

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

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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
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London EC4M 7EG

BANKERS: National Westminster Bank Plc
Kensington Royal Garden Branch
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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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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

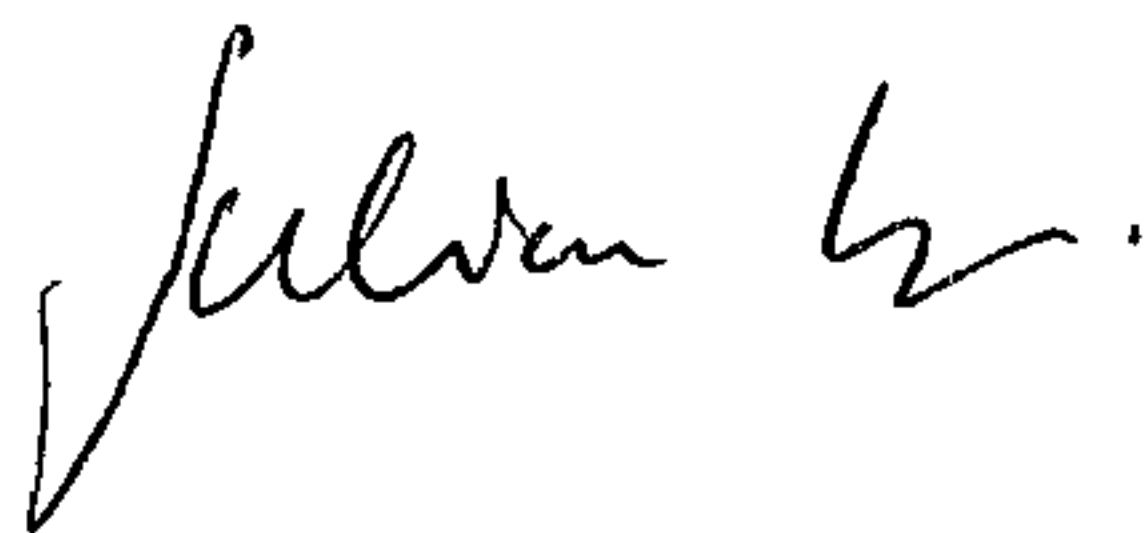
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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
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Date: 18 December 2024

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 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.

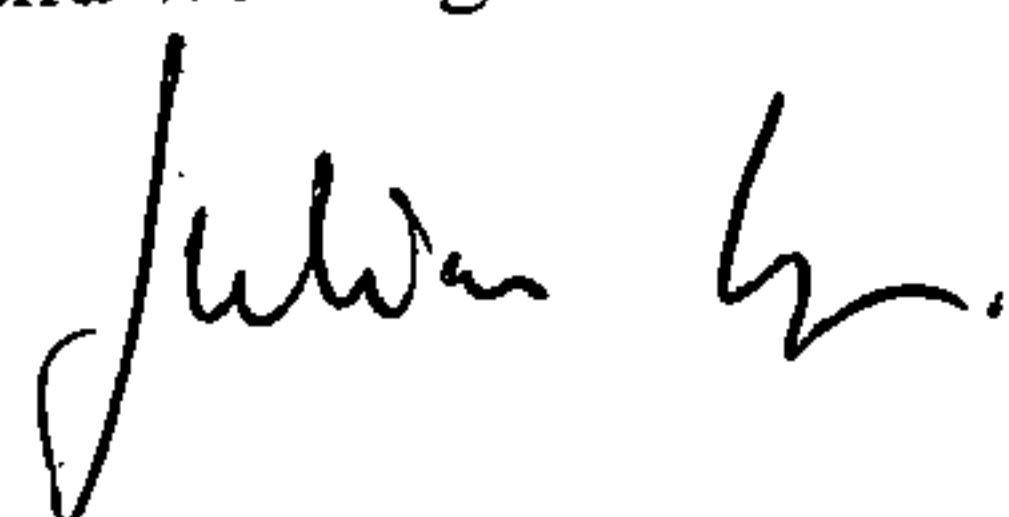
The notes on pages 14 to 27 form part of these accounts.

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

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

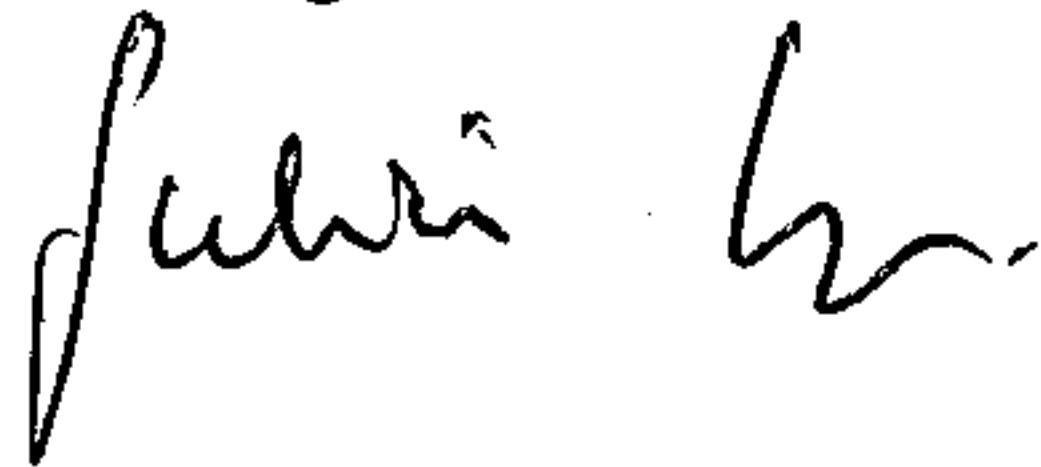
THE LONDON ORATORY CHARITY

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>

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

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 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>

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 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
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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>

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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.

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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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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