

Charity no: 280455

THE ST JAMES'S TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number	280455
Date of trust	10 June 1980
Trustees	Mrs Jane Wells Mrs Cathy Ingram Ms Francesca Unsworth
Registered Office	9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4DJ
Solicitors	Heydons 23 Bentink Street London W1U 2EZ
Auditors	Begbies Chartered Accountants 9 Bonhill Street London EC2A 4DJ
Investment managers	Nedbank Private Wealth Millenium Bridge House 2 Lambeth Hill London EC4V 4GG UBS Financial Services 1285 Ave of Americas 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th & 20th Floors New York NY 10019

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 5th April 2024

Structure, governance and management

The trust was created by a deed dated 10 June 1980 as a trust exclusively for charitable purposes, 'charitable' meaning charitable according to UK law. The trust was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 September 1980, charity registration no. 280455. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the deed.

The trustees believe that the major risk to which the charity is exposed is volatility in the performance of its listed investments. The trustees manage this risk by holding diversified portfolios, denominated in both sterling and US dollars, and managed by experienced brokers.

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.

Objectives and activities

The trust makes grants to charitable organisations that respond to areas of concern of which the trustees have particular knowledge. In the UK the main concerns are in the areas of health, education and social justice. In the USA the main areas are in education, community arts projects and raising awareness of crimes against humanity.

The trustees personally make contact with beneficiary projects. They monitor and evaluate these projects not only by requiring sight of audited accounts and cash flows but also through their presence, and their discussions with project staff and clients. All available grants are made by the trustees through their personal involvement. They do not seek unsolicited applications for grants and, without paid staff, are unable to respond to such applications.

Achievements and performance

25 donations were paid during the financial year, 22 in the USA and 3 in the UK. These grants are itemised in note 10.

Financial review and reserves policy

The income of the trust for the year decreased from £51k to £48k. Income has historically varied year on year, largely depending on the make up of the investment portfolio.

The market value of the investments held by the trust decreased during the year decreased from £2,147k to £2,008k . This was a result of disposals exceeding new investments.

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Unrealised gains arising as a result of investment revaluation were £161,840 (2023 losses £168,302) while realised gains on disposal were £127,555 (2023 losses £51,553); the gains realised in the year are consistent with general market expectations. The gains were offset to some extent by a foreign exchange loss of £32,450 (2023 gain £64,606) on translation of the trustees' US investments. The trustees are satisfied with the investment strategy and believe that the charity has sufficient reserves to continue to fund the current grant making policy for the foreseeable future.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the trust's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- have due regard to any guidance published by the Charity Commission , in particular relatın to guidance on public benefit
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

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

This report was approved by the trustees on 22/04/2025 and signed on their behalf by



Jane Wells

Trustee

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of The St James's Trust for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 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.



Andrew Brooker FCA

Begbies Chartered Accountants
9 Bonhill Street
London
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22/04/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

	Unrestricted fund 2024 £	Unrestricted fund 2023 £
Income from:		
Investments	48,490	50,864
Interest	471	233
Total income	48,961	51,097
Expenditure on:		
<u>Raising funds</u>		
Investment management fees	10,343	22,981
<u>Charitable activities</u>		
Grants payable	334,159	352,663
<u>Other expenditure</u>		
Professional fees	9,000	9,000
Other costs	1,923	2,581
Total expenditure	355,425	387,225
Currency exchange gains / (losses)	(3,912)	20,741
Exchange gain/(loss) on translation of investments	33,165	64,606
Gain / (loss) on investment transactions	289,393	(219,855)
Net income / (expenditure)	12,182	(470,636)
Total funds brought forward	2,241,955	2,712,591
Total funds carried forward	2,254,137	2,241,955

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5TH APRIL 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Investments		2,007,837		2,147,194
Current assets				
Cash at bank	268,471		123,031	
	<u>268,471</u>		<u>123,031</u>	
Creditors: falling due within one year	<u>(22,171)</u>		<u>(28,271)</u>	
Net current assets		<u>246,300</u>		<u>94,760</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,254,137</u></u>		<u><u>2,241,955</u></u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds		<u><u>2,254,137</u></u>		<u><u>2,241,955</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22/04/2025



Jane Wells
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 2024

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention, except that investments held as fixed assets are carried at market value. In preparing these accounts the charity has followed best practice as set out in the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe the charity's substantial reserves means that no material uncertainties exist regarding the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest £

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

Cash flow

The fund qualifies as a small charity under the terms of the Charities Act 2011. As a consequence it is exempt from the requirement to publish a cash flow statement.

1.2 Income

Income from listed investments is accounted for by reference to the date on which distributions are receivable. Interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Grants are accounted for when an undertaking to pay the grant has been entered into during the financial year. General policy is that grants are paid as soon as possible after they are unconditionally committed to, and there are no accruals for grant commitments at the year end.

1.4 Investments

Investments are included in the accounts at market value at the end of the financial year. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are credited or debited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they arise.

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1.5 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the average exchange rate for the year. All differences are taken to the SOFA.

1.6 Financial instruments

Aside from the accounting policy in respect of listed investments (see 1.4 above), the only financial instruments typically held by the charity are cash at bank or other basic financial instruments such as debtors and creditors receivable or payable in less than one year, which are carried at transaction price subject to provision for impairment

2 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not subject to taxation

3 Grants payable

	2024		2023	
	No	£	No	£
UK	3	50,000	17	217,000
USA	22	284,159	9	135,663
		<u>334,159</u>		<u>352,663</u>

Details of grants paid during the year are listed in note 10

4 Other charitable expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy fees	4,500	4,500
Audit fees	4,500	4,500
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>

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5	Gains / (losses) on investments	2024	2023
		£	£
	Disposal proceeds	1,142,713	1,612,375
	Original purchase cost	(980,847)	(1,417,126)
	Unrealised gains to date	<u>(34,311)</u>	<u>(246,802)</u>
	Realised gains/(losses) for year	127,555	(51,553)
	Net gains/(losses) on revaluation at 5th April 2024	<u>161,840</u>	<u>(168,302)</u>
	Gains / (losses) on investments	289,395	(219,855)
	Unrealised currency exchange gains / (losses)	<u>(32,450)</u>	<u>64,606</u>
		<u>256,945</u>	<u>(155,249)</u>
6	Investments	2024	2023
		£	£
	Market value at 6th April 2023	2,147,194	2,416,710
	Additions at cost	680,797	1,498,108
	Disposals at carrying value	(1,015,158)	(1,663,928)
	Unrealised currency exchange gains/losses	(32,450)	64,606
	Net gains/(losses) on revaluation at 5th April 2024	161,840	(168,302)
	Market value at 5th April 2024	<u>1,942,223</u>	<u>2,147,194</u>
	Historic cost at 5th April 2024	<u>1,540,588</u>	<u>1,870,275</u>
	UK investments	885,289	880,235
	US investments	<u>1,056,934</u>	<u>1,266,959</u>
		<u>1,942,223</u>	<u>2,147,194</u>

All of the above investments are held on a recognised stock exchange.

The following investments represent more than 5% of the portfolio at market value:

	2024	2023
The Growth Fund of America	78,770	-
Vanguard Mega Cap Growth		123,016
Invesco QQQ Trust		128,696
Ishare Trust Core S&P Small-Cap ETF	160,335	146,037
Ishare Trust Core S&P500	163,753	164,857

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6	Investments (continued)	2024	2023
	Capital Group FXD Income	85,070	
	Ishares Core S&P Midcap	149,150	
	Technology Select Sector SDPR	98,006	
	Wisdomtree US Dividend Growth	122,723	
		<u>857,807</u>	<u>562,606</u>

The composition of the trust's investments at 5th April 2024 is as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bonds / fixed interest	392,561	664,463
Equities	1,377,289	1,359,920
Alternatives / cash products	172,374	120,812
	<u>1,942,224</u>	<u>2,145,195</u>

7	Reconciliation in movements in unrealised gains	2024	2023
		£	£
	Unrealised gains/(losses) at 6th April 2023	276,919	672,353
	Unrealised gains/(losses) in respect of disposals	(34,311)	(246,802)
	Unrealised gains/(losses) on foreign exchange	(2,813)	19,670
	Net gains on revaluation at 5th April 2024	161,840	(168,302)
	Unrealised gains/(losses) at 5th April 2024	<u>401,635</u>	<u>276,919</u>

8	Creditors: amount falling due within one year	2024	2023
		£	£
	Accrued professional fees	36,000	27,000
		<u>36,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>

9 Grant commitments

All grants which the charity has unconditionally committed to were paid during the year. As a result no provision is carried in the accounts as at 5th April 2024 (2023 £nil).

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10 Grants payable

Grants made to institutions were as follows:

		2024	2023
Recipient	Purpose of grant	£	£
Three Generations	Raising awareness of crimes against humanity	207,532	114,481
The Tibet Fund	Preserve cultural identity of Tibetan people	11,973	10,519
TASC Group at JP Morgan Chase Bank (NA)		11,574	-
Arlington Gardens			2,461
Pioneer Projects			1,000
Paul John Carolan		4,390	-
Martha Graham Dance Company		7,982	-
Four Way Books	Non-profit literary organisation	8,780	8,202
Trevor Project		1,197	-
The Jewish Museum		3,193	
Caris Islington	Bereavement counselling		20,000
Living Archives		15,964	-
DNKL		3,592	
Film Society of Lincoln Centre		3,991	-
Park Theatre	London theatre		11,000
BAATN	Black, African and Asian Therapy Network		35,000
The King's Head Theatre	London theatre		5,000
Elizabeth House			55,000
Marie Curie Hospice Hampshire			40,000
St Joseph's Hospice Hackney			20,000
British Youth Music Theatre			10,000
Stichting Stolperstei		3,991	
Ukrainian Association for Emotionally Focused Therapy			20,000
		284,159	352,663

11 Related party transactions

During the year donations totalling £207,532 (2023: £114,481) were made to 3 Generations. Jane Wells is the founder and Executive Director of this organisation