high renown by preserving and developing musical heritage of inestimable value, should be retained for sacred celebrations of a more elaborate kind" (Instruction on Music in the Sacred Liturgy, 1967). It is this heritage of Gregorian chant and the great works of Catholic Church music that is kept alive each Sunday and on major feast days.

A generous legacy was bequeathed by the late Jennifer Paterson for the maintenance of the Oratory Choir, establishing a Restricted fund, the Choir Fund, to help meet the costs of the Oratory choir, which sings at Solemn Mass and Vespers.

In 2003 a major overhaul of the church organ, built by J W Walker in 1954, was put in hand, and completed in 2007. This instrument is one of the most important built in London in the post-World War II period. Possessing 45 stops on three manuals, it was designed by Ralph Downes, organist of the Oratory 1936-77. The British Institute of Organ Studies Journal, 1996 describes it as the most successful of its kind in London.

In 2011, a scholarship was established to support the new position of Organ Scholar, through the generosity of a regular worshipper, in memory of his late wife, June Pettman. The funds of this scholarship have been significantly augmented with a large legacy, receivable in 2017. The Fathers are most grateful to Mr Pettman for this wonderful gesture of support.

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PREMISES

The Oratory premises consist of the Oratory Church with the Lodge, the Oratory House and Halls, and the Newman Statue. The Church, built between 1880-84 with the dome and façade added in the 1890's, is a Grade II* listed building in neo-Baroque style. The Oratory House and Halls, built between 1853 and 1911, comprise the domestic areas of the Oratorian community, administration offices, Little Oratory, and parish halls. These are Grade II* listed buildings. The Statue of Cardinal Newman (1896) on Brompton Road has a Grade II listing. All of these properties are owned freehold. The upkeep of these extensive premises requires substantial management and both ongoing and major maintenance.

SCHOOLS

The Oratory Fathers have had a longstanding commitment to Catholic Education, and are presently Trustees of two schools, the Oratory Primary School in Cale Street, Chelsea, and the London Oratory School in Fulham. The London Oratory School was granted Academy status from 1 August 2011.

VOLUNTEER HELP

The Fathers of the Oratory (Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri) rely substantially on volunteer help and financial support in many of their pastoral activities, and are much encouraged by the continuing level of commitment from a large number of people over many years.

NOVICES

A duty on the Congregation is to recruit, educate and train suitable candidates for the Catholic Priesthood, to serve as priests in the Oratory for the rest of their lives. Unlike religious Orders and Catholic dioceses, candidates join the Oratory to become members of the Community in that location; clergy are not moved from house to house by a superior or bishop. There were four candidates at 31 December 2020 (2019 - three). One of these candidates was ordained to the diaconate in December 2020, and ordained to the priesthood in September 2021.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The primary public benefit of the Oratory is the provision of an ethical and moral code for society: the Oratory communicates, educates, encourages and coaches individuals into following and living the Catholic faith. The Oratory strongly supports the spiritual, moral and academic education of children, through catechetical programmes and sacramental preparation, as well as maintaining two schools. The Oratory also provides and maintains its church and other listed buildings. Further details of these activities are given throughout the Annual Report and Accounts.

That the Oratory does produce a public benefit beyond that benefit that accrues to its members, is shown in the public character of its distinctive buildings. All members of the public are welcome to enter the Oratory church free of charge for purposes connected to prayer, worship, meditation and the advancement of religion.

In addition to donations to the charity, Oratory parishioners and visitors donated £3,011 to Aid to the Church in Need, (2019 - £14,136), £1,985 to UK and international Catholic charities, (2019- £9,110), £4,432 to the Archdiocese of Westminster (2019 - £5,445) and £645 to the London Oratory School Schola (2019 - £4,393).

The Trustees confirm that, in determining the activities of the charity, they have paid regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As in previous years, the Oratory provided religious services, pastoral care and education throughout the year, in the Oratory church and premises at Brompton Road, at the Oratory schools, in hospitals and elsewhere. The Fathers made themselves available to parishioners, visitors and those in need. Apart from the lockdown period from March to July, every day of the year the Church remained open for prayer and visiting. The pastoral and spiritual work undertaken by the Fathers is not susceptible to numerical measurement, and continues year by year within a long-established framework.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The target set for the fund managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. The charity avoids direct investment in armaments, pornography and "anti-life" pharmaceuticals.

During the year the value of the Charity's investment portfolio rose. The continuing stock market volatility since the year end emphasises that a considerable degree of caution is needed when considering investment values.

Investment values do not necessarily represent liquid resources to spend; the capital sums need to be held to generate income to support the Charity's ongoing work and commitments.

The investment model target for 2020 continued as inflation plus 3.5%. Investments fell dramatically in Spring 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, but recovered by 31 December 2020 to show a total return of 7.8%.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Oratory Fathers plan to continue all their present activities

- their pastoral work in the Oratory Church and Parish,
- their schools,
- the upkeep and development of their premises,
- maintenance of sufficient reserves, and generation of further growth of investment portfolios to ensure the long-term future of the charity.

With the support and collaboration of those who are drawn to Christ and His Church and who seek the Oratory's help in fulfilling their Christian vocation to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal sources of income include donations made at religious services in the Oratory Church; Offertory collections £67,433 (2019: £319,190) other voluntary contributions made directly for the support of the Oratory church: £366,412 (2019: £304,722), and contributions to support Music: £37,171 (2019: £77,629). Donations for the Primary School totalled £nil (2019: £4,500). Donations for social and pastoral activities totalled £17,534 (2019: £39,145). St Raphael's annual appeal raised £154,790 (2019: £99,819). General donations totalled £95,428 (2019: £23,984). The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme grants totalled £61,273. Investment income totalled £202,813 (2019: £299,214). Legacies totalled £220,165 (2019: £18,718).

Details of expenditure are given in notes 2 to 5 of the Annual Accounts.

Overall, before investments, the Oratory has a net surplus of £76,618 (2019: deficit of £106,651)

RESERVES

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2020 totalled £12,090,231 (2019: £11,288,283) of which £7,739 (2019: £21,024) has been set aside for specific purposes leaving £12,082,492 (2019: £11,276,259) for the general purposes of the Charity. This is equivalent to approximately 12 years' unrestricted expenditure. However, the Unrestricted Fund net current assets total £325,725 (2019: £115,355) is equivalent to approximately four months' (2019: 5 weeks) unrestricted fund expenditure.

Restricted funds at 31 December 2020 totalled £4,691,647 (2019: £4,231,943).

Given the listed building status and historic nature of the whole Brompton Road premises, the independent position of the Oratory, (separate from the Archdiocese of Westminster and from other Oratories), and the prevalent financial and economic uncertainty, these are regarded, along with investments, as appropriate levels necessary for supporting the Charity's ongoing commitments, and securing its long term operation.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

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RISK REVIEW

The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, by having in place appropriate insurances, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the Trust they have established routinely effective systems to mitigate those risks. The systems are devised according to need. The scope of all these measures is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children and of adults at risk is of great importance to the Oratory. Failing to prevent abuse of the vulnerable has serious repercussions for the individual, the mission of the Oratory and the Catholic Church. The consequences of abuse of individuals can be grave and long-lasting. The Charity's aim is to prevent this from happening to children or adults at risk, whilst in the care of the Church. To mitigate this risk, the Charity follows the policies and procedures put in place by the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Community age profile

While the age profile of the members is increasing, as existing members grow older. The fathers seek to reduce the age profile by nurturing the vocations of those who approach the Oratory; some continue their path of discernment here, others try their vocation elsewhere in the Catholic Church, other still find that their vocation is to a different state in life. A restricted fund (St Raphael's) has been established to provide for the support and training of new candidates for the priesthood.

Long-term financial sustainability

Risks include reductions in key sources of revenue, and increased costs of staffing and routine maintenance and compliance upgrades of the premises.

The Oratory's income comes from four main sources – collections and other donations made in church, investment income, legacies, and income from varied external uses of the premises. This is supplemented by fund-raising for special projects, and other smaller income streams.

Property upkeep

The two main Oratory buildings are both 19th century Grade II* Listed Buildings. Their long-term fitness for use requires regular large-scale projects to keep them watertight and the infrastructure up to date, whilst maintaining the historic character of the buildings, often involving specialist contractors and specialist skills.

COVID-19

The pandemic 2020 caused significant disruptions to the charity's activities. The premises were closed to the public in the spring lockdown, and after opening attendance has continued to be limited by strict social distancing requirements. The Fathers were able to continue with all their daily liturgies in private at first and with some live-streaming, and also continued pastoral work as circumstances permitted. Many of the parish groups were cancelled, or held only online. The annual Garden party could not take place. The Shop remained closed for much of the year. Opening hours remain reduced from the pre-pandemic schedule.

St Joseph's Hall was re-purposed as a distribution hub for the Companions of the Order of Malta, to support people in need, including those in emergency accommodation in this area of London.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The London Oratory Charity is a Charitable Trust established by a scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 14 August 1969, Charity Registration Number 240702. The Trustees were granted a Certificate of Incorporation by the Charity Commissioners on 10 February 1970.

ORGANISATION

The Charity is governed by the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri in London, a Society of Apostolic Life within the Roman Catholic Church; the priests elect from within their number 5 Trustees to serve for three years. At the triennial election on 26 March 2018 Revd Julian Large was re-elected as Provost and Chairman of Trustees, Revds George Bowen, Rupert McHardy and Michael Lang were re-elected as Trustees, and Revd Edward van den Bergh was also elected. All five were re-elected on 25th March 2021. The Trustees and the Congregation meet frequently to plan and carry forward their spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, and to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Trust.

The trustees are drawn from amongst the existing Fathers, and have already been closely involved in carrying out the charity's pastoral work and other activities. New trustees will have lived at the Oratory for at least 6 years before their ordination (at which point they are eligible for election as a trustee) and receive training during these years on the charity's finances and operating policies.

As well as carrying out the majority of the Charity's pastoral and religious works, the trustees are closely involved in all the activities of the Charity, and as such constitute its key management personnel. They receive no remuneration for their duties.

SUBSIDIARY

The Charity had established a trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, which was incorporated on 6 January 2012 and took over the charity's trading activities including the Oratory's shop, car parking and magazine sales. The company has traded profitably since being established, and it is anticipated that it will continue to do so.

Statement by the Trustees on the capital value of School Buildings & Lands

The land on which the Oratory Primary School and London Oratory School are located, is in the ownership of the Trust. The main consequence of this that the users of the land, the Governors of the Schools, who have no title of their own in the land, thereby come under an obligation to use the property for the purposes set out in the Trust Deed, i.e., they must promote a Catholic School in the buildings which they occupy. The other benefits of ownership that would normally follow on from legal title do not in fact accrue to the Trustees, as the extent to which they can charge rents, take mortgages on the property, etc., are all greatly hemmed in by Education Law which gives the Secretary of State for Education power over whether a sale takes place, and if it does take place, how the proceeds of sale should be used. These restrictions lead the Trustees to conclude that so long as the Schools operate as going concerns, there is no capital value to the Oratory in the stock of school lands and buildings. For these reasons they are not capitalised.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

The Trustees are all Roman Catholic priests and members of the Congregation of the Oratory. They are housed by the Trust and are reimbursed for the expenses incurred in carrying out their ministry in the same way as all other priests of the Congregation. However, no Trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year. No Trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

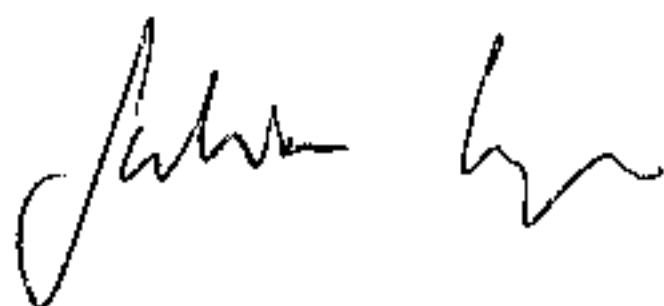
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Scheme dated 14 August 1969. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ^{22nd October 2021} and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



Father Julian Large – Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Oratory Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated and Charity Balance Sheets, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the group's net movement in funds for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 7, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with Canon law, employment law, health and safety regulations and charity law, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011, FRS102 and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with unusual descriptions and those entered at the year-end; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Haysmacintyre LLP

Haysmacintyre LLP
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place
London
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Date: 23.12.21

Haysmacintyre LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:					
- Donations and gifts		565,106	189,248	754,354	1,117,334
- Legacies		208,165	12,000	220,165	18,718
- HMRC furlough grants		61,273	-	61,273	-
Charitable activities:					
- Oratory fees		44,084	-	44,084	65,015
- Sales of Oratory magazine		2,718	-	2,718	4,078
Other trading activities					
- Oratory shop sales		11,107	-	11,107	29,444
Investments		136,682	66,131	202,813	299,214
Total Income		1,029,135	267,379	1,296,514	1,533,803
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds:					
Fundraising	2	275	-	275	7,258
Trading	2	16,255	-	16,255	28,052
Investment management		75,202	26,236	101,438	101,550
Charitable activities	3	916,490	185,438	1,101,928	1,503,594
Total Expenditure	5	1,008,222	211,674	1,219,896	1,640,454
Net income/(expenditure) before gains on investments		20,913	55,705	76,618	(106,651)
Net gains on investments	8	781,035	403,999	1,185,034	1,313,596
Net movement in funds		801,948	459,704	1,261,652	1,206,945
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward 1 January 2020		11,288,283	4,231,943	15,520,226	14,313,281
Funds carried forward 31 December 2020		12,090,231	4,691,647	16,781,878	15,520,226

All transactions during the year were derived from continuing activities.

Comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities for year ended 31 December 2019 can be seen in note 20 to these financial statements.

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

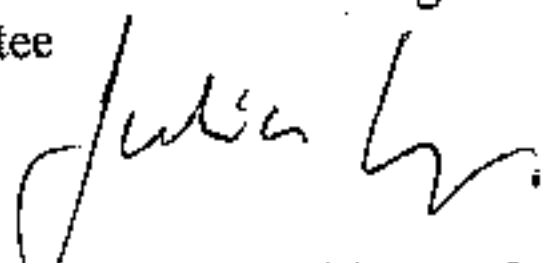
THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	7		197,750		287,938
Investments	8		15,999,617		14,931,397
			<u>16,197,367</u>		<u>15,219,335</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		20,274		18,727	
Debtors	9	197,955		193,338	
Cash at bank and in hand		531,663		232,537	
		<u>749,892</u>		<u>444,602</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(165,381)</u>		<u>(143,711)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>584,511</u>		<u>300,891</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u>16,781,878</u>		<u>15,520,226</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	11		4,691,647		4,231,943
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	12	7,739		21,024	
General funds		<u>12,082,492</u>		<u>11,267,259</u>	
			<u>12,090,231</u>		<u>11,288,283</u>
			<u>16,781,878</u>		<u>15,520,226</u>

The charity only surplus for the year amounted to £1,261,652 (2019: £1,206,945).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 22nd December 2021 and were signed below on its behalf by:

The Reverend Julian Large
Trustee



The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

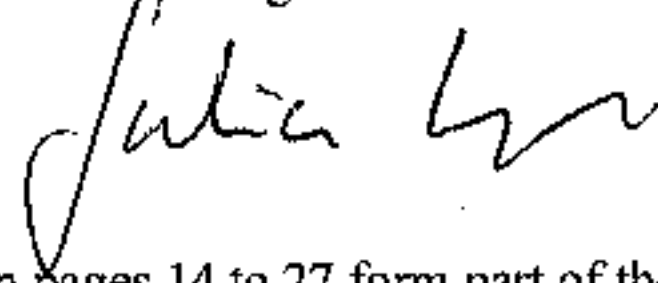
CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	£	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible fixed assets	7		197,750		287,938	
Investments	8		15,999,619		14,931,399	
			<u>16,197,369</u>		<u>15,219,337</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	9	201,058		220,575		
Cash at bank and in hand		528,284		214,708		
		<u>729,342</u>		<u>435,283</u>		
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(144,833)		(134,394)		
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>584,509</u>		<u>300,889</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS			<u>16,781,878</u>		<u>15,520,226</u>	
FUNDS						
Restricted funds	11		4,691,647		4,231,943	
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	12	7,739		21,024		
General funds		12,082,492		11,267,259		
		<u>12,090,231</u>		<u>11,288,283</u>		
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THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash (used in) operating activities	17	(4,924)	(326,656)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends and interest from investments		202,813	299,214
Purchase of fixed assets		(15,577)	(62,103)
Proceeds from sale of investments		4,463,827	11,081,666
Purchase of investments		(4,228,683)	(11,172,637)
(Increase)/decrease in investment cash		(118,330)	175,018
Net cash provided by investing activities		304,050	321,158
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		299,126	(5,498)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	18	232,537	238,035
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	531,663	232,537

The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2019) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The London Oratory Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Basis of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts consolidate those of the charity and of its subsidiary undertaking up to 31 December 2020. The result of the charity's non-charitable trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited, has been consolidated within the Statement of Financial Activities.

c) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered the future plans of the Charity, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

d) Income recognition

The charity recognises income when all of the following criteria are met: the charity has entitlement to the funds and any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Where income has related expenditure (as with fundraising or similar income), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

For legacies, entitlement is taken on a case by case basis as the earlier of the date on which either; the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity. If the legacy is in the form of an asset other than cash or an asset listed on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the asset being able to be reliably measured and title to the asset has passed to the charity. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Donations by means of collections or received in cash are recognised upon receipt of funds.

Interest on deposit funds held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received or dividend is due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

HMRC furlough grants represent the total amount claimed from HM Revenue and Customs under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The income is accounted for in the period in which the salary payments are made to furloughed staff.

THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

e) Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds comprises fundraising costs incurred in seeking donations, grants and legacies; investment management fees; costs of fundraising activities including the costs of goods sold, and their associated support costs. Fundraising costs do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of operating the church and related activities and includes all activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Governance costs are those costs incurred in connection with the compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Support costs are allocated to charitable activities based on time spent in each area.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

f) Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are capitalised if their original cost of purchase exceeds £600.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets capitalised, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer equipment	- 3 years
Fixtures, fittings and other equipment	- 5 years
Motor vehicles	- 4 years

The Charity had 2 voluntary aided church schools, one of which became an academy on 1 August 2011. The school properties (land and buildings) are vested in the name of the Charity. The London Oratory Charity cannot take a unilateral decision to dispose of these properties. Disposal can only occur if the school governors and the Secretary of State for Education decide that all or part of a school site is no longer required for education. In most circumstances, where a disposal occurs, the Secretary of State or the local authority may be entitled to recoup grant. Although no rights of ownership vest in the school governing body, most other rights and obligations, such as for the maintenance and repair of the school and its facilities, are passed to the Governors. The Trustees therefore consider that, for the purposes of these financial statements, the nature of their ownership is that of a custodianship and therefore these properties have not been capitalised. Details of these properties are set out in the notes to the accounts.

g) Heritage assets

No value is attributed to heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. The age, variety and lack of comparable market data would make any attempt at valuation extremely onerous and costly compared with the benefit derived by users of the accounts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price, except for the shares in the trading subsidiary which are carried at cost. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

i) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds

Funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those funds which are to be used in accordance with specific instructions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Designated Funds

Funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside for a specific purpose:

Edifices Fund – to cover major repairs or improvements.

Halls Fund - for maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

k) Cash at bank

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

l) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

n) Estimation uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

o) Financial Instruments

The Charity only has basic financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. RAISING FUNDS

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Fundraising		
Advertisements and appeals	275	1,861
Summer Garden Party expenses	-	5,397
	<u>275</u>	<u>7,258</u>
Trading		
Oratory shop cost of sales	16,255	28,052
	<u>16,255</u>	<u>28,052</u>

All expenditure in the above categories was allocated to unrestricted funds in both the current and prior year.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Church expenses	166,469	7,600	174,069	237,502
Music costs	111,664	53,142	164,806	283,103
Premises costs	295,971	-	295,971	311,790
Premises - Major Works	71,753	-	71,753	147,985
Premises – Boiler Room	-	12,713	12,713	-
Premises – Schools	-	-	-	35,317
Community expenses	160,607	380	160,987	183,495
Newman	-	-	-	50,823
Novices	-	88,071	88,071	81,679
Social and pastoral	8,128	23,532	31,660	64,787
Diocese expenses	8,543	-	8,543	8,800
LOS donations	88	-	88	33
Religious education	5	-	5	-
Support costs (see below)	35,027	-	35,027	39,060
Governance (see note 4)	58,235	-	58,235	59,220
	<u>916,490</u>	<u>185,438</u>	<u>1,101,928</u>	<u>1,503,594</u>

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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES 2019	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £		
Church expenses	234,662	2,840	237,502		
Music costs	135,889	147,214	283,103		
Premises costs	311,790	-	311,790		
Premises - Major Works	147,985	-	147,985		
Premises - Schools	-	35,317	35,317		
Community expenses	183,383	112	183,495		
Newman	-	50,823	50,823		
Novices	-	81,679	81,679		
Social and pastoral	17,156	47,631	64,787		
Diocese expenses	8,800	-	8,800		
LOS donations	33	-	33		
Support costs (see below)	39,060	-	39,060		
Governance (see note 4)	59,220	-	59,220		
	<u>1,137,978</u>	<u>365,616</u>	<u>1,503,594</u>		
				2020	2019
				£	£
SUPPORT COSTS CONSIST OF:					
Printing, postage and stationery			4,282	5,245	
Telephone and fax			5,932	5,567	
Internet			8,239	7,554	
Bank charges			10,364	17,053	
Other			6,210	3,641	
			<u>35,027</u>	<u>39,060</u>	
4. GOVERNANCE COSTS			Total	Total	
			2020	2019	
			£	£	
Salaries			24,396	28,605	
Auditors' remuneration:					
- Charity			22,080	21,240	
- Blemell House			2,500	1,680	
Other fees payable to the auditor - corporation tax			1,020	-	
Other costs			8,239	7,695	
			<u>58,235</u>	<u>59,220</u>	

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5. TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2020

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	316,574	621,354	58,235	105,765	1,101,928	1,503,594
Raising funds	-	117,968	-	-	117,968	136,860
	<u>316,574</u>	<u>739,322</u>	<u>58,235</u>	<u>105,765</u>	<u>1,219,896</u>	<u>1,640,454</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURE - 2019

	Staff Costs	Other Costs	Governance	Depreciation	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	313,661	1,037,981	59,220	92,732	1,503,594
Raising funds	-	136,860	-	-	136,860
	<u>313,661</u>	<u>1,174,841</u>	<u>59,220</u>	<u>92,732</u>	<u>1,640,454</u>

Staff Costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	287,624	298,064
Social security costs	21,503	37,305
Pension costs	7,447	6,897
	<u>316,574</u>	<u>342,266</u>

No employee earned £60,000 pa or more.

	2020	2019
The average number of employees was:	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>

The trustees constitute the key management personnel – see note 6 below.

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

As members of the Congregation, the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Charity but the Trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year (2019: Nil).

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS – GROUP AND CHARITY

	Computers and Other Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2020	26,124	525,619	14,039	565,782
Additions	-	15,577	-	15,577
Disposals	-	(6,874)	-	(6,874)
At 31 December 2020	26,124	534,322	14,039	574,485
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2020	23,776	240,029	14,039	277,844
Disposals	-	(6,874)	-	(6,874)
Charge for the year	892	104,873	-	105,765
At 31 December 2020	24,668	338,028	14,039	376,735
NET BOOK VALUE (represented by Fixed Assets used for charitable purposes)				
2020:	1,456	196,294	-	197,750
2019:	2,348	285,590	-	287,938

No value for the property (Listed Building Status Grade II*), comprising The Oratory SW7 is reflected in the financial statements. The buildings were erected between 1854 and 1884 with further additions up to 1911. Historic cost data is not available and, in any event, the net book value, after charging normal rates of depreciation would not be material. The property has an insurance value of £40M, and a replacement cost of £115M.

Any material improvement to the buildings will be capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. Two schools are owned in the name of the London Oratory Charity:

The Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

The London Oratory School, an academy in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

The Trustees consider that the school properties have no capital value to the London Oratory Charity – see Accounting Policy 1(f). The school properties have an insurance value of £42.3M.

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Market value at 1 January 2020	14,835,961	13,431,394	14,835,963	13,431,396
Less: Disposals	(4,463,827)	(11,081,666)	(4,483,827)	(11,081,666)
Add: Acquisitions at cost	4,228,683	11,172,637	4,228,683	11,172,637
Net gains on revaluation	1,728,261	986,906	1,728,261	986,906
Realised (losses)/gains	(543,227)	326,690	(543,227)	326,690
Market value at 31 December 2020	15,785,851	14,835,961	15,785,853	14,835,963
Cash held for investment	213,766	95,436	213,766	95,436
	<u>15,999,617</u>	<u>14,931,397</u>	<u>15,999,619</u>	<u>14,931,399</u>
Historical cost at 31 December 2020	<u>13,407,787</u>	<u>13,595,063</u>	<u>13,407,787</u>	<u>13,595,065</u>
Listed Investments:				
Fixed interest	2,438,417	2,162,077	2,438,417	2,162,077
Equities and bonds	13,347,434	12,673,884	13,347,434	12,673,884
	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>14,835,961</u>	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>14,835,961</u>
Unquoted Investment:				
Blemell House Ltd	-	-	2	2
	<u>15,785,851</u>	<u>14,835,961</u>	<u>15,785,853</u>	<u>14,835,963</u>
Cash held for investment	213,766	95,436	213,766	95,436
	<u>15,999,617</u>	<u>14,931,397</u>	<u>15,999,619</u>	<u>14,931,399</u>
9. DEBTORS	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	197,955	193,338	197,937	207,430
Amounts owed by group companies	-	-	3,121	13,145
	<u>197,955</u>	<u>193,338</u>	<u>201,058</u>	<u>220,575</u>

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10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Charity	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	132,275	112,071	111,727	105,423
Accruals and deferred income	25,320	21,240	25,320	21,240
Other taxes and social security	7,786	10,400	7,786	7,731
	<u>165,381</u>	<u>143,711</u>	<u>144,833</u>	<u>134,394</u>

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2020

	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2020 £
St Raphael's Fund	229,348	158,413	(89,503)	14,876	313,134
Prefects Fund	22,185	369	(583)	2,110	24,081
Choir	2,464,128	53,542	(57,223)	253,875	2,714,322
Organ	19,161	116	(3,107)	-	16,170
Poor Fund	14,829	17,548	(23,532)	-	8,845
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,976	1	-	-	1,977
Brompton Baroque	4,552	4	-	-	4,556
Primary School Funds	157,968	10,530	(13,614)	9,359	164,243
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,237,989	20,138	(16,512)	123,779	1,365,394
Church Lighting Fund	72,568	59	-	-	72,627
Our Lady's Flowers	1,796	6,659	(7,600)	-	855
	<u>4,231,943</u>	<u>267,379</u>	<u>(211,674)</u>	<u>403,999</u>	<u>4,691,647</u>

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11. RESTRICTED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2019

	Balance 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers/ Gains & (Losses) £	Balance 31 December 2019 £
St Raphael's Fund	186,895	104,243	(83,131)	21,341	229,348
Prefects Fund	19,638	508	(988)	3,027	22,185
Choir	2,427,240	71,851	(139,401)	104,438	2,464,128
Organ	23,301	147	(4,287)	-	19,161
Poor Fund	23,249	39,211	(47,631)	-	14,829
St Wilfrid's Statue	1,972	4	-	-	1,976
Brompton Baroque	4,542	10	-	-	4,552
Primary School Funds	149,822	30,952	(36,231)	13,425	157,968
Calvary Carving	5,443	-	-	-	5,443
Pettman Scholarship	1,171,232	34,324	(18,487)	50,920	1,237,989
Church Lighting Fund	72,415	153	-	-	72,568
Orchestra Fund	3,548	4	(7,103)	3,551	-
Our Lady's Flowers	-	4,636	(2,840)	-	1,796
Newman Canonisation	-	28,789	(50,823)	22,034	-
	<u>4,089,297</u>	<u>314,832</u>	<u>(390,922)</u>	<u>218,736</u>	<u>4,231,943</u>

The funds are established for the following:

St Raphael's	Maintenance and education of Oratorian novices and students.
Prefect's	For the Brothers of The Little Oratory.
Choir	For the support of the Oratory Choir.
Organ	For major overhauls and maintenance of the Oratory pipe organs.
Poor Fund	For the relief of poverty.
St Wilfrid's Statue	Carving of a statue of St Wilfrid.
Brompton Baroque	For Baroque recitals.
Primary School Funds	Parental contributions etc for the Oratory Primary School.
Calvary carving	For the carving and installation of a new calvary crucifix, statues, and mural. The balance is to be used for improvements to lighting and floor repairs.
Pettman Scholarship	Organ Scholarship in memory of June Pettman.
Church Lighting Fund	Towards church lighting.
Orchestra Fund	For orchestras at Mass.
Our Lady's Flowers	For flowers at the Lady Altar
Newman Canonisation	For Rome events, internet activities and local commemorations surrounding the canonisation of Cardinal Newman in October 2019.

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12. DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY 2020

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2020 £
Halls	21,024	6,989	(20,274)	-	7,739
	<u>21,024</u>	<u>6,989</u>	<u>(20,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,739</u>

The funds are established for the following:

- Edifices - For major repairs or improvements.
- Halls - For the maintenance of St Wilfrid's Hall and St Joseph's Hall.

DESIGNATED FUNDS – GROUP AND CHARITY - 2019

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 January 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31 December 2019 £
Edifices	18,010	30	(18,040)	-	-
Halls	21,024	-	-	-	21,024
	<u>39,034</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>(18,040)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,024</u>

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	197,750	-	197,750
Investments	11,566,756	4,432,861	15,999,617
Current assets	487,612	262,280	749,892
Creditors due within 1 year	(161,887)	(3,494)	(165,381)
	<u>12,090,231</u>	<u>4,691,647</u>	<u>16,781,878</u>

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13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – GROUP – 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	287,938	-	287,938
Investments	10,884,990	4,046,407	14,931,397
Current assets	254,229	190,373	444,602
Creditors due within 1 year	(138,874)	(4,837)	(143,711)
	<u>11,288,283</u>	<u>4,231,943</u>	<u>15,520,226</u>

14. CONNECTED ORGANISATIONS

The London Oratory School, which became an academy on 1 August 2011 (previously a voluntary aided school) in the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the Oratory Primary School, a voluntary aided school in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, are connected.

15. TRADING SUBSIDIARY

The charity has a wholly owned trading subsidiary, Blemell House Limited (Company Registered Number: 7899744). Blemell House's principal activity is to carry out trading operations to support the London Oratory Charity.

A summary of the trading results for the year for Blemell House Limited is shown below.

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	41,535	61,236
Cost of sales	(16,255)	(28,052)
Gross profit	<u>25,280</u>	<u>33,184</u>
Administration expenses	(5,169)	(5,565)
Other income	10	41
Profit for the year before Gift Aid	<u>20,121</u>	<u>27,660</u>
Balance Sheet	2020 £	2020 £
Current assets	23,671	37,037
Less creditors falling due within one year	(20,548)	(37,035)
	<u>3,123</u>	<u>2</u>
Represented by:		
Share capital	2	2
Profit and loss account	3,121	-
	<u>3,123</u>	<u>2</u>

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16. HERITAGE ASSETS

No value is attributed to the heritage assets on the basis that information on cost or valuation of the assets is not available and could not be obtained at reasonable cost. Heritage assets include plate, textiles, books, monuments and statues contained within the Oratory. The assets are integral to the Charity's objective of advancing the Roman Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

The Oratory has accumulated over the last 160 years a sizeable and specialised collection of religious plate, art works, vestments and books. Very few of these are of significant individual worth. These are used to adorn the Oratory church and enrich the church's liturgies. Many of the paintings and statues are on display in the church, open for over 12 hours daily throughout the year. Different vestments and plate are used during Mass and other church services on various days throughout the liturgical year.

A register of plate and vestments is maintained. A full card index of books is maintained in the library and individual scholars and researchers are granted access to the library if appropriate.

Heritage assets are maintained and conserved as far as possible. There is no policy to dispose of these assets.

17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2020 £	2019 £
Net income for the year (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,261,652	1,206,945
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	105,765	92,732
(Gains)/losses on investments	(1,185,034)	(1,313,596)
Dividends and interest from investments	(202,813)	(299,214)
Increase in stock	(1,547)	(2,265)
Increase in debtors	(4,617)	(918)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	21,670	(10,340)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(4,924)	(326,656)

18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2020 £	2019 £
Cash and bank and in hand	531,663	232,537

19. RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity was gifted £17,000 from profits of Blemell House Limited. At the year-end, Blemell House Limited owed £13,045 (2019 - £27,616) to the Charity.

In addition, the charity incurred no expenditure (2019: £8,900) in respect of safeguarding training carried out by W Faber Counselling. Rev Rupert McHardy and Rev Julian Large, trustees of this charity, are trustees of W Faber Counselling. £1,249 (2019: £13,799) was owed by W Faber Counselling at the year-end.

There were no further related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year.

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20. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies:			
- Donations and gifts	914,692	202,642	1,117,334
- Legacies	17,818	900	18,718
Charitable activities:			
- Oratory fees	65,015	-	65,015
- Sales of Oratory magazine	4,078	-	4,078
Other trading activities			
- Oratory shop sales	29,444	-	29,444
Investments	187,924	111,290	299,214
Total Income	1,218,971	314,832	1,533,803
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	7,258	-	7,258
Trading	28,052	-	28,052
Investment management	76,244	25,306	101,550
Charitable activities	1,137,978	365,616	1,503,594
Total Expenditure	1,249,532	390,922	1,640,454
Net (expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments	(30,561)	(76,090)	(106,651)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	1,120,445	193,151	1,313,596
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	1,089,884	117,061	1,206,945
Transfers between funds	(25,585)	25,585	-
Net movement in funds	1,064,299	142,646	1,206,945
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward 1 January 2019	10,223,984	4,089,297	14,313,281
Funds carried forward 31 December 2019	11,288,283	4,231,943	15,520,226