

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ending 30th September 2023

The Intercessors for Britain Trust is constituted by Deed of Trust, dated 9th November 1984. Registered Charity Number 290664.

Trustees who served during the year:

Mr David Goodman, Chairman

Mr Keith Miller

Mr David Murray (Resigned 24th May 2023)

Mr Keith Hayden (Appointed 24th November 2023)

Mr Fraser Keay (Appointed 24th November 2023)

Officers of the Charity:

Mr Ashley Thompson and Mr Josh Macdonald served as Co-Directors.

Structure, governance and management

The leadership of the Trust is undertaken by the Co-Directors, who are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Trust. Operational policies, strategic direction and planning are determined by the Directors together with the Trustees. The Trustees met three times during the year. A new Administrator, Mrs Hannah Harris, was recruited and commenced employment in June 2023. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of Intercessors for Britain (IFB) is the advancement of the Christian Faith through inspiring and informing prayer for the nation, and the church within it. This is achieved particularly through teaching and encouragement of intercession, the production and distribution of Christian literature and other instructional material. In so doing, the Trust seeks to be a moral voice to the church and the nation.

The principal activities are regular communication of issues for prayer via social media and email, the publication of the bi-monthly Prayer Bulletin, the organisation of Prayer and Bible Conferences for Bible teaching and corporate prayer, the production of Christian literature and the dissemination of resource material for prayer and intercession.

Membership of IFB is free and open to all Bible-believing Christians, who will commit to praying regularly for the United Kingdom. Through Bible teaching and instruction, encouragement and facilitation in intercession, it resources Christians regardless of church affiliation. All its online conferences, YouTube videos and printed publications and any other Bible teaching materials are provided free of charge or at nominal cost. IFB is concerned for the highest wellbeing of our nation and its institutions. The Trustees are satisfied that, in the activities and achievements during the year, they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 in regard to public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

During the year IFB has held two Prayer & Bible conferences, one of which was the first family-friendly conference held for many years. There were four Prayer & Bible days, and four online prayer days using Zoom. The Prayer Day in April was an experimental hybrid meeting – in-person and online. There have been several speaking engagements at churches and other groups.

The bi-monthly Prayer Bulletin for signed-up members continues to be a valued resource for intercession on behalf of the nation. In response to daily news reports of concern for Christian witness and testimony, IFB regularly posts comments on its Facebook page highlighting key issues for prayer. These posts are also disseminated in weekly emails for those who have requested them.

The Bible teaching provided for in-person and online meetings is recorded and published on IFB's YouTube channel. Prayer inspiration is regularly shared on Instagram.

A short promotional video introducing IFB and the need for intercession, was created, and an advertisement was designed and placed in the Heart newspaper.

As older members pass-on, or have to drop out, we have seen a further decline in the membership which receive the Prayer Bulletin by post. This was partially offset by some new 'postal' members, and an increase in members receiving the Bulletin by email.

Online engagement has continued to increase, with new followers on Facebook and new subscribers to IFB's YouTube channel.

Future Plans

The pattern of Prayer & Bible conferences, one of which will be family-friendly and supported with sponsorship funds, will continue. Likewise, there will continue to be Prayer & Bible days interspersed with online prayer meetings, though the timings of the latter will be changing.

Being very much aware of the increasing turbulence and uncertainty within the nation and internationally, the Co-Directors will be reassessing our priorities and plans going forward. These will include consulting with leaders of other similar Christian organisations to see if our concerns are shared and if there may be opportunities for the joint expression of such concerns to the church and the nation.

In an endeavour to understand the level of engagement of 'email' members, a one-off postal mailing was sent to all members in January 2024. The geographical distribution of the membership will be studied with the aim of encouraging and facilitating the gathering of members for prayer in their localities. It is hoped that the developing contacts with other like-minded organisations might help to augment and strengthen such local prayer groups.

Financial Review

The accounts for the year ending 30th September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to all charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The Trust's bank account during the year was with Barclays Bank and savings accounts with Redwood Bank.

For the year ended 30th September 2023, the charity's accounts were restructured to assist with financial management and planning. This year, donation income was lower by 10% which was almost offset by an increase in gifts from wills. Total payments of unrestricted funds were marginally lower than last year. The introduction of payroll, as reported in last year's report, is evident from the increase in payroll expenditure and decrease in fees and honoraria expenditure.

The Trustees continued their established practice of making modest gifts to other Christian organisations; this year six organisations received such gifts.

No Trustees have received any remuneration.

Reserves Policy

The charity's reserves policy is to retain sufficient reserves to cover at least six months of expenditure. The current level of reserves is therefore satisfactory.

Political Donations

Intercessors for Britain has no party-political affiliations and does not make political donations.

General Data Protection Regulations

Intercessors for Britain seeks to ensure that it complies with the regulations, having considered them along with advice from the Information Commissioner's Office.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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David A Goodman, Chairman of Trustees,

Date: 30th July 2024



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 30 September 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Period to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
INCOME					
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Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies		-	58,890	58,890	60,552
Charitable activities		24,225	-	24,225	-
Other trading activities		-	-	-	30
Investments		-	1,512	1,512	985
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		24,225	60,402	84,627	61,567
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	21,285	51,432	72,717	50,696
Other	4	-	150	150	160
Total resources expended		21,285	51,582	72,867	50,856
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		2,940	8,820	11,760	10,711
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward as at 1 Oct 22		2,416	127,747	130,163	119,452
Total funds carried forward as at 30 Sep 23		5,356	136,567	141,923	130,163

The notes on pages 9-10 form a part of these financial statements

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

There is no difference between the net income / (expenditure) for the period above and the historical cost equivalent. All activities are continuing.



BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending 30 September 2023

	Notes	£	As at 31 Sep 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5		449
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		-	
Prepayments		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		141,474	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			-
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			141,923
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			141,923
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			-
Net Assets			141,923
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds			136,567
Restricted funds			5,356
Total Funds			141,923

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Trustee benefits: advances, credit and guarantees

During the year no benefits, in the form of advances, credit and guarantees, were conferred upon trustees of the charity.

Guarantees and other financial commitments

During the year no guarantees or other financial commitments were made.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 7-10 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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David Anthony Goodman
Chair of Trustees

Date:



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 30 September 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statutory Information

Intercessors for Britain is constituted by Deed of Trust, dated 9 November 1984, and is a registered charity in the UK with the Charities Commission, registration number 290664.

b) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the receipts and payment basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the period, are set out below.

c) Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Accounting and Reporting by Charities for Smaller Entities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective January 2015) – (Charities 'SORP' FRS 102)): the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities and other applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

d) Funds structure

Earmarked funds, as shown in the notes to the accounts, represent funds set aside by the trustees for use on specific projects. Amounts shown as Restricted Funds, on the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, represent funds donated for specific projects in accordance with the Charities Act definition.

e) Income recognition

Revenue is recognised in respect of non-government, non-exchange transactions, donations and funds received for goods and services supplied during the financial period on receipt.

Government Grants are recognised using the accrual model.

f) Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year the trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as none were incurred.

2. INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Period to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Donations				
General	-	28,890	28,890	36,307
Legacies				
Gifts from Wills	-	30,000	30,000	24,245
Charitable Activities				
Conference Income	24,225	-	24,225	-
Other Trading Activities				
Income from publications	-	-	-	30
Other				
Bank Interest Received	-	1,512	1,512	985
	<u>24,225</u>	<u>60,402</u>	<u>84,627</u>	<u>61,567</u>



3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Period to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Advertising	-	534	534	695
Conference Expenses	21,285	1,766	23,051	-
Gifts to others	-	3,000	3,000	9,060
Office Costs	-	2,575	2,575	2,776
Payroll	-	37,707	37,707	7,837
Printing	-	1,084	1,084	1,367
Postage	-	2,082	2,082	2,981
Professional Fees (incl. insurance)	-	871	871	24,083
Staff Development	-	89	89	-
Subscriptions & Software	-	523	523	24
Venues, Ministry & Travel	-	1,201	1,201	1,873
	21,285	51,432	72,717	50,696

4. OTHER

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Period to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Other	-	-	-	160
Depreciation	-	150	150	-
	-	-	-	160

5. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Computer Equipment: 25% straight-line basis

6. FUNDS

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Period to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Unrestricted Fund				
General	-	136,567	136,567	127,747
Earmarked	-	-	-	-
Restricted Fund	5,356	-	5,356	2,416
	5,356	136,567	141,923	130,163



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2023

I report on the accounts of Intercessors for Britain for the year ending 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 7-10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met, or

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

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Nicola Ainscough FCA BSc

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19 July 2024