

BATH CHAPEL FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 257501

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1969-07-29

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO MEET THE COST OF CEREMONIES CONNECTED WITH THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH.

Activities: The objectives of the Charity are: To meet the costs of Ceremonial Services held in Westminster Abbey for the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and to facilitate the use of the Chapel of the Order for Weddings and Baptisms.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNRESTRICTED
- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£46,859	£264,197	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,607	£6,599	-	-
2023-03-31	£46,644	£23,602	-	-
2022-03-31	£45,598	£4,238	-	-
2021-03-31	£44,818	£1,021	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton		2019-02-19
David Vines White		2021-07-01
Lieutenant Colonel Stephen O'Neil Segrave		2019-01-11
Major General James Gordon CB CBE		2018-02-28
Major General Susan Kerstin Ridge CB		2023-06-19
The Very Reverend Dr David Michael Hoyle		2019-11-04

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Accounts

THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH

Trustees' Annual Report 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

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Objective

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Achievements and Performance

Throughout the year, memorial and other Christian services are held in Westminster Abbey to which a large number of the public are invited to attend.

Significant services during the year:

- Weddings - 2
- Baptisms - 2
- Memorials - 1

Every four years the Order holds a Ceremonial Service in Westminster Abbey. To coincide with the Order's 300th Anniversary, it was agreed to bring the Ceremonial Service forward by one year and it took place, along with a reception, on Friday, 16th May 2025. His Majesty The King, HRH The Prince of Wales, the Officers, members of the Order and their guests, were in attendance. The next Ceremonial Service is scheduled for 2030.

The Order provided funds to support the Westminster Abbey Heating Project in the Chapel of the Order, which is open to members of the Order and Abbey visitors. The project was completed in 2025.

The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 257501. Trustees are selected by all the listed trustees and are subject to approval by His Majesty The King. Certain trustees are appointed *ex officio*, for example the Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood is the Deputy Secretary and the Dean of Westminster Abbey is the Dean of the Order. The others are notable holders of the Order of the Bath.

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Dean, the King of Arms, the Registrar and Secretary, the Genealogist and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod.”.

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Risk Management:

Periodically, a review of the major risks that may affect the stability and successful operation of the Charity is carried out. An action plan is implemented to minimise or mitigate any highlighted risks.

Financial Review

The major source of funding for the Order is from donations made by the Order's members, the tax rebates from these donations, and dividends from the Order's investments.

The total receipts for 2024-2025 is £46,859, while the total operating expenses is £264,197, resulting to a surplus of expenditure over income of £217,338. A total grant of £258,609 was released to Westminster Abbey for the Heating Project, which comprises 98% of the Order's total outflow for the period.

The cash held at Coutts totals £80,537. The Trustees regularly assess the amount of reserves that are required to be able to support the Order's services and charitable contributions.

The market value of the investments in BlackRock as at 31st March 2025 is £1,055,147. The Trustees review the performance of the Investment Manager on a regular basis.

General funds are unrestricted funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Independent Examiner

G J Lowe Ltd, Pennyweights, 168 Welcomes Road, Kenley, Surrey CR8 5HB

Banker

Coutts & Co. Villiers Office, 440 Strand, London WC2R OQS

Investment Manager

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2D

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above during the Officers' meeting on the 29th of September 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Major General Jamie Gordon CB CBE
Registrar and Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Segrave
Deputy Secretary

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF
THE CHAPEL MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

2024	RECEIPTS	2025	PAYMENTS	2025	2024
£5,757.80	SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS	£5,677.80	AT HOME	£3,984.25	£3,500.29
	DIVIDENDS & INTEREST		WESTMINSTER ABBEY HEATING PROJECT	£258,609.01	£0.00
	Coutts Money Market Interest	£3,903.64	INSURANCE	£867.54	£979.92
	Coutts 90 Day Notice Account Int	£967.10	POSTAGE & CARRIAGE	£298.17	£299.64
£38,866.55	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£6,262.02	ACCOUNTANCY FEE	£492.00	£480.00
	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund/CGI	£29,140.12	NET STALL FURNISHINGS	-£342.28	-£2,958.44
	INCOME TAX REBATE		ORDER OF BATH - BOOK UPDATE	£287.95	£438.83
983.08	2024-2025	£908.28			
	2023-2024				
£45,607.43		£46,858.96		£264,196.64	£2,740.24
			SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		£42,867.19
			SURPLUS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-£217,337.68	
£45,607.43		£46,858.96		£46,858.96	£45,607.43

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2025

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	FUNDS		SHARES - MARKET VALUE @ 31/03/25
£1,858,040.29	Funds as at 31/03/24	£1,913,914.64	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund
£13,007.16	Change in Value of Assets	-£36,930.64	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund/CGI
£42,867.19	Income surplus		
	Expenditure surplus	-£217,337.68	
			PROPERTY
			Mantles
			Property at Westminster
			FUNDS AT BANK (COUTTS)
			Bank Current Account
			Chapel Money Market Account
			Chapel 90 Day Notice Account
			BOOK STOCK
			The Order of the Bath Book
			GIFT AID
			300 ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION AND SERVICE
			Reception tickets
			Service and Reception deposit
£1,913,914.64		£1,659,646.32	
			£1,055,147.08
			£1,056,675.58
			£481,630.00
			£364,487.78
			£10,138.20
			£983.08
			-£12,944.00
			£44,229.32
			£1,659,646.32
			£1,913,914.64

The above accounts have been examined and in my opinion are true and fair

Recommended for Approval

Accountant, G J Lowe FCCA

King of Arms, Bath Chapel Committee

Approved

Secretary, Bath Chapel Committee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Officers of The Order of The Bath

We report on the accounts of the Order for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on the attached sheet.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Order's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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29 July 2025

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Risk Management:

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Financial review

The major source of funding for the Order is from donations made by the Order's members, the tax rebates from these donations, and dividends from the Order's investments.

The total receipts for 2023-2024 is £45,607 while the total operating expenses is £6,599 (14% of income), resulting to a surplus of £39,009 of income over expenditure.

The cash held at Coutts totals £364,487, £300,000 of which was taken out from the Order's investment to support the heating project of Westminster Abbey.

The market value of the investments in BlackRock at the end of the period is £1,056,676. The Trustees review the performance of the Investment Manager on a regular basis.

The Trustees regularly review the amount of reserves that are required to be able to support the Order's services and charitable contributions.

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Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above during the Officers' meeting on the 8th of July 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Major General Jamie Gordon CB CBE
Registrar and Secretary

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF
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2023	RECEIPTS	2024	PAYMENTS	2024	2023
£5,997.80	SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS	£5,757.80	AT HOME	£3,500.29	£697.91
			WESTMINSTER ABBEY SERVICE	£0.00	£21,043.65
	DIVIDENDS & INTEREST		INSURANCE	£979.92	£387.09
	Coutts Money Market Interest	£1,069.20			
	Coutts 90 Day Notice Account Int	£970.91			
	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£6,730.53			
£39,632.96	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund/CGI	£30,095.91	POSTAGE & CARRIAGE	£299.64	£299.65
			ACCOUNTANCY FEE	£480.00	£480.00
	INCOME TAX REBATE		STALL PLATES		
£938.76	2022-2023		GALLOWAY BOOK STOCK		
	2023-2024	£983.08	Closing stock	<u>£10,138.20</u>	£83.10
				£0.00	
			ORDER OF BATH - BOOK UPDATE	£438.83	£0.00
£75.00	GALLOWAY BOOK SALES	£0.00	STALL FURNISHINGS BY INSTALMENT	£900.00	£610.50
<u>£46,644.52</u>		<u>£45,607.43</u>		<u>£6,598.68</u>	<u>£23,601.90</u>
			SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£39,008.75	£23,042.62
<u>£46,644.52</u>		<u>£45,607.43</u>		<u>£45,607.43</u>	<u>£46,644.52</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2024

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
	FUNDS		SHARES - MARKET VALUE @ 31/3/24		
£1,974,572.60	Funds as at 31/3/23	£1,858,040.29	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£ 166,149.53	
-£139,574.93	Change in Value of Assets	£13,007.16	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund/CGI	£ 890,526.05	£1,056,675.58
£23,042.62	Income surplus	£39,008.75			£1,306,841.98
			PROPERTY		
			Mantles	£ 10.00	
			Property at Westminster	£ 481,620.00	£481,630.00
			FUNDS AT BANK (COUTTS)		
			Chapel Money Market Account	£ 337,775.49	
			Chapel 90 Day Notice Account	£ 26,712.29	£364,487.78
			BOOK STOCK		
			The Order of the Bath Book		£10,138.20
			STALL FURNISHINGS BY INSTALMENTS		
			Amounts due or prepaid as at 31/3/24	-£3,858.44	-£1,718.93
			GIFT AID	£983.08	£938.76
<u>£1,858,040.29</u>		<u>£1,910,056.20</u>		<u>£1,910,056.20</u>	<u>£1,858,040.29</u>

The above accounts have been examined and in my opinion are true and fair

Recommended for Approval

Accountant, G J Lowe FCCA

King of Arms, Bath Chapel Committee

Approved

Secretary, Bath Chapel Committee

Great Master, Order of Bath

Independent Examiner's Report to the Officers of The Order of The Bath

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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25 June 2024

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Achievements and performance

Throughout the year, memorial and other Christian services are held in Westminster Abbey to which a large number of the public are invited to attend.

Significant services during the year:

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- Baptisms - 8
- Memorials - 3

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| Registrar and Secretary | - Major General Jamie Gordon CB CBE
(from April 2023)

Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE DL
(retired April 2023) |
| Deputy Secretary | - Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Segrave |
| Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod | - Major General Susan Ridge CB
(from June 2023)

Major General Jamie Gordon CB CBE
(as Registrar and Secretary from April 2023) |
| Genealogist | - David Vines White Esq |

Risk Management:

Periodically, the Trustees identify and review the major risks that may affect the stability and successful operation of the Charity. An action plan is implemented to minimise or mitigate any highlighted risks.

Financial review

The major source of funding for the Order is from donations made by the Order's members, the tax rebates from these donations, and dividends from the Order's investments.

The income surplus over expenditure in 2023 amounts to £23,042.62 while the cash held at Coutts Bank totals £60,210.28. The market value of the investments at the end of the period is £1,306,841.98, down by 7% from March 2022. The Trustees review the performance of the Investment Manager on a regular basis.

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Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

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	Coutts 90 Day Notice Account Int	£237.63	POSTAGE & CARRIAGE	£299.65	£262.11
£38,455.93	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£6,413.57			
	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund/CGI	£32,937.86	ACCOUNTANCY FEE	£480.00	£468.00
	INCOME TAX REBATE		STALL PLATES		£808.40
£890.24	2022-2023	£938.76	GALLOWAY BOOK STOCK		
			Closing stock	£10,138.20	
				£83.10	£138.50
£125.00	GALLOWAY BOOK SALES	£75.00	STALL FURNISHINGS BY INSTALMENT	£610.50	
<u>£45,597.97</u>		<u>£46,644.52</u>		<u>£23,601.90</u>	<u>£4,238.09</u>
			SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£23,042.62	£41,371.88
<u>£45,597.97</u>		<u>£46,644.52</u>		<u>£46,644.52</u>	<u>£45,609.97</u>

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LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
	FUNDS		SHARES - MARKET VALUE @ 31/3/23		
£1,893,338.42	Funds as at 31/3/22	£1,974,572.60	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£ 161,730.48	
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			FUNDS AT BANK (COUTTS)		
			Chapel Current Account		
			Chapel Money Market Account	£ 34,468.90	
			Chapel 90 Day Notice Account	£ 25,741.38	£69,659.40
			BOOK STOCK		
			The Order of the Bath Book	£10,138.20	£10,221.30
			STALL FURNISHINGS BY INSTALMENTS		
			Amounts due or prepaid as at 31/3/23	-£1,718.93	£5,106.08
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Genealogist	- Thomas Woodcock Esq CVO DL FSA David Vines White Esq (from July 2021)

Risk Management:

Periodically, the Trustees identify and review the major risks that may affect the stability and successful operation of the Charity. An action plan is implemented to minimise or mitigate any highlighted risks.

Financial review

The major source of funding for the Order is from donations made by the Order's members, the tax rebates from these donations, and dividends from the Order's investments.

The income surplus over expenditure in 2022 amounts to £41,372 while the cash held at Coutts Bank totals £69,659. The market value of the investments at the end of the period is £1,407,066, up by 5.9% from March 2021.

Overall, the total assets of the Order increased by 4.3% with a total value of £1,974,573 as at 31st of March 2022.

General funds are unrestricted funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Auditor

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Banker

Coutts & Co. Villiers Office, 440 Strand, London WC2R 0QS

Investment Manager

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited, 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2D

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above during the Officers' meeting on the 23rd of May 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE DL
Registrar and Secretary

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Segrave
Deputy Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Officers of The Order of The Bath

We report on the accounts of the Order for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on the attached sheet.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Order's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Lowe', is positioned above the printed name of the examiner.

Gary Lowe FCCA

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Chartered Certified Accountants

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13 May 2022

BATH CHAPEL FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 257501

Accounts

THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH

Trustees' Annual Report 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

Charity registration number: 257501

Principal Office:

Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood
St James's Palace
London
SW1A 1BH

Objective

The main purpose of the charity is to meet the costs of Ceremonies connected with the Most Honourable Order of The Bath.

Achievements and performance

Throughout the year, memorial and other Christian services are held in Westminster Abbey to which a large number of the public are invited to attend.

Significant services during the year:

- Weddings - 0
- Baptisms - 0
- Memorials - 0

Every four years the order holds a Ceremonial Service in Westminster Abbey, the last being on the 24th of May 2018, which was attended by over 2,000 people.

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity, number 257501. Trustees are selected by all the listed trustees and are subject to approval by Her Majesty The Queen. Certain trustees are appointed *ex officio*, for example the Secretary of the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood is the Deputy Secretary and the Dean of Westminster Abbey is the Dean of the Order. The others are notable holders of the Order of the Bath.

The charity is constituted by its governing document, a declaration of trust, dated 31st July 1914.

Clause 2 of the declaration of trust:

"The trust fund shall be held for the purpose of meeting the cost of Ceremonies connected with the said Most Honourable Order of the Bath and shall be administered by a Committee consisting of the persons who from time to time shall be the officers of the Order viz: the Dean, the King of Arms, the Registrar and Secretary, the Genealogist and the Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod."

Trustees

Dean	- The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle MBE
King of Arms	- Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Dalton GCB
Registrar and Secretary	- Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE DL
Gentleman Usher of the Scarlet Rod	- Major General James Gordon CB CBE
Deputy Secretary	- Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Segrave
Genealogist	- Thomas Woodcock Esq CVO DL FSA

Financial review

The major source of funding for the Order is from donations made by the Order's members, the tax rebates from these donations, and dividends from the Order's investments.

The income surplus over expenditure in 2021 amounts to £43,797 while the cash held at Coutts Bank totals £67,891. The market value of the investments at the end of the period is £1,328,781 slightly higher than in 2020 (£1,072,212).

Overall, the assets of the Order increased by £263,030 with a total value of £1,893,338 as at 31st of March 2021.

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Rear Admiral Iain Henderson CB CBE DL
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**THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF
THE CHAPEL MAINTENANCE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

2020	RECEIPTS	2021	PAYMENTS	2021	2020
£6,683.80	SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS	£6,133.80	AT HOME		£580.19
			INSURANCE	£326.21	£316.72
	DIVIDENDS & INTEREST		POSTAGE & CARRIAGE	£244.39	£260.50
	Coutts Money Market Interest	£37.65	ACCOUNTANCY FEE	£450.00	£552.00
	Coutts 90 Day Notice Account Int	£36.26			
£33,288.22	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£6,678.63	BATH GCB BOOKS		
	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund	£31,056.95			
	INCOME TAX REBATE		DEAN'S RETIREMENT DINNER		£912.35
	2020-2021	£800.38	NAME PLATE		£814.58
842.95	2019-2020	£74.38	WESTMINSTER ABBEY SERVICE		
£50.00	GALLOWAY BOOK SALES (5)		ORDER OF SERVICE		
	ROYALTIES RECEIVED		GALLOWAY BOOK STOCK		
	SUBSCRIPTION PAID IN ERROR		Closing stock (374 copies)	£10,359.80	
£0.00	MISC INCOME	£0.00		£0.00	£55.40
<u>£40,864.97</u>		<u>£44,818.05</u>		<u>£1,020.60</u>	<u>£3,491.74</u>
			SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£43,797.45	£37,373.23
<u>£40,864.97</u>		<u>£44,818.05</u>		<u>£44,818.05</u>	<u>£40,864.97</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 2021

LIABILITIES		ASSETS			
	RESERVES		SHARES - MARKET VALUE @ 31/3/21		
£1,748,241.22	Reserve Fund as at 31/3/20	£1,630,307.57	BLK Charities UK Bond Fund	£ 190,557.16	
-£155,306.88	Change in Value of Assets	£219,233.40	BLK Charities UK Equity Fund	£ 1,138,223.99	
£37,373.23	Income surplus	£43,797.45			£1,328,781.15
			PROPERTY		£1,072,212.17
			Mantles	£ 10.00	
			Property at Westminster	£ 481,620.00	£481,630.00
			FUNDS AT BANK (NATWEST)		
			Chapel Current Account		
			Chapel Business Reserve	£ -	£0.00
			FUNDS AT BANK (COUTTS)		
			Chapel Current Account	£ -	
			Chapel Money Market Account	£ 42,417.15	
			Chapel 90 Day Notice Account	£ 25,474.12	£67,891.27
			BOOK STOCK		
			The Order of the Bath Book (374 copies)	£10,359.80	£10,359.80
			STALL FURNISHINGS BY INSTALMENTS		
			Amounts due or prepaid as at 31/3/21	£3,875.82	£4,260.08
			GIFT AID	£800.38	£842.95
<u>£1,630,307.57</u>		<u>£1,893,338.42</u>		<u>£1,893,338.42</u>	<u>£1,630,307.57</u>

The above accounts have been examined and in my opinion are true and fair

Recommended for Approval

Accountant, G J Lowe FCCA

King of Arms, Bath Chapel Committee

Approved

Secretary, Bath Chapel Committee

Great Master, Order of the Bath

Independent Examiner's Report to the Officers of The Order of The Bath

We report on the accounts of the Order for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on the attached sheet.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiner

The charity's officers are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's officers consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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1 July 2021