

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 264558

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1972-09-18

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

Contact

Address Canterbury Cathedral
11 The Precincts
Canterbury
CT1 2EH

Phone 01227762862

Email charities@canterbury-cathedral.org

Activities

Objects: THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHOIR OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL AND ITS MUSIC INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF BURSARIES OR SCHOLARSHIPS OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THEIR DISCRETION FOR THE BOYS AND LAY CLERKS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR INCLUDING THE ORGANIST AND ASSISTANT ORGANISTS.

Activities: The maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music including provision of bursaries, scholarships or financial assistance for boys, lay clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the organist and assistant organists, through grants made to Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DIOCESE OF CANTERBURY
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£60,386	£55,365	-	-
2024-03-31	£55,246	£55,388	-	-
2023-03-31	£52,820	£52,554	-	-
2022-03-31	£52,226	£52,214	-	-
2021-03-31	£56,518	£56,553	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
THE DEAN AND CHAPTER OF CANTERBURY		

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 264558

Accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

**Trustee's Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Charity Registration Number: 264558

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust
for the year end 31 March 2025

Contents

	Page
Administrative information	1
Trustee's Report	2 - 5
Independent Examiner's Report	6
Statement of financial activities	7
Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 10

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

1.

Administrative information

Constitution

The Trust was founded by the Reverend Canon Horace Spence and his wife Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Spence in 1968 and augmented by bequests received upon their deaths.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury executed a Declaration of Trust on 21 July 1972 and the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 264558) on 18 September 1972.

Trustee

The Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral is the sole trustee. Canterbury Cathedral is a registered charity with a registration number of 1206913.

Principal Officers

Ms Julie Wood ACA

Principal Office

Cathedral House
The Precincts
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EH

Investment Managers

Sarasin Investment Management Limited
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London. EC4M 8BU

Independent Examiner

Mr T. Wacher FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2TU

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

2.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustee submits their annual report and the financial statements of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustee confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music by the Chapter of Canterbury, including the provision of bursaries or scholarships or financial assistance at in their discretion for the boys and Lay Clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the Organist and Assistant Organists to the intent that the music and singing in the Cathedral may be maintained to the standards worthy of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion.

Policies

The capital of the Trust is invested in any stocks, funds, securities or investments authorised by law. The capital is preserved intact, but any income and interest arising on the capital is paid over to the Chapter of Canterbury each year for them to use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Trust is the Trust Deed.

The Trust is managed by the Chapter of Canterbury, the books of account being maintained by the Cathedral's Finance Department. The Investments are managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. The performance of the Investments is monitored by the Trustee.

Review of activities and financial performance

The Trust holds investments, the income from which, is paid to the Chapter of Canterbury for use in accordance with the Objects of the Trust. Specialists are employed to manage the investments on behalf of the Trustee. During the year investment income was £60,386 (2024: £55,246). £55,365 was paid to the Chapter of Canterbury (2024: £55,388).

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustee confirms that it has complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Canterbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. The Cathedral has a strong musical tradition which is enjoyed by a wide range of people at services and also at concerts and recitals. The objects of the charity help to ensure that the musical tradition can continue to be funded and available to as wide an audience as possible and at a world class standard.

In February 2023, the Cathedral announced changes to the music provision for the Cathedral and a new model for the choir which started during the year. New choristers are no longer required to attend or board at St Edmund's School in Canterbury and are being recruited from a broader range of educational backgrounds. Girls and boy choristers are singing an equal number of services at the Cathedral. The Cathedral has started some new musical outreach with local schools.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2025

Balance Sheet

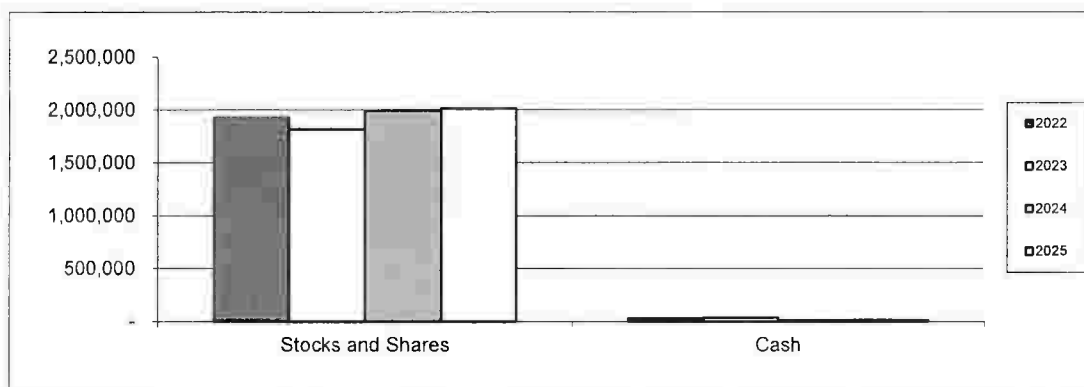
Assets

Fund Value

The net asset value of the fund at 31 March 2025 was £2,027,514 (2024: £2,001,527), an increase of 1.2% on the previous year (2024: 8.1% increase).

The following table illustrates the movement in value and spread of investments at market value over the last four years:

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Stocks and Shares	1,932,962	1,816,911	1,993,445	2,014,411
Cash	29,864	34,203	8,082	13,103
TOTAL FUNDS	1,962,826	1,851,114	2,001,527	2,027,514



The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2025

(continued)

Incoming Resources

The return achieved by the investments held by the fund is shown in the table below.

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash and Investments at Market Value	2,027,514	2,001,527
Investment Income	60,386	55,246
Increase in Market Value of Investments	20,966	150,555
Total Return	81,352	205,801
% Rate of Total Return	4.01%	10.28%

The total return of 4.01% compares with a FTSE all share total return of +10.5% for the year (2024: +10.28% compared with FTSE all share total return of +8.4%).

Reserves policy

The trustee considers that the reserves of the trust are sufficient to meet their present commitments.

Risk management

The trustee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investments and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks. The main risk relates to performance of the investments. The risk is mitigated through the appointment of professional investment managers and regular review by the trustee against benchmarks.

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

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

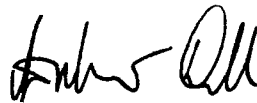
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- 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 operation.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust**Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)****Statement of trustee's responsibilities (continued)**

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee on 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



19.09.25

The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2025.

I report to the charity's Trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 7-10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustee, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

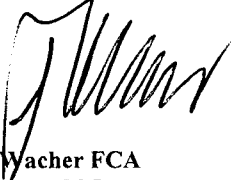
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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


Mr T. B. Wacher FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury

30/9/2025

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

7.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2024
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Investment income:			
Income from UK listed investments		<u>60,386</u>	<u>55,246</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>60,386</u>	<u>55,246</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Reimbursement to The Chapter of Canterbury of expenditure incurred on objects of the Trust Fund		<u>55,365</u>	<u>55,388</u>
Total resources expended		<u>55,365</u>	<u>55,388</u>
Total net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		5,021	(142)
Other recognised gains and losses	2	20,966	150,555
Net movement in funds		25,987	150,413
Balances brought forward		2,001,527	1,851,114
Balances carried forward		<u>2,027,514</u>	<u>2,001,527</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

8.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	2,027,514	2,001,527
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>2,027,514</u>	<u>2,001,527</u>
Funds	3	<u>2,027,514</u>	<u>2,001,527</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 19.09.25 and signed on its behalf by:-

 19.09.25

The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, apart from investments which are included in the accounts at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

1.3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income and associated tax recoverable are credited to income on an accruals basis.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Expenditure on management and administration of the charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

1.6 Fund accounting

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust is a restricted fund, which may only be used for the purposes for which the Trust was set up, namely the provision of musical activities as set out in the Trust Deed.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (continued)

2 Investments

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Market value brought forward	1,993,445	1,816,911
Additions/(Disposals)	-	30,000
Fees	-	(4,021)
Net realised and unrealised investment gains and (losses)	20,966	150,555
Market value 31 March	2,014,411	1,993,445
Investment cash	13,103	8,082
	2,027,514	2,001,527
Analysed as follows:		
UK Unit Trusts	2,014,411	1,993,445
Cash	13,103	8,082
	2,027,514	2,001,527
	2025 £	2024 £
The historical cost of the investments at 31 March was:	1,043,156	1,043,156

3 Funds

The fund is a restricted fund, the capital of which is maintained in appropriate investments and the income and interest of which can only be used for the provision of musical activities in Canterbury Cathedral as set out in the Trust deed.

4 Controlling Party

The Trust was set up to assist the Chapter of Canterbury to meet the costs of providing music in the Cathedral. The Trust deed provides that the Chapter of Canterbury is Trustee of the Charity and the Trust was controlled throughout the year by the Chapter of Canterbury.

During the year the Trust paid investment income of £60,386 (2024: £55,388) to the Chapter of Canterbury. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

5 Trustee's Remuneration.

No remuneration was paid to the trustee nor were any expenses reimbursed to them in the current or prior year.

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 264558

Accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Trustee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity Registration Number: 264558

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust
for the year end 31 March 2024

Contents

	Page
Administrative information	1
Trustee's Report	2 - 5
Independent Examiner's Report	6
Statement of financial activities	7
Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 10

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

1.

Administrative information

Constitution

The Trust was founded by the Reverend Canon Horace Spence and his wife Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Spence in 1968 and augmented by bequests received upon their deaths.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury executed a Declaration of Trust on 21 July 1972 and the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 264558) on 18 September 1972.

Trustee

The Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral is the sole trustee. During the year, Canterbury Cathedral was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission with a registration number of 1206913.

Principal Officers

Ms Julie Wood ACA

Principal Office

Cathedral House
The Precincts
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EH

Investment Managers

Sarasin Investment Management Limited
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London. EC4M 8BU

Independent Examiner

Mr T. Wachter FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2TU

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

2.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustee submits their annual report and the financial statements of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustee confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music by the Chapter of Canterbury, including the provision of bursaries or scholarships or financial assistance at in their discretion for the boys and Lay Clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the Organist and Assistant Organists to the intent that the music and singing in the Cathedral may be maintained to the standards worthy of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion.

Policies

The capital of the Trust is invested in any stocks, funds, securities or investments authorised by law. The capital is preserved intact, but any income and interest arising on the capital is paid over to the Chapter of Canterbury each year for them to use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Trust is the Trust Deed.

The Trust is managed by the Chapter of Canterbury, the books of account being maintained by the Cathedral's Finance Department. The Investments are managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. The performance of the Investments is monitored by the Trustee.

Review of activities and financial performance

The Trust holds investments, the income from which, is paid to the Chapter of Canterbury for use in accordance with the Objects of the Trust. Specialists are employed to manage the investments on behalf of the Trustee. During the year investment income was £55,246 (2023: £52,820). £55,388 was paid to the Chapter of Canterbury (2023: £52,554).

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustee confirms that it has complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Canterbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. The Cathedral has a strong musical tradition which is enjoyed by a wide range of people at services and also at concerts and recitals. The objects of the charity help to ensure that the musical tradition can continue to be funded and available to as wide an audience as possible and at a world class standard.

In February 2023, the Cathedral announced changes to the music provision for the Cathedral and a new model for the choir which started during the year. New choristers are no longer required to attend or board at St Edmund's School in Canterbury and are being recruited from a broader range of educational backgrounds. Girls and boy choristers are singing an equal number of services at the Cathedral. The Cathedral has started some new musical outreach with local schools.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2024

Balance Sheet

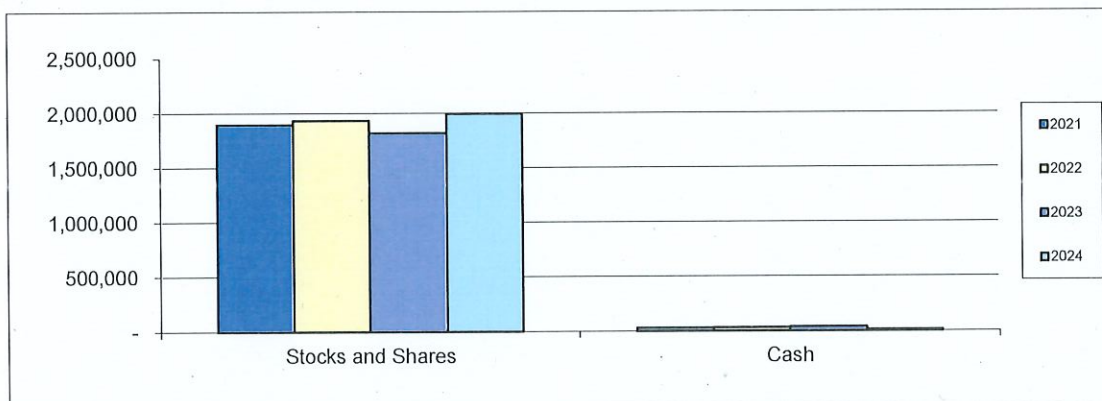
Assets

Fund Value

The net asset value of the fund at 31 March 2024 was £2,001,527 (2023: £1,851,114), an increase of 8.1% on the previous year (2023: 5.7% decrease).

The following table illustrates the movement in value and spread of investments at market value over the last four years:

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Stocks and Shares	1,892,309	1,932,962	1,816,911	1,993,445
Cash	25,421	29,864	34,203	8,082
TOTAL FUNDS	1,917,730	1,962,826	1,851,114	2,001,527



The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2024

(continued)

Incoming Resources

The return achieved by the investments held by the fund is shown in the table below.

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash and Investments at Market Value	2,001,527	1,851,114
Investment Income	55,246	52,820
Increase/(decrease) in Market Value of Investments	150,555	(116,051)
Total Return	205,801	(63,231)
% Rate of Total Return	10.28%	-3.42%

The total return of 10.28% compares with a FTSE all share total return of +8.4% for the year (2023: -3.42% compared with FTSE all share total return of +2.92%).

Reserves policy

The trustee considers that the reserves of the trust are sufficient to meet their present commitments.

Risk management

The trustee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investments and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks. The main risk relates to performance of the investments. The risk is mitigated through the appointment of professional investment managers and regular review by the trustee against benchmarks.

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- 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 operation.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2024

(continued)

Statement of trustee's responsibilities (continued)

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee on 01 Nov 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philippa Minter', written over a horizontal line.

The Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2024.

I report to the charity's Trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7-10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustee, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

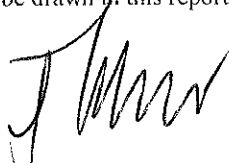
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr T. B. Wacher FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury

7 November 2024

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

7.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2023
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Investment income:			
Income from UK listed investments		<u>55,246</u>	<u>52,820</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>55,246</u>	<u>52,820</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Reimbursement to The Chapter of Canterbury of expenditure incurred on objects of the Trust Fund		<u>55,388</u>	<u>52,554</u>
Total resources expended		<u>55,388</u>	<u>52,554</u>
Total net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		(142)	266
Other recognised gains and losses	2	150,555	(111,978)
Net movement in funds		150,413	(111,712)
Balances brought forward		1,851,114	1,962,826
Balances carried forward		<u>2,001,527</u>	<u>1,851,114</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

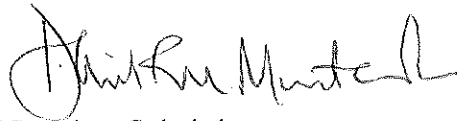
The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

8.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	2,001,527	1,851,114
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>2,001,527</u>	<u>1,851,114</u>
Funds	3	<u>2,001,527</u>	<u>1,851,114</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on **01 Nov** 2024 and signed on its behalf by:-



The Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, apart from investments which are included in the accounts at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

1.3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income and associated tax recoverable are credited to income on an accruals basis.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Expenditure on management and administration of the charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

1.6 Fund accounting

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust is a restricted fund, which may only be used for the purposes for which the Trust was set up, namely the provision of musical activities as set out in the Trust Deed.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (continued)

2 Investments

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Market value brought forward	1,816,911	1,932,962
Additions/(Disposals)	30,000	-
Fees	(4,021)	(4,073)
Net realised and unrealised investment gains and (losses)	150,555	(111,978)
Market value 31 March	1,993,445	1,816,911
Investment cash	8,082	34,203
	<u>2,001,527</u>	<u>1,851,114</u>
Analysed as follows:		
UK Unit Trusts	1,993,445	1,816,911
Cash	8,082	34,203
	<u>2,001,527</u>	<u>1,851,114</u>
	2024 £	2023 £
The historical cost of the investments at 31 March was:	<u>1,043,156</u>	<u>1,013,156</u>

3 Funds

The fund is a restricted fund, the capital of which is maintained in appropriate investments and the income and interest of which can only be used for the provision of musical activities in Canterbury Cathedral as set out in the Trust deed.

4 Controlling Party

The Trust was set up to assist the Chapter of Canterbury to meet the costs of providing music in the Cathedral. The Trust deed provides that the Chapter of Canterbury is Trustee of the Charity and the Trust was controlled throughout the year by the Chapter of Canterbury.

During the year the Trust paid investment income of £55,388 (2023: £52,554) to the Chapter of Canterbury. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

5 Trustee's Remuneration.

No remuneration was paid to the trustee nor were any expenses reimbursed to them in the current or prior year.

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 264558

Accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Trustee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity Registration Number: 264558

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust
for the year end 31 March 2023

Contents

	Page
Administrative information	1
Trustee's Report	2 - 5
Independent Examiner's Report	6
Statement of financial activities	7
Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 10

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

1.

Administrative information

Constitution

The Trust was founded by the Reverend Canon Horace Spence and his wife Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Spence in 1968 and augmented by bequests received upon their deaths.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury executed a Declaration of Trust on 21 July 1972 and the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 264558) on 18 September 1972.

Trustee

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Principal Officers

Ms Julie Wood ACA

Principal Office

Cathedral House
The Precincts
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EH

Investment Managers

Sarasin Investment Management Limited
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London. EC4M 8BU

Independent Examiner

Mr T. Wachter FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2TU

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

2.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustee submits their annual report and the financial statements of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustee confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music by The Chapter of Canterbury, including the provision of bursaries or scholarships or financial assistance at in their discretion for the boys and Lay Clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the Organist and Assistant Organists to the intent that the music and singing in the Cathedral may be maintained to the standards worthy of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion.

Policies

The capital of the Trust is invested in any stocks, funds, securities or investments authorised by law. The capital is preserved intact, but any income and interest arising on the capital is paid over to The Chapter of Canterbury each year for them to use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Trust is the Trust Deed.

The Trust is managed by The Chapter of Canterbury, the books of account being maintained by the Cathedral's Finance Department. The Investments are managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. The performance of the Investments is monitored by the Trustee.

Review of activities and financial performance

The Trust holds investments, the income from which, is paid to The Chapter of Canterbury for use in accordance with the Objects of the Trust. Specialists are employed to manage the investments on behalf of the Trustee. During the year investment income was £52,820 (2022: £52,226). £52,554 was paid to the Chapter of Canterbury (2022: £52,214).

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustee confirms that it has complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Canterbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. The Cathedral has a strong musical tradition which is enjoyed by a wide range of people at services and also at concerts and recitals. The objects of the charity help to ensure that the musical tradition can continue to be funded and available to as wide an audience as possible and at a world class standard.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2023

Balance Sheet

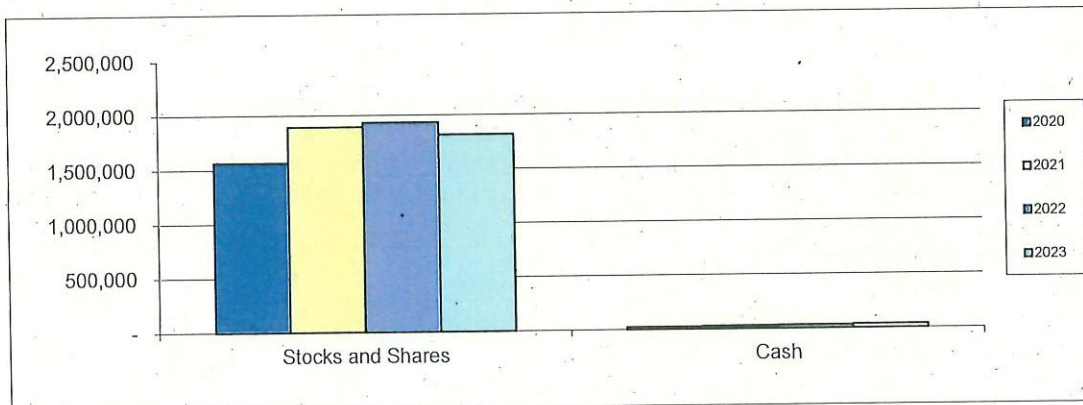
Assets

Fund Value

The net asset value of the fund at 31 March 2023 was £1,851,114 (2022: £1,962,826), a decrease of 5.7% on the previous year (2022: 2.4% increase).

The following table illustrates the movement in value and spread of investments at market value over the last four years:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stocks and Shares	1,561,422	1,892,309	1,932,962	1,816,911
Cash	21,682	25,421	29,864	34,203
TOTAL FUNDS	1,583,104	1,917,730	1,962,826	1,851,114



The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2023

(continued)

Incoming Resources

The return achieved by the investments held by the fund is shown in the table below.

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash and Investments at Market Value	1,851,114	1,962,826
Investment Income	52,820	52,226
(Decrease)/increase in Market Value of Investments	(116,051)	40,653
Total Return	(63,231)	92,879
% Rate of Total Return	-3.42%	4.73%

The total return of -3.42% compares with a FTSE all share total return of +2.92% for the year (2022: +4.73% compared with FTSE all share total return of +13.03%).

Reserves policy

The trustee considers that the reserves of the trust are sufficient to meet their present commitments.

Risk management

The trustee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investments and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks. The main risk relates to performance of the investments. The risk is mitigated through the appointment of professional investment managers and regular review by the trustee against benchmarks.

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- 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 operation.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

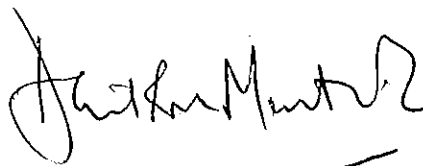
Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2023

(continued)

Statement of trustee's responsibilities (continued)

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee on 29/9/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2023.

I report to the charity's Trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7-10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustee, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr T. B. Wachter FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury

6 October.....2023

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

7.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2022
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Investment income:			
Income from UK listed investments		<u>52,820</u>	<u>52,226</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>52,820</u>	<u>52,226</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Reimbursement to The Chapter of Canterbury of expenditure incurred on objects of the Trust Fund		<u>52,554</u>	<u>52,214</u>
Total resources expended		<u>52,554</u>	<u>52,214</u>
Total net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		266	12
Other recognised gains and losses	2	(111,978)	45,084
Net movement in funds		(111,712)	45,096
Balances brought forward		1,962,826	1,917,730
Balances carried forward		<u>1,851,114</u>	<u>1,962,826</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

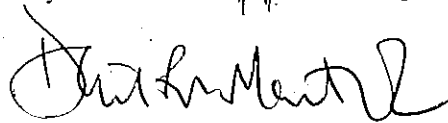
The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

8.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	1,851,114	1,962,826
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>1,851,114</u>	<u>1,962,826</u>
Funds	3	<u>1,851,114</u>	<u>1,962,826</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 29/01/2023 and signed on its behalf by:-



The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

9.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, apart from investments which are included in the accounts at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

1.3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income and associated tax recoverable are credited to income on an accruals basis.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Expenditure on management and administration of the charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

1.6 Fund accounting

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust is a restricted fund, which may only be used for the purposes for which the Trust was set up, namely the provision of musical activities as set out in the Trust Deed.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (continued)

2 Investments

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Market value brought forward	1,932,962	1,892,309
Fees	(4,073)	(4,431)
Net realised and unrealised investment gains and (losses)	(111,978)	45,084
Market value 31 March	1,816,911	1,932,962
Investment cash	34,203	29,864
	<u>1,851,114</u>	<u>1,962,826</u>
Analysed as follows:		
UK Unit Trusts	1,816,911	1,932,962
Cash	34,203	29,864
	<u>1,851,114</u>	<u>1,962,826</u>
	2023	2022
	£	£
The historical cost of the investments at 31 March was:	<u>1,013,156</u>	<u>1,013,156</u>

3 Funds

The fund is a restricted fund, the capital of which is maintained in appropriate investments and the income and interest of which can only be used for the provision of musical activities in Canterbury Cathedral as set out in the Trust deed.

4 Controlling Party

The Trust was set up to assist The Chapter of Canterbury to meet the costs of providing music in the Cathedral. The Trust deed provides that The Chapter of Canterbury is Trustee of the Charity and the Trust was controlled throughout the year by The Chapter of Canterbury.

During the year the Trust paid investment income of £52,554 (2022: £52,214) to the Chapter of Canterbury. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

5 Trustee's Remuneration.

No remuneration was paid to the trustee nor were any expenses reimbursed to them in the current or prior year.

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 264558

Accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Trustee's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity Registration Number: 264558

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust
for the year end 31 March 2022

Contents

	Page
Administrative information	1
Trustee's Report	2 - 5
Independent Examiner's Report	6
Statement of financial activities	7
Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 10

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

1.

Administrative information

Constitution

The Trust was founded by the Reverend Canon Horace Spence and his wife Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Spence in 1968 and augmented by bequests received upon their deaths.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury executed a Declaration of Trust on 21 July 1972 and the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 264558) on 18 September 1972.

Trustee

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Principal Officers

Ms Julie Wood ACA

Principal Office

Cathedral House
The Precincts
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EH

Investment Managers

Sarasin Investment Management Limited
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London, EC4M 8BU

Independent Examiner

Mr T. Wachter FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2TU

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

2.

Trustee's report for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustee submits their annual report and the financial statements of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustee confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music by The Chapter of Canterbury, including the provision of bursaries or scholarships or financial assistance at in their discretion for the boys and Lay Clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the Organist and Assistant Organists to the intent that the music and singing in the Cathedral may be maintained to the standards worthy of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion.

Policies

The capital of the Trust is invested in any stocks, funds, securities or investments authorised by law. The capital is preserved intact, but any income and interest arising on the capital is paid over to The Chapter of Canterbury each year for them to use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Trust is the Trust Deed.

The Trust is managed by The Chapter of Canterbury, the books of account being maintained by the Cathedral's Finance Department. The Investments are managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. The performance of the Investments is monitored by the Trustee.

Review of activities and financial performance

The Trust holds investments, the income from which, is paid to The Chapter of Canterbury for use in accordance with the Objects of the Trust. Specialists are employed to manage the investments on behalf of the Trustee. During the year investment income was £52,226. £52,214 was paid to the Chapter of Canterbury.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustee confirms that it has complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Canterbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. The Cathedral has a strong musical tradition which is enjoyed by a wide range of people at services and also at concerts and recitals. The objects of the charity help to ensure that the musical tradition can continue to be funded and available to as wide an audience as possible and at a world class standard.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2022

Balance Sheet

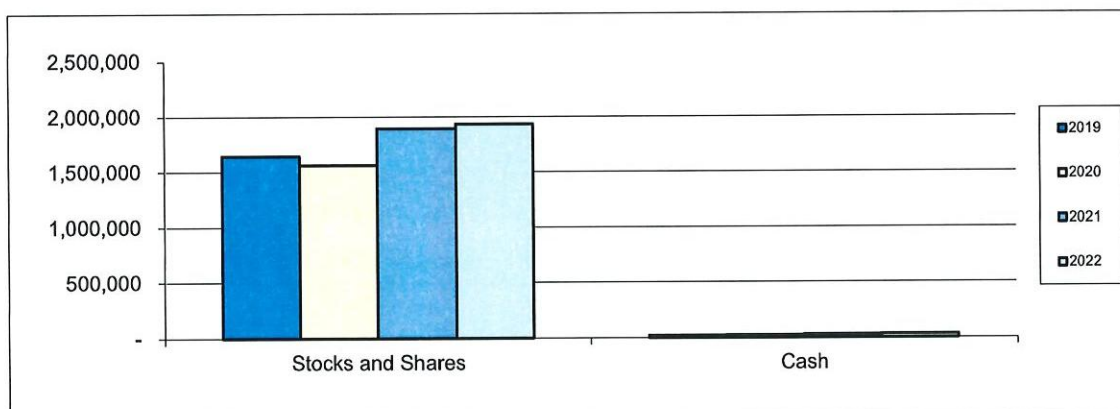
Assets

Fund Value

The net asset value of the fund at 31 March 2022 was £1,962,826 (2021: £1,917,730), an increase of 2.4% on the previous year (2021: 21.1% increase).

The following table illustrates the movement in value and spread of investments at market value over the last four years:

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Stocks and Shares	1,642,183	1,561,422	1,892,309	1,932,962
Cash	18,152	21,682	25,421	29,864
TOTAL FUNDS	1,660,335	1,583,104	1,917,730	1,962,826



The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2022

(continued)

Incoming Resources

The return achieved by the investments held by the fund is shown in the table below.

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash and Investments at Market Value	1,962,826	1,917,730
Investment Income	52,226	56,518
Increase/(Decrease)in Market Value of Investments	40,653	330,887
Total Return	92,879	387,405
% Rate of Total Return	4.73%	20.20%

The total return of 4.73% compares with a FTSE all share total return of -6.1% for the year (2021: 20.20% compared with FTSE all share total return of 26.7%).

Reserves policy

The trustee considers that the reserves of the trust are sufficient to meet their present commitments.

Risk management

The trustee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investments and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks. The main risk relates to performance of the investments. The risk is mitigated through the appointment of professional investment managers and regular review by the trustee against benchmarks.

Statement of trustee's responsibilities

The trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 and Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- 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 operation.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2022

(continued)

Statement of trustee's responsibilities (continued)

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustee on 28 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2022.

I report to the charity's Trustee on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 7-10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustee, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mr T. B. Wachter FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury

21 November2022

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

7.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £
Incoming resources			
Investment income:			
Income from UK listed investments		<u>52,226</u>	<u>56,518</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>52,226</u>	<u>56,518</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Reimbursement to The Chapter of Canterbury of expenditure incurred on objects of the Trust Fund		<u>52,214</u>	<u>56,553</u>
Total resources expended		<u>52,214</u>	<u>56,553</u>
Total net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		12	(35)
Other recognised gains and losses	2	45,084	334,661
Net movement in funds		45,096	334,626
Balances brought forward		1,917,730	1,583,104
Balances carried forward		<u>1,962,826</u>	<u>1,917,730</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

8.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	1,962,826	1,917,730
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>1,962,826</u>	<u>1,917,730</u>
Funds	3	<u>1,962,826</u>	<u>1,917,730</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 28 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:-



The Dean & Chapter of Canterbury Cathedral

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, apart from investments which are included in the accounts at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

1.3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income and associated tax recoverable are credited to income on an accruals basis.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Expenditure on management and administration of the charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

1.6 Fund accounting

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust is a restricted fund, which may only be used for the purposes for which the Trust was set up, namely the provision of musical activities as set out in the Trust Deed.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

10.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (continued)

2 Investments

Market value brought forward
Fees
Net realised and unrealised investment gains and (losses)
Market value 31 March
Investment cash

Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
1,892,309	1,561,422
(4,431)	(3,774)
45,084	334,661
1,932,962	1,892,309
29,864	25,421
1,962,826	1,917,730

Analysed as follows:

UK Unit Trusts	1,932,962	1,892,309
Cash	29,864	25,421
	1,962,826	1,917,730

The historical cost of the investments at 31 March was:

2022 £	2021 £
1,013,156	1,013,156

3 Funds

The fund is a restricted fund, the capital of which is maintained in appropriate investments and the income and interest of which can only be used for the provision of musical activities in Canterbury Cathedral as set out in the Trust deed.

4 Controlling Party

The Trust was set up to assist The Chapter of Canterbury to meet the costs of providing music in the Cathedral. The Trust deed provides that The Chapter of Canterbury is Trustee of the Charity and the Trust was controlled throughout the year by The Chapter of Canterbury.

During the year the Trust paid investment income of £52,214 (2021: £56,553) to the Chapter of Canterbury. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

5 Trustee's Remuneration.

No remuneration was paid to the trustee nor were any expenses reimbursed to them in the current or prior year.

THE SPENCE CATHEDRAL CHOIR TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 264558

Accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

**Trustees' Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Charity Registration Number: 264558

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust
for the year end 31 March 2021

Contents

	Page
Administrative information	1
Trustees' Report	2 - 5
Independent Examiner's Report	6
Statement of financial activities	7
Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the financial statements	9 - 10

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

1.

Administrative information

Constitution

The Trust was founded by the Reverend Canon Horace Spence and his wife Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Spence in 1968 and augmented by bequests received upon their deaths.

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury executed a Declaration of Trust on 21 July 1972 and the Trust was registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 264558) on 18 September 1972.

Trustees

The Chapter of Canterbury

Principal Officers

Ms Julie Wood ACA - Charity Correspondent

Principal Office

Cathedral House
The Precincts
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2EH

Investment Managers

Sarasin Investment Management Limited
Juxon House
100 St Paul's Churchyard
London. EC4M 8BU

Independent Examiner

Mr C. N. Relf FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
37 St Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent CT1 2TU

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

2.

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives

The objectives of the charity are the maintenance of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral and its music by The Chapter of Canterbury, including the provision of bursaries or scholarships or financial assistance in their discretion for the boys and Lay Clerks and other members of the Cathedral choir including the Organist and Assistant Organists to the intent that the music and singing in the Cathedral may be maintained to the standards worthy of the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion.

Policies

The capital of the Trust is invested in any stocks, funds, securities or investments authorised by law. The capital is preserved intact, but any income and interest arising on the capital is paid over to The Chapter of Canterbury each year for them to use in the furtherance of the Objects of the Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document of the Trust is the Trust Deed.

The Trust is managed by The Chapter of Canterbury, the books of account being maintained by the Cathedral's Finance Department. The Investments are managed by Sarasin and Partners LLP. The performance of the Investments is monitored by the Trustees.

Review of activities and financial performance

The Trust holds investments, the income from which, is paid to The Chapter of Canterbury for use in accordance with the Objects of the Trust. Specialists are employed to manage the investments on behalf of the Trustees. During the year investment income was £56,518 with no donation income received. £56,553 was paid to the Chapter of Canterbury.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Canterbury Cathedral is the mother church of the Anglican Communion. The Cathedral has a strong musical tradition which is enjoyed by a wide range of people at services and also at concerts and recitals. The objects of the charity help to ensure that the musical tradition can continue to be funded and available to as wide an audience as possible and at a world class standard.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2021

Balance Sheet

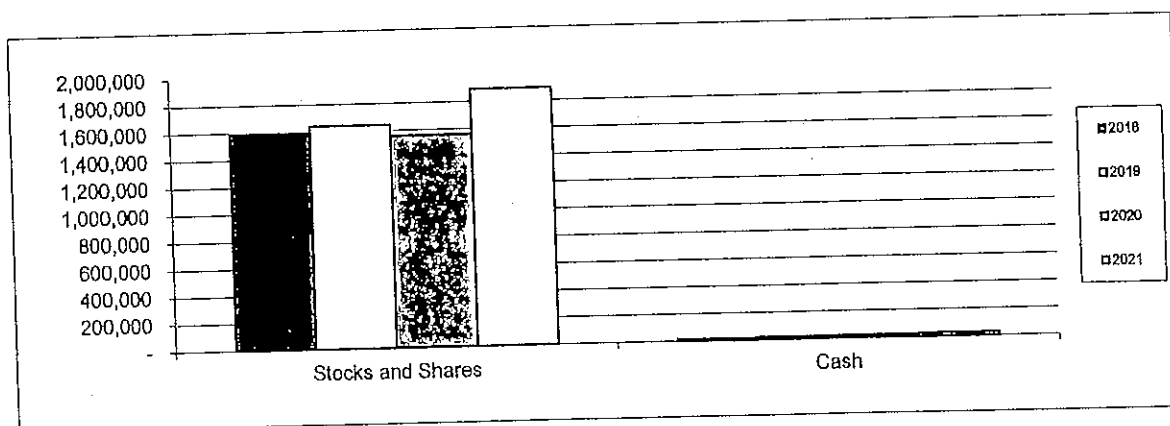
Assets

Fund Value

The net asset value of the fund at 31 March 2021 was £1,917,730 (2020: £1,583,104), an increase of 21.1% on the previous year (2020: 4.7% decrease).

The following table illustrates the movement in value and spread of investments at market value over the last four years:

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Stocks and Shares	1,592,997	1,642,183	1,561,422	1,892,309
Cash	14,791	18,152	21,682	25,421
TOTAL FUNDS	1,607,788	1,660,335	1,583,104	1,917,730



The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

4.

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2021

(continued)

Incoming Resources

The return achieved by the investments held by the fund is shown in the table below.

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash and Investments at Market Value	1,917,730	1,583,104
Investment Income	56,518	56,630
Increase/(Decrease) in Market Value of Investments	330,887	(80,761)
Total Return	387,405	(24,131)
% Rate of Total Return	20.20%	-1.52%

The total return of 20.20% compares with a FTSE all share total return of 26.7% for the year (2020: -1.52% compared with FTSE all share total return of -18.45%).

Reserves policy

The trustees consider that the reserves of the trust are sufficient to meet their present commitments.

Risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the investments and finances of the Trust, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to the major risks. The main risk relates to performance of the investments. The risk is mitigated through the appointment of professional investment managers and regular review by trustees against benchmarks.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 and 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 of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS102);
- 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 operation.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

Financial Review for the year ended 31 March 2021

(continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 24 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Dean of Canterbury

24.09.2021

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust for the Year ended 31 March 2021.

I report to the charity's Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 7-10.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Mr C. N. Relf FCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
Canterbury

27 September 2021

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

7.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2020
		£	£
Incoming resources			
Investment income:			
Income from UK listed investments		56,518	56,630
Donations, Legacies and similar incoming resources		-	150
Total incoming resources		<u>56,518</u>	<u>56,780</u>
Resources expended			
Direct charitable expenditure:			
Reimbursement to The Chapter of Canterbury of expenditure incurred on objects of the Trust Fund		56,553	56,773
Total resources expended		<u>56,553</u>	<u>56,773</u>
Total net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year		(35)	7
Other recognised gains and losses	2	334,661	(77,238)
Net movement in funds		334,626	(77,231)
Balances brought forward		1,583,104	1,660,335
Balances carried forward		<u>1,917,730</u>	<u>1,583,104</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

8.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Investments	2	1,917,730	1,583,104
Current Assets			
Debtor		-	-
Liabilities due within one year			
Creditor		-	-
Net current assets		-	-
Net assets		<u>1,917,730</u>	<u>1,583,104</u>
Funds	3	<u>1,917,730</u>	<u>1,583,104</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:-



The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust

9.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of the accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, apart from investments which are included in the accounts at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Income

Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

1.3 Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income and associated tax recoverable are credited to income on an accruals basis.

1.4 Value Added Tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.5 Expenditure on management and administration of the charity

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity.

1.6 Fund accounting

The Spence Cathedral Choir Trust is a restricted fund, which may only be used for the purposes for which the Trust was set up, namely the provision of musical activities as set out in the Trust Deed.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 (continued)

2 Investments

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Market value brought forward	1,561,422	1,642,183
Fees	(3,774)	(3,523)
Net realised and unrealised investment gains and (losses)	334,661	(77,238)
Market value 31 March	1,892,309	1,561,422
Investment cash	25,421	21,682
	1,917,730	1,583,104
Analysed as follows:		
UK Unit Trusts	1,892,309	1,561,422
Cash	25,421	21,682
	1,917,730	1,583,104
	2021 £	2020 £
The historical cost of the investments at 31 March was:	1,013,156	1,013,156

3 Funds

The fund is a restricted fund, the capital of which is maintained in appropriate investments and the income and interest of which can only be used for the provision of musical activities in Canterbury Cathedral as set out in the Trust deed.

4 Controlling Party

The Trust was set up to assist The Chapter of Canterbury to meet the costs of providing music in the Cathedral. The Trust deed provides that The Chapter of Canterbury is Trustee of the Charity and the Trust was controlled throughout the year by The Chapter of Canterbury.

During the year the Trust paid investment, donations and legacy income of £56,553 (2020: £56,773) to the Chapter of Canterbury. No amounts were outstanding at the year end.

5 Trustee's Remuneration.

No remuneration was paid to the trustees nor were any expenses reimbursed to them in the current or prior year.