

THE LONDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 292014

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-07-16

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIANITY 2. THE RELIEF IN NEED OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS. 3. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION.

Activities: The church's objects are: 1. The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God; 2. To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress, who are aged or sick; 3. The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£94,827	£86,442	-	-
2023-12-31	£78,947	£107,538	-	-
2022-12-31	£83,714	£95,966	-	-
2021-12-31	£91,926	£92,158	-	-
2020-12-31	£169,648	£206,953	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID JAMES GOODSHIP	Chair	
LEIGH JANE TURNER		
SAMKELWE NOKULUNGA MAKHUBELA		2024-12-16

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration Number: 292014

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name	London Community Church.
Registered Charity Number	292014
Trustees	<p>The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:</p> <p>Adam Bewsher (resigned 22 June 2024) David J Goodship (Chair) Leigh J Turner Duncan Vann (resigned 16 December 2024) Samkelwe Nokulunga Makhubela (Appointed 16 December 2024)</p>
Key Management Personnel	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the church on a day to day basis are the Trustees, Philip Quinn (elder), and Dino Steele (elder).
Legal Status	Unincorporated Charity.
Governing Instrument	Declaration of Trust dated 3 April 1985, amended by Special Resolution of 24 March 2003
Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God• To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
Principal Address	29 Redbourne Avenue, London N3 2BP
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group, Covent Garden Branch, Southampton Row, LONDON WC1B 5HR
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA, Tandem Accounting 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the London Community Church ("the Church") for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Church's affairs are normally conducted under the supervision and leadership of a team of elders. Trustees are appointed by the elders. A trustee can be removed by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the members of the Church.

Currently one of the elders acts in a part-time capacity within the Church and is responsible for day-to-day management. Responsibility for different areas of Church life is delegated to members by the elders. The elders meet together regularly and consult regularly with a wider group of leaders consisting of the elders, their spouses, and other couples in Church leadership. Formal trustee meetings are held at least three times a year and the elders meet informally with the trustees frequently throughout the year at various Church activities and events and maintain a close working relationship together.

Apart from the elder and paid office help, nearly all of the Church's activities and programmes are carried out with volunteer help from Church members, without which the Church would be unable to function, the trustees are very grateful for the help received from the volunteers.

To assist in achieving the objectives, the Church works closely with wider groups of churches known as Global Horizons, a separately registered UK charity and New Covenant Ministries International. The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Christopher Williams, Philip Quinn and Malcolm Turner served as elders in 2024. Christopher Williams was full-time elder until 21 January 2024 when he stepped down and Malcolm Turner stepped down on 15 September 2024. Dino Steele was appointed as an elder 14 September 2025.

Adam Bewsher, David Goodship, Leigh Turner and Duncan Vann continued to serve as Trustees in 2024. Adam Bewsher resigned as a trustee on 22 June 2024, Samkelwe Nokulunga Makhubela joined as a trustee and Duncan Vann left as a trustee 16 December 2024.

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the major risks which the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves referred to below, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also

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examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS

During the course of the year the Church carried out the following activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed:

- Held public meetings, some virtual, in accordance with the Christian faith for worship, prayer and teaching;
- Made recordings of Sunday teaching and midweek meetings available on the internet to a wide audience free of charge and without restriction;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith through small group face to face and virtual meetings;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith on a one-to-one basis;
- Ran teaching programmes for children and teenagers;
- Organised community events to reach out with the gospel;
- Provided financial and practical support to mission organisations, and individual missionaries, working in both the UK and overseas;
- Provided training in leadership through meetings with a number of Church members as they take responsibility for aspects of Church life (including leading worship teams, providing one-to-one care, teaching and preaching on Sundays and in small group settings, organising events and meetings, etc);
- Continued to run the 'Streets Food Project' initiative weekly within the O2 community venue. Responding to the cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine, to distribute food parcels to more than 100 people (poor and in need) in the local community, and to Ukrainian refugees, supported by local volunteers and church members.
- Forged links with other charitable bodies, e.g. Holy Trinity Brompton, JW3, the Felix Project and Camden council to maintain the "Streets food project" which continued through 2024 until 31 July 2025.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance and consider that all activities carried out by the Church pass the public benefit test. In particular, each of the three charitable objects of the Church is supported by at least one activity in the list above and in practice most activities contribute to at least two of the objects.

There are no material restrictions on participating in any Church activities based on financial need. Our public meetings (every Sunday and midweek meetings – some virtual) are open to all free of charge. Although Church members are given the opportunity to make a financial commitment to the Church, there is no minimum commitment and no one is excluded on the grounds of finance.

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3. GOING CONCERN

Each year it's the Trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis (see the accounting policy note on page 11). Going concern is the assumption that an entity, in this case the Church, has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue operating for the foreseeable future and in particular, for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the Trustees of these annual accounts. If the going concern principle did not apply then the accounts would be drawn up on an insolvent basis.

The Trustees have reviewed the financial forecast for 2025 and anticipate a surplus, so have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the 2024 Accounts on a going-concern basis.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance.

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves increase by £8,385 (2023: decreased by £28,591) during the year following the decision to change from a full time to part time eldership. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £84,055 (2023: £75,670). The trustees are confident that as there are no long term commitments, income and expenditure can continue to be closely matched.

4.2 Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Church's need. This is based on the Church's size and level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Church will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees do not set aside funds unnecessarily. Currently reserves are set aside above those needed for day to day matters referred to above. At 31 December 2024 the Church had net free reserves of £74,672 (2023: £66,506) as follows:

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	2024 £	2023 £
Total reserves	84,055	75,670
Less: restricted funds	(7,055)	(8,769)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(2,328)	(395)
Free reserves	74,672	66,506
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	21,611	26,885

4.3 Grant-making policy

The Church provides regular support to Global Horizons, a charity which supports a network of churches of which London Community Church is a part and also for Alan and Betty Scotland who lead Global Horizons. The Trustees also receive individual applications for grants which are dealt with individually by reference to the funds available and the Trustees' perceptions of the merits of the application.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it continued to provide for Ukrainian Refugees and the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the war in Ukraine and economic hardship in the next period until the project lead retired 31 July 2025, when it was handed on to another church to continue under their charitable independent governance.

6. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

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- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 set out on pages 9-17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and 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 Examiners 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 church 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.

John Helm ACA
27 October 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	82,453	1,560	84,013	80,037	(1,137)	78,900
Charitable Activities	2b	414	10,400	10,814	47	0	47
Total		82,867	11,960	94,827	80,084	(1,137)	78,947
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	3b	73,453	12,989	86,442	91,827	15,711	107,538
Total		73,453	12,989	86,442	91,827	15,711	107,538
Net income/(expenditure)		9,414	(1,029)	8,385	(11,743)	(16,848)	(28,591)
Transfers between funds		685	(685)	0	33,613	(33,613)	0
Net Movement in Funds		10,099	(1,714)	8,385	21,870	(50,461)	(28,591)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		66,901	8,769	75,670	45,031	59,230	104,261
Total Funds Carried Forward		77,000	7,055	84,055	66,901	8,769	75,670

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 13 -17 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31 Dec 2024	Total 31 Dec 2023
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	2,328	0	2,328	394
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	16,464	0	16,464	15,230
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	60,776	7,055	67,831	62,989
		77,240	7,055	84,295	78,219
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,568	0	2,568	2,943
NET CURRENT ASSETS		74,672	7,055	81,727	75,276
NET ASSETS		77,000	7,055	84,055	75,670
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		77,000	0	77,000	66,901
Restricted Funds	8	0	7,055	7,055	8,769
TOTAL FUNDS		77,000	7,055	84,055	75,670

The notes on pages 11-17 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 22 October 2025

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of the Church's premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £75. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line basis over the remaining period of the lease

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	63,483	0	63,483	59,434
Regular Offerings	2,139	0	2,139	5,377
Property Fund Donations	0	0	0	(14,676)
Mission Fund Donations	0	1,560	1,560	3,744
Covid Donations	820	0	820	1,125
Covid Grants	0	0	0	9,000
Tax Recoverable	16,011	0	16,011	14,896
	82,453	1,560	84,013	78,900
(b) Charitable Activities				
Miscellaneous Income	414	10,400	10,814	47
	414	10,400	10,814	47
	82,867	11,960	94,827	78,947

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds				
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

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3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	7,980	12,989	20,969	21,739
People Costs	45,284	0	45,284	70,553
Conference Fees	1,546	0	1,546	168
Other Training costs	241	0	241	173
Property Rental	7,416	0	7,416	6,544
Equipment Costs	1,720	0	1,720	584
Depreciation	175	0	175	124
Telephones	616	0	616	571
Printing Postage and Stationery	50	0	50	624
Travel Costs	1,008	0	1,008	211
Hospitality Costs	4,517	0	4,517	3,728
Insurance	380	0	380	350
Licences & Permits	658	0	658	474
Bank Service Charges	191	0	191	280
Sundry expenses	711	0	711	395
Professional Fees	0	0	0	60
Independent Examiner Fees	960	0	960	960
	73,453	12,989	86,442	107,538

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2024	Total 2023
Salaried staff	0	0
Contracted staff	45,284	70,553
Employers National Insurance	0	0
Employer Allowance	0	0
Pension Contributions	0	0
	45,284	70,553

Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:

	44,232	68,400
Full time equivalent people represented	0.8	1.6

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3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The charity makes payments on a self-employed basis, and the charity also uses volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects. The elder is self-employed.

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Awareness Foundation	0	513	513	2,370
To individuals:	1,980	12,476	14,456	13,369
	7,980	12,989	20,969	21,739

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Total
Cost or Valuation					
At start of the year	1 Jan 2024	8,216	1,198	0	9,414
Additions		1,819	289	0	2,108
Disposals		0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2024	10,035	1,487	0	11,522
Depreciation and impairments					
At start of the year	1 Jan 2024	7,822	1,198	0	9,020
Depreciation Charge		165	10	0	175
Disposals		0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2024	7,987	1,208	0	9,195
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2024	2,049	279	0	2,328
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2023	394	0	0	394

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5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Tax recoverable	16,011	0	16,011	14,827
Prepayments and Accrued Income	453	0	453	403
	16,464	0	16,464	15,230

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Cash in Hand	93	0	93	93
Lloyds Current Account	58,524	0	58,524	47,912
Lloyds Deposit Account	328	0	328	328
CAF Current Account	1,820	7,055	8,875	14,645
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	60,776	7,055	67,831	62,989

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
Creditors and Accruals	1,060	0	1,060	1,060
Lloyds Charge Card	548	0	548	923
Independent Examiner Fees	960	0	960	960
	2,568	0	2,568	2,943

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
Property Fund - Funds	685	0	0	(685)	0
Streets Food Project	3,906	10,400	11,667	0	2,639
Mission Fund	4,178	1,560	1,322	0	4,416
	8,769	11,960	12,989	(685)	7,055

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	(14,676)	0	(37,567)	685
Property Fund - Lease	1,042	9,975	11,065	3,954	3,906
Mission Fund	5,260	3,564	4,646	0	4,178
	59,230	(1,137)	15,711	(33,613)	8,769

Descriptions of the funds:

Property Fund - This was originally set up to purchase a building for church use. In 2016 we did purchase a lease for a building - this was subsequently closed, but proceeds from the disposal were returned to the fund. As an alternate purpose was not specified when the original donations were made, an exercise was conducted to contact all donors to this fund to enquire if they wanted to choose another project or have their funds returned as there are no longer plans to purchase a building as prices or rent are no longer affordable given the income of the church and property prices.

Of the original 69 donors, 11 Donors with donations of £685 did not decide, a further 3 month deadline beyond the original 31 December 2023 deadline set was given for donors to nominate an alternate project, have funds returned to a specified bank account, or move to the unrestricted fund. 20 months after the original deadline there have been no requests for an alternate project, or return the funds, so they have been transferred to the unrestricted fund as stipulated in the nomination correspondence.

Streets Food Project - funds given by external donors for the 'Streets Food Project' initiative. This meets weekly within the O2 community venue, responding to the pandemic environment, cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine.

Mission Fund - funds given to support missionary activities. Most of this funding supports 2 missionaries in Zambia, largely spent on fuel for a vehicle.

9. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments (2023: £0) were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business.

The Trustees gave a total of £2,419 (2023: £6,064) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Apart from the elder and paid office help, nearly all of the Church's activities and programmes are carried out with volunteer help from Church members, without which the Church would be unable to function, the trustees are very grateful for the help received from the volunteers.

To assist in achieving the objectives, the Church works closely with a wider group of churches known as Global Horizons, a separately registered UK charity. The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Christopher Williams and Malcolm Turner continued to serve as elders throughout the year, with Philip Quinn joining the eldership team on 17 September 2023. Christopher Williams continued to serve as the full-time elder until 21 January 2024. Adam Bewsher, David Goodship, Leigh Turner and Duncan Vann continued to serve as Trustees throughout the year.

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the major risks which the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves referred to below, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS

During the course of the year the Church carried out the following activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed:

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- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith on a one-to-one basis;
- Ran teaching programmes for children and teenagers, some virtual;
- Organised community events to reach out with the gospel;
- Provided financial and practical support to mission organisations, and individual missionaries, working in both the UK and overseas;
- Provided training in leadership through meetings with a number of Church members as they take responsibility for aspects of Church life (including leading worship teams, providing one-to-one care, teaching and preaching on Sundays and in small group settings, organising events and meetings, etc);
- Continued to run "Streets Food Project" initiative weekly within the O2 community venue. Responding to the cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine, distributing food to more than 100 families each week (poor and in need) in the local community, and to Ukrainian refugees, supported by local volunteers.
- Forged links with other charitable bodies, e.g. Holy Trinity Brompton, JW3 and Camden council to maintain the "Streets food project" which is still ongoing in the community.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance and consider that all activities carried out by the Church pass the public benefit test. In particular, each of the three charitable objects of the Church is supported by at least one activity in the list above and in practice most activities contribute to at least two of the objects.

There are no material restrictions on participating in any Church activities based on financial need. Our public meetings (every Sunday and midweek meetings – some virtual) are open to all free of charge. Although Church members are asked to make a financial commitment to the Church, there is no minimum commitment and no one is excluded on the grounds of finance.

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3. GOING CONCERN

Each year it's the Trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis (see the accounting policy note on page 11). Going concern is the assumption that an entity, in this case the Church, has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue operating for the foreseeable future and in particular, for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the Trustees of these annual accounts. If the going concern principle did not apply then the accounts would be drawn up on an insolvent basis.

The Trustees have reviewed its financial forecast for 2024. This review indicates that by moving from full time to part time eldership in 2024, there will no longer be a deficit. Accordingly, it has concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the 2023 Accounts on a going-concern basis.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance.

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves decreased by £28,591 (2022: decreased by £12,252) during the year. This was made up of a one-off return of funds to donors, following the closure of the property project (as no alternate purpose had been agreed) and a similar deficit to the previous year. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £75,670 (2022: £104,261). The trustees are confident that as there are no long term commitments, income and expenditure can continue to be closely matched.

4.2 Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Church's need. This is based on the Church's size and level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Church will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees do not set aside funds unnecessarily. Currently reserves are set aside above those needed for day to day matters referred to above. At 31 December 2023 the Church had net free reserves of £66,506 (2022: £44,513) as follows:

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Total reserves	75,670	104,261
Less: restricted funds	(8,769)	(59,230)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(395)	(518)
Free reserves	66,506	44,513
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	26,885	22,992

4.3 Grant-making policy

The Church provides regular support to Global Horizons, a charity which supports a network of churches of which London Community Church is a part and also for Alan and Betty Scotland who lead Global Horizons. The Trustees also receive individual applications for grants which are dealt with individually by reference to the funds available and the Trustees' perceptions of the merits of the application.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it is intended to continue to provide for Ukrainian Refugees and the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the war in Ukraine and economic hardship continues.

6. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 9-17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and 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 Examiners 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 church 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.

John Helm ACA

3 October 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	80,037	(1,137)	78,900	76,562	7,121	83,683
Charitable Activities	2b	47	0	47	31	0	31
Total		80,084	(1,137)	78,947	76,593	7,121	83,714
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	0	0	0	5	0	5
Charitable activities	3b	91,827	15,711	107,538	89,904	6,057	95,961
Total		91,827	15,711	107,538	89,909	6,057	95,966
Net (expenditure)/income		(11,743)	(16,848)	(28,591)	(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)
Transfers between funds		33,613	(33,613)	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		21,870	(50,461)	(28,591)	(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		45,031	59,230	104,261	58,347	58,166	116,513
Total Funds Carried Forward		66,901	8,769	75,670	45,031	59,230	104,261

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 13 -17 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31 Dec 2023	Total 31 Dec 2022
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	394	0	394	518
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	15,230	0	15,230	15,326
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	54,220	8,769	62,989	89,502
		69,450	8,769	78,219	104,828
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,943	0	2,943	1,085
NET CURRENT ASSETS		66,507	8,769	75,276	103,743
NET ASSETS		66,901	8,769	75,670	104,261
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		66,901	0	66,901	45,031
Restricted Funds	8	0	8,769	8,769	59,230
TOTAL FUNDS		66,901	8,769	75,670	104,261

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Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2024

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs.

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Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £75. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Café Fittings and Equipment	20% straight line basis
Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	59,414	20	59,434	58,199
Regular Offerings	5,377	0	5,377	3,333
Property Fund Donations	0	(14,676)	(14,676)	0
Mission Fund Donations	200	3,544	3,744	1,620
Covid Donations	150	975	1,125	3,001
Food Project Grants	0	9,000	9,000	2,500
Tax Recoverable	14,896	0	14,896	15,030
	80,037	(1,137)	78,900	83,683
(b) Investment Income				
Bank Interest	47	0	47	31
	47	0	47	31
	80,084	(1,137)	78,947	83,714

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds – Café				
Depreciation	0	0	0	5
	0	0	0	5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	6,177	15,562	21,739	12,188
People Costs	70,553	0	70,553	69,994
Conference Fees	168	0	168	652
Other Training costs	173	0	173	131
Property Rental	6,544	0	6,544	5,021
Equipment Costs	584	0	584	931
Depreciation	124	0	124	61
Telephones	571	0	571	475
Printing Postage and Stationery	475	149	624	809
Travel Costs	211	0	211	116
Hospitality Costs	3,728	0	3,728	3,002
Insurance	350	0	350	347
Licences & Permits	474	0	474	578
Bank Service Charges	280	0	280	221
Sundry expenses	395	0	395	405
Professional Fees	60	0	60	130
Independent Examiner Fees	960	0	960	900
	91,827	15,711	107,538	95,961

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
Salaried staff	0	0
Contracted staff	70,553	69,994
Employers National Insurance	0	0
Employer Allowance	0	0
Pension Contributions	0	0
	70,553	69,994
Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:	68,400	68,400

Full time equivalent people represented	1.6	1.6
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The Charity no longer operates a PAYE scheme for employed members of staff but no employee received emoluments greater than £60,000 (2022: None)

The charity makes payments on a self-employed basis, and the charity also uses volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects. The elder is self-employed.

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Awareness Foundation	0	2,370	2,370	0
Holy Trinity Brompton	0	0	0	2,500
To individuals:	177	13,192	13,369	3,688
	6,177	15,562	21,739	12,188

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Café Fittings & Equipment	PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation					
At start of the year	1 Jan 2023	298	18,147	9,246	27,691
Additions		0	0	0	0
Disposals		(298)	(9,931)	(8,048)	(18,277)
At end of the year	31 Dec 2023	0	8,216	1,198	9,414
Depreciation and impairments					
At start of the year	1 Jan 2023	298	17,629	9,246	27,173
Depreciation Charge		0	124	0	124
Disposals		(298)	(9,931)	(8,048)	(18,277)
At end of the year	31 Dec 2023	0	7,822	1,198	9,020
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2023	0	394	0	394
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2022	0	518	0	518

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5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Tax recoverable	14,827	0	14,827	15,020
Prepayments and Accrued Income	403	0	403	306
	15,230	0	15,230	15,326

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Cash in Hand	93	0	93	93
Lloyds Current Account	47,227	685	47,912	58,454
Lloyds Deposit Account	328	0	328	325
CAF Current Account	6,561	8,084	14,645	30,619
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	54,220	8,769	62,989	89,502

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Creditors and Accruals	1,060	0	1,060	100
Lloyds Charge Card	923	0	923	85
Independent Examiner Fees	960	0	960	900
	2,943	0	2,943	1,085

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	(14,676)	0	(37,567)	685
Streets Food Project	1,042	9,975	11,065	3,954	3,906
Mission Fund	5,260	3,564	4,646	0	4,178
	59,230	(1,137)	15,711	(33,613)	8,769

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2022
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Streets Food Project	0	5,501	4,459	0	1,042
Mission Fund	5,238	1,620	1,598	0	5,260
	58,166	7,121	6,057	0	59,230

Descriptions of the funds:

Property Fund - This was originally set up to purchase a building for church use. In 2016 we did purchase a lease for a building - this was subsequently closed, but proceeds from the disposal were returned to the fund. As an alternate purpose was not specified when the original donations were made, an exercise was conducted to contact all donors to this fund to enquire if they wanted to choose another project or have their funds returned as there are no longer plans to purchase a building as prices or rent are no longer affordable given the income of the church and property prices.

Of the original 69 donors, 9 requested that their donations of £14,676 were returned, 8 nominated "streets food project" so £3,954 was transferred and 34 requested that their donations, £33,475, be allocated to un-restricted funds for general projects. 11 Donors with donations of £685 did not decide, so this amount remains in the restricted property fund, a further 3 month deadline was set for donors to nominate an alternate project, have funds returned to a specified bank account, or else the funds would be moved to the unrestricted fund. 7 donors were uncontactable so £138 has been re-designated on the basis that these donors made up 0.25% of the original fund and all means to contact have failed.

Streets Food Project - funds given by external donors for the 'Streets Food Project' initiative. This meets weekly within the O2 community venue, responding to the pandemic environment, cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine.

Mission Fund - funds given to support missionary activities. Most of this funding supports 2 missionaries in Zambia, largely spent on fuel for a vehicle.

9. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments (2022: £1000) were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business.

The Trustees gave a total of £6,064 (2022: £5,186) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name	London Community Church.
Registered Charity Number	292014
Trustees	<p>The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:</p> <p>Adam Bewsher David J Goodship (Chair) Leigh J Turner Duncan Vann</p>
Key Management Personnel	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the church on a day to day basis are the Trustees, Chris Williams (elder), Nikki Williams (manager) and Malcolm Turner (elder).
Legal Status	Unincorporated Charity
Governing Instrument	Declaration of Trust dated 3 April 1985, amended by Special Resolution of 24 March 2003
Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God• To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
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4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance.

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The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves decreased by £12,252 (2021: decreased by £232) during the year. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £104,261 (2021: £116,513). The trustees are confident that as there are no longer long term commitments, income and expenditure can continue to be closely matched.

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	2022 £	2021 £
Total reserves	104,261	116,513
Less: restricted funds	(59,230)	(58,166)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(518)	(241)
Free reserves	44,513	58,106
Free reserves requirement: 3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	23,992	23,040

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The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it is intended to continue to provide for Ukrainian Refugees and the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the war in Ukraine and economic hardship continues.

6. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and 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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 9-17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and 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 Examiners 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 church 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.

John Helm ACA
3 October 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	76,562	7,121	83,683	87,981	1,795	89,776
Charitable Activities	2b	31	0	31	2,150	0	2,150
Total		76,593	7,121	83,714	90,131	1,795	91,926
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	5	0	5	(612)	0	(612)
Charitable activities	3b	89,904	6,057	95,961	92,141	629	92,770
Total		89,909	6,057	95,966	91,529	629	92,158
Net (expenditure)/income		(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)	(1,398)	1,166	(232)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(13,316)	1,064	(12,252)	(1,398)	1,166	(232)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		58,347	58,166	116,513	59,745	57,000	116,745
Total Funds Carried Forward		45,031	59,230	104,261	58,347	58,166	116,513

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 13 -17 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31 Dec 2022	Total 31 Dec 2021
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	518	0	518	241
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	15,326	0	15,326	14,752
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	30,272	59,230	89,502	103,746
		45,598	59,230	104,828	118,498
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	1,085	0	1,085	2,226
NET CURRENT ASSETS		44,513	59,230	103,743	116,272
NET ASSETS		45,031	59,230	104,261	116,513
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		45,031	0	46,073	58,347
Restricted Funds	8	0	59,230	58,188	58,166
TOTAL FUNDS		45,031	59,230	104,261	116,513

The notes on pages 11-17 form part of these financial statements

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of the Church's premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £75. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Café Fittings and Equipment	20% straight line basis
Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line basis over the remaining period of the lease

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	58,199	0	58,199	68,636
Regular Offerings	3,333	0	3,333	2,358
Property Fund Donations	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund Donations	0	1,620	1,620	1,900
Covid Donations	0	3,001	3,001	2,538
Covid Grants	0	2,500	2,500	0
Tax Recoverable	15,030	0	15,030	14,344
	76,562	7,121	83,683	89,776
(b) Charitable Activities				
Miscellaneous Income	31	0	31	2,150
	31	0	31	2,150
	79,594	4,120	83,714	91,926

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds – Café				
Utilities	0	0	0	(517)
Depreciation	5	0	5	60
Property Rent & Rates	0	0	0	128
Insurance, Licences & Permits	0	0	0	(283)
	5	0	5	(612)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	6,185	6,003	12,188	12,316
People Costs	69,994	0	69,994	69,835
Conference Fees	652	0	652	0
Other Training costs	131	0	131	57
Property Rental	5,021	0	5,021	1,793
Equipment Costs	931	0	931	901
Depreciation	61	0	61	62
Telephones	475	0	475	576
Printing Postage and Stationery	755	54	809	863
Travel Costs	116	0	116	114
Hospitality Costs	3,002	0	3,002	1,445
Insurance	347	0	347	343
Licences & Permits	578	0	578	407
Bank Service Charges	221	0	221	224
Sundry expenses	405	0	405	670
Professional Fees	130	0	130	1454
Independent Examiner Fees	900	0	900	1710
	89,904	6,057	95,961	92,770

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2022	Total 2021
Salaried staff	0	0
Contracted staff	69,994	69,835
Employers National Insurance	0	0
Employer Allowance	0	0
Pension Contributions	0	0
	69,994	69,835
Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:	68,400	68,400

Full time equivalent people represented	1.6	1.6
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The Charity no longer operates a PAYE scheme for employed members of staff but no employee received emoluments greater than £60,000 (2021: None)

The charity makes payments on a self-employed basis, and the charity also uses volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects. The full-time elder is self-employed.

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	6,000	0	6,000	6,000
Holy Trinity Brompton	0	2,500	2,500	0
To individuals:	185	3,503	3,688	6,316
	6,185	6,003	12,188	12,316

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Café Fittings & Equipment	PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Total
Cost or Valuation						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2022	298	17,803	9,246	0	27,347
Additions		0	344	0	0	344
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2022	298	18,148	9,246	0	27,692
Depreciation and impairments						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2022	293	17,569	9,246	0	27,108
Depreciation Charge		5	61	0	0	66
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2022	298	17,629	9,246	0	27,173
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2022	0	518	0	0	518
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2021	5	235	0	0	240

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5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Tax recoverable	15,020	0	15,020	14,342
Prepayments and Accrued Income	306	0	306	410
Café Rent Deposit	0	0	0	0
	15,326	0	15,326	14,752

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Cash in Hand	93	0	93	92
Lloyds Current Account	5,526	52,928	58,454	59,876
Lloyds Deposit Account	325	0	325	325
CAF Current Account	24,317	6,302	30,619	43,442
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	30,272	59,230	89,502	103,746

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
Creditors and Accruals	100	0	100	100
Lloyds Charge Card	85	0	85	416
Independent Examiner Fees	900	0	900	1,710
	1,085	0	1,085	2,226

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2022
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Streets Food Project	0	5,501	4,459	0	1,042
Mission Fund	5,238	1,620	1,598	0	5,260
	58,166	7,121	6,057	0	59,230

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2021
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Property Fund - Lease	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund	4,072	1,795	629	0	5,238
	57,000	1,795	629	0	58,166

Descriptions of the funds:

Property Fund - This was originally set up to purchase a building for church use. In 2016 we did purchase a lease for a building - this was subsequently closed.

Streets Food Project - funds given by external donors for the 'Streets Food Project' initiative. This meets weekly within the O2 community venue, responding to the pandemic environment, cost of living crisis and the War in Ukraine.

Mission Fund - funds given to support missionary activities. Most of this funding supports 2 missionaries in Zambia, largely spent on fuel for a vehicle.

9. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Helen Spiby, the wife of Duncan Vann, a trustee, received a ministry gift of £1,000 (2021: £500) during the year.

No other payments (2021: £770) were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business.

The Trustees gave a total of £5,186 (2021: £4,296) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.

THE LONDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name	London Community Church.
Registered Charity Number	292014
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were: Adam Bewsher David J Goodship (Chair) Leigh J Turner Duncan Vann
Key Management Personnel	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the church on a day to day basis are the Trustees, Chris Williams (elder), Nikki Williams (manager) and Malcolm Turner (elder).
Legal Status	Unincorporated Charity
Governing Instrument	Declaration of Trust dated 3 April 1985, amended by Special Resolution of 24 March 2003
Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God• To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
Principal Address	14 Dersingham Road, Cricklewood, LONDON NW2 1SL
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group, Covent Garden Branch, Southampton Row, LONDON WC1B 5HR
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA, Tandem Accounting 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the London Community Church ("the Church") for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Church's affairs are normally conducted under the supervision and leadership of a team of elders. Trustees are appointed by the elders. A trustee can be removed by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the members of the Church.

Currently one of the elders acts in a full-time capacity within the Church and is responsible for day-to-day management. Responsibility for different areas of Church life is delegated to members by the elders. The elders meet together regularly and consult regularly with a wider group of leaders consisting of the elders, their spouses, and other couples in Church leadership. Formal trustee meetings are held at least three times a year and the elders meet informally with the trustees frequently throughout the year at various Church activities and events and maintain a close working relationship together.

Apart from the full-time elder and paid office help, nearly all of the Church's activities and programmes are carried out with volunteer help from Church members, without which the Church would be unable to function, the trustees are very grateful for the help received from the volunteers.

To assist in achieving the objectives, the Church works closely with a wider group of churches known as Global Horizons, a separately registered UK charity. The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Christopher Williams and Malcolm Turner continued to serve as elders throughout the year. Christopher Williams continued to serve as the full-time elder. Adam Bewsher, David Goodship, Leigh Turner and Duncan Vann continued to serve as Trustees throughout the year.

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the major risks which the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves referred to below, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

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2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS

During the course of the year the Church carried out the following activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed:

- Held public meetings, some virtual, in accordance with the Christian faith for worship, prayer and teaching;
- Made recordings of Sunday teaching and midweek meetings available on the internet to a wide audience free of charge and without restriction;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith through small group virtual meetings;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith on a one-to-one basis;
- Ran teaching programmes for children and teenagers, some virtual;
- Organised community events to reach out with the gospel;
- Provided financial and practical support to mission organisations, and individual missionaries, working in both the UK and overseas;
- Provided training in leadership through virtual meetings with a number of Church members as they take responsibility for aspects of Church life (including leading worship teams, providing one-to-one care, teaching and preaching on Sundays and in small group settings, organising events and meetings, etc);
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The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance and consider that all activities carried out by the Church pass the public benefit test. In particular, each of the three charitable objects of the Church is supported by at least one activity in the list above and in practice most activities contribute to at least two of the objects.

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The Trustees has reviewed its financial forecast for 2022. This review indicates that it will be unlikely to have a deficit in 2022. Accordingly, it has concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the 2021 Accounts on a going-concern basis and that it is not necessary to make any adjustment to these accounts as a result of the lockdown restrictions.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance.

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves decreased slightly by £232 (2020: decreased by £37,305) during the year. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £116,513 (2020: £116,745). The trustees are confident that as there are no longer long term commitments, income and expenditure can continue to be closely matched.

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The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Church's need. This is based on the Church's size and level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Church will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees do not set aside funds unnecessarily. Currently reserves are set aside above those needed for day to day matters referred to above. At 31 December 2021 the Church had net free reserves of £58,106 (2020: £59,581) as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Total reserves	116,513	116,745
Less: restricted funds	(58,166)	(57,000)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(241)	(164)
Free reserves	58,106	59,581
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	23,040	51,738

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4.3 Grant-making policy

The Church provides regular support to Global Horizons, a charity which supports a network of churches of which London Community Church is a part and also for Alan and Betty Scotland who lead Global Horizons. The Trustees also receive individual applications for grants which are dealt with individually by reference to the funds available and the Trustees' perceptions of the merits of the application.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it is intended to continue to provide for the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the pandemic and economic hardship continues.

6. TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2022

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 set out on pages 9-17.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and 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 Examiners 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 church 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.

John Helm ACA

25 September 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	87,981	1,795	89,776	121,813	4,446	126,259
Charitable Activities	2b	2,150	0	2,150	12,496	0	12,496
Other Trading Activities	2c	0	0	0	30,893	0	30,893
Total		90,131	1,795	91,926	165,202	4,446	169,648
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	(612)	0	(612)	71,814	11,364	83,178
Charitable activities	3b	92,141	629	92,770	85,962	37,813	123,775
Total		91,529	629	92,158	157,776	49,177	206,953
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,398)	1,166	(232)	7,426	(44,731)	(37,305)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Movement in Funds		(1,398)	1,166	(232)	7,426	(44,731)	(37,305)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		59,745	57,000	116,745	52,319	101,731	154,050
Total Funds Carried Forward		58,347	58,166	116,513	59,745	57,000	116,745

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.

The notes on pages 11 -17 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31 Dec 2021	Total 31 Dec 2020
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	241	0	241	164
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	14,752	0	14,752	26,571
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	45,580	58,166	103,746	90,621
		60,332	58,166	118,498	117,192
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,226	0	2,226	611
NET CURRENT ASSETS		58,106	58,166	116,272	116,581
NET ASSETS		58,347	58,166	116,513	116,745
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		58,347	0	58,347	59,745
Restricted Funds	8	0	58,166	58,166	57,000
TOTAL FUNDS		58,347	58,166	116,513	116,745

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Approved by the Trustees on 25 September 2022

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of the Church's premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £75. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Café Fittings and Equipment	20% straight line basis
Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line basis over the remaining period of the lease

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	68,636	0	68,636	67,606
Regular Offerings	2,358	0	2,358	2,263
Property Fund Donations	0	0	0	1,992
Mission Fund Donations	105	1,795	1,900	2,374
Covid Donations	2,538	0	2,538	1,786
Covid Grants	0	0	0	36,368
Tax Recoverable	14,344	0	14,344	13,870
	87,981	1,795	89,776	126,259
(b) Charitable Activities				
Miscellaneous Income	2,150	0	2,150	12,496
	2,150	0	2,150	12,496
(c) Other Trading Activities				
Café Income	0	0	0	30,893
	90,131	1,795	91,926	169,648

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds - Café				
People Costs	0	0	0	25,392
Pension Costs	0	0	0	376
Utilities	(517)	0	(517)	704
Equipment Costs	0	0	0	148
Depreciation	60	0	60	2,383
Printing Postage and Stationery	0	0	0	36
Café Supplies	0	0	0	7,280
Consumables & Cleaning	0	0	0	80
Property Rent & Rates	128	0	128	25,331
Lease Amortisation	0	0	0	11,364
Insurance, Licences & Permits	(283)	0	(283)	4,440
Bank Service Charges	0	0	0	346
Construction & Maintenance	0	0	0	683
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	832
VAT	0	0	0	3,783
	(612)	0	(612)	83,178

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	11,687	629	12,316	8,244
People Costs	69,835	0	69,835	69,231
Other Training costs	57	0	57	20
Property Rental	1,793	0	1,793	807
Equipment Costs	901	0	901	122
Depreciation	62	0	62	81
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0	0	37,372
Telephones	576	0	576	540
Printing Postage and Stationery	863	0	863	578
Travel Costs	114	0	114	9
Hospitality Costs	1,445	0	1,445	1,146
Insurance	343	0	343	644
Licences & Permits	407	0	407	144
Bank Service Charges	224	0	224	190
Sundry expenses	670	0	670	707
Professional Fees	1,454	0	1,454	3130
Independent Examiner Fees	1,710	0	1,710	810
	92,141	629	92,770	123,775

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2021	Total 2020
Salaried staff	0	25,392
Contracted staff	69,835	69,231
Employers National Insurance	0	1,395
Employer Allowance	0	(1,395)
Pension Contributions	0	376
	69,835	94,999
Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:	68,400	68,400
Full time equivalent people represented	1.6	2.2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The Charity no longer operates a PAYE scheme for employed members of staff but no employee received emoluments greater than £60,000 (2020: None)

The charity makes payments on a self-employed basis, and the charity also uses volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects. The full-time elder is self-employed.

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	6,000	0	6,000	5,000
To individuals:	5,687	629	6,316	3,244
	11,687	629	12,316	8,244

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Café Fittings & Equipment	PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Total
Cost or Valuation						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2021	298	17,604	9,246	0	27,148
Additions		0	199	0	0	199
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2021	298	17,803	9,246	0	27,347
Depreciation and impairments						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2021	233	17,505	9,246	0	26,984
Depreciation Charge		60	62	0	0	122
Disposals		0	0	0	0	0
At end of the year	31 Dec 2021	293	17,568	9,246	0	27,107
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2021	5	236	0	0	241
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2020	65	99	0	0	164

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5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Tax recoverable	14,342	0	14,342	13,870
Prepayments and Accrued Income	410	0	410	376
Café Rent Deposit	0	0	0	12,325
	14,752	0	14,752	26,571

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Cash in Hand	92	0	92	583
Lloyds Current Account	6,948	52,928	59,876	49,615
Lloyds Deposit Account	325	0	325	325
CAF Current Account	38,204	5,238	43,442	40,087
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	45,580	58,166	103,746	90,621

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
Creditors and Accruals	100	0	100	(31)
Lloyds Charge Card	416	0	416	(168)
Independent Examiner Fees	1710	0	1710	810
	2,226	0	2,226	611

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2021
Property Fund - Funds	52,928	0	0	0	52,928
Property Fund - Lease	0	0	0	0	0
Mission Fund	4,072	1,795	629	0	5,238
	57,000	1,795	629	0	58,166

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2020
Property Fund - Funds	19,093	1,992	0	31,843	52,928
Property Fund - Lease	80,579	0	48,736	-31,843	0
Mission Fund	2,059	2,454	441	0	4,072
	101,731	4,446	49,177	0	57,000

9. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments (2020:£770) were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business, nor were there any material transactions between the Church and a Trustee or any person connected with them.

The Trustees gave a total of £4,296 (2020: £4,207) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.

THE LONDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

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LONDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

Charity Registration Number: 292014

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name	London Community Church.
Registered Charity Number	292014
Trustees	<p>The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:</p> <p>Adam Bewsher David J Goodship (Chair) Leigh J Turner Duncan Vann</p>
Key Management Personnel	Those in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the church on a day to day basis are the Trustees, Chris Williams (elder), Nikki Williams (manager) and Malcolm Turner (elder).
Legal Status	Unincorporated Charity
Governing Instrument	Declaration of Trust dated 3 April 1985, amended by Special Resolution of 24 March 2003
Objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of the Christian faith and the worship of God• To provide relief to people who are in need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick• The advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles
Principal Address	14 Dersingham Road, Cricklewood, LONDON NW2 1SL
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Banking Group, Covent Garden Branch, Southampton Row, LONDON WC1B 5HR
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA, Simply Churches, 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the London Community Church ("the Church") for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in the format prescribed the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP2015 (FRS102)) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Church's affairs are normally conducted under the supervision and leadership of a team of elders. Trustees are appointed by the elders. A trustee can be removed by a resolution passed by a simple majority of the members of the Church.

Currently one of the elders acts in a full-time capacity within the Church and is responsible for day-to-day management. Responsibility for different areas of Church life is delegated to members by the elders. The elders meet together regularly and consult regularly with a wider group of leaders consisting of the elders, their spouses, and other couples in Church leadership. Formal trustee meetings are held at least three times a year and the elders meet informally with the trustees frequently throughout the year at various Church activities and events and maintain a close working relationship together.

Apart from the full-time elder and paid office and café help, nearly all of the Church's activities and programmes are carried out with volunteer help from Church members, without which the Church would be unable to function, the trustees are very grateful for the help received from the volunteers.

To assist in achieving the objectives, the Church works closely with a wider group of churches known as Global Horizons, a separately registered UK charity. The Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Christopher Williams and Malcolm Turner continued to serve as elders throughout the year. Christopher Williams continued to serve as the full-time elder. Adam Bewsher, David Goodship, Leigh Turner and Duncan Vann continued to serve as Trustees throughout the year.

Risk Assessment

The trustees regularly review the major risks which the Church faces. They believe that maintaining the free reserves referred to below, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks. Extensive discussions were held to consider the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic, specifically around the Café and the associated lease with its' 2021 breakpoint. A decision was taken to cease the running of the café, which was forced by the pandemic to close and

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sell the property lease. The sale took place on 30th November 2020, this mitigated all the previous risks around the acquisition of property and it was also agreed to pause the change of structure to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) at that time.

2. ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTS

During the course of the year the Church carried out the following activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed:

- Held public meetings, many virtual, in accordance with the Christian faith for worship, prayer and teaching;
- Made recordings of Sunday teaching and midweek meetings available on the internet to a wide audience free of charge and without restriction;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith through small group virtual meetings;
- Assisted and supported individuals in the outworking of their Christian faith on a one-to-one basis;
- Ran teaching programmes for children and teenagers, virtual from March 2020;
- Organised community events to reach out with the gospel, for example “church in the park” and “carols on the green”;
- Provided financial and practical support to mission organisations, and individual missionaries, working in both the UK and overseas;
- Continued to serve the local community and running a Mums and Babies programme and ‘English Spoken’ sessions for those wishing to practice it in the community café until closure in March 2020;
- Provided training in leadership through virtual meetings with a number of Church members as they take responsibility for aspects of Church life (including leading worship teams, providing one-to-one care, teaching and preaching on Sundays and in small group settings, organising events and meetings, etc);
- Operated a community café, until its closure in March 2020 due to the pandemic, to further the objectives of the charitable trust;
- Run a ‘Streets Food Project’ initiative weekly starting June 2020, starting initially in the community café and continuing within the O2 community venue. Responding to the pandemic environment to distribute food parcels to more than 100 people (poor and in need) in the local community, supported by local volunteers.
- Forged links with other charitable bodies, e.g. JW3 and Camden council to expand the “Streets food project” which is still ongoing in the community.
- Sold the café in November 2020 following the closure in March 2020. The Café was a loss making activity and whilst the government support covered the rent during the closure it was determined that the slow return of trade to the high street would place a significant burden on the finances for an indefinite period.

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Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the public benefit guidance and consider that all activities carried out by the Church pass the public benefit test. In particular, each of the three charitable objects of the Church is supported by at least one activity in the list above and in practice most activities contribute to at least two of the objects.

There are no material restrictions on participating in any Church activities based on financial need. Our public meetings (every Sunday and some midweek meetings – virtual since March 2020) are open to all free of charge. Although Church members are asked to make a financial commitment to the Church, there is no minimum commitment and no one is excluded on the grounds of finance. Our community cafe was open to the public six days a week until closure due to the pandemic in March 2020.

3. GOING CONCERN

The significant event to have occurred for the period covered by these accounts has been the lockdown restrictions made necessary by the Covid-19 pandemic, which broke out in early March 2021.

Each year it's the Trustees' responsibility to state whether or not the annual accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis (see the accounting policy note on page 11). Going concern is the assumption that an entity, in this case the Church, has the resources (financial or otherwise) needed to continue operating for the foreseeable future and in particular, for at least 12 months from the date of approval by the Trustees of these annual accounts. If the going concern principle did not apply then the accounts would be drawn up on an insolvent basis.

Clearly, as part of this year's going concern review, the Trustees have had to consider the ongoing impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Church's ministry. It has concluded that the financial risks to that ministry have reduced significantly, as a result of the sale of the Café, this has mitigated the impact of lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government (Which was offset by furlough and government grants for hospitality sector) and the closure of the meeting hall mandated by the landlord.

Against this background, the Trustees has reviewed its financial forecast for 2021. This review indicates that it will be unlikely to have a deficit in 2021. Accordingly, it has concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the 2020 Accounts on a going-concern basis and that it is not necessary to make any adjustment to these accounts as a result of the lockdown restrictions. The Trustees will continue to keep both the short-term and longer-term impact under review and in particular, the 'degree of return to normality' will be actively monitored in the latter part of 2021, with a view to assessing the likely carryover into 2022 and the effect on the 2022 Budget.

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4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Church's main sources of funding are the free will tithes and offerings of Church members and others in attendance, government coronavirus grants, and income generated by operating the Streets café until closure in March 2020.

Financial Activity and Financial Position

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet can be found on pages 9 and 10 respectively. The Church's reserves decreased by £37,305 (2019: decreased by £26,758) during the year. The balance sheet shows total net assets of £116,745 (2019: £154,050). The Trustees have instigated a series of actions to reduce the shortfall in funds of the charity. The café was the main reason for the shortfall in funds, it was judged that the impact of the pandemic would be long lasting and the high street location would not recover quickly, this would lead to a long term impact on trade and reducing staff to match the level of trade would be difficult along with generating enough revenue to cover the rent. The trustees determined that the best option was sell the lease, to release the charity from the ongoing lease commitment, this has given a one-off loss on disposal of £37,373, however the trustees are confident that now that there are no longer long term commitments income and expenditure can recover more easily and be much more closely matched.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the Church's need. This is based on the Church's size and level of financial commitments. The Trustees aim to ensure that the Church will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees do not set aside funds unnecessarily. Currently reserves are set aside above those needed for day to day matters referred to above. At 31 December 2020 the Church had net free reserves of £59,581 (2019: £46,610) as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total reserves	116,745	154,050
Less: restricted funds	(57,000)	(101,731)
Less: unrestricted fixed assets	(164)	(5,709)
Free reserves	59,581	46,610
Free reserves requirement:		
3 month's budgeted routine expenditure	51,738	62,500

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Grant-making policy

The Church provides regular support to Global Horizons, a charity which supports a network of churches of which London Community Church is a part and also for Alan and Betty Scotland who lead Global Horizons. The Trustees also receive individual applications for grants which are dealt with individually by reference to the funds available and the Trustees' perceptions of the merits of the application.

5. PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Church plans to continue its current activities in order to achieve the objects set out in the Trust Deed. With the successful establishment of the "Streets food project", it is intended to continue to provide for the surrounding communities, including volunteering opportunities, as well as food in the near term whilst the pandemic and its effects continues.

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7. APPROVAL

Approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2021

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees of London Community Church on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 10-18.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The organisation's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The organisation's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for 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);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and 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 Examiners 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 church 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.

John Helm ACA
24 October 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2019
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and Legacies	2a	121,813	4,446	126,259	89,007	7,318	96,325
Charitable Activities	2b	12,496	0	12,496	750	0	750
Other Trading Activities	2c	30,893	0	30,893	134,116	0	134,116
Total		165,202	4,446	169,648	223,873	7,318	231,191
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3a	71,814	11,364	83,178	147,815	12,397	160,212
Charitable activities	3b	85,962	37,813	123,775	96,151	1,587	97,738
Total		157,776	49,177	206,953	243,966	13,984	257,950
Net income/(expenditure)		7,426	(44,731)	(37,305)	(20,093)	(6,666)	(26,758)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	22,986	(22,986)	0
Net Movement in Funds		7,426	(44,731)	(37,305)	2,893	(29,651)	(26,758)
Reconciliation of Funds:							
Total Funds Brought Forward		52,319	101,731	154,050	49,426	131,382	180,808
Total Funds Carried Forward		59,745	57,000	116,745	52,319	101,731	154,050

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the charity's operations are counted as continuing.

The notes on pages 12 -18 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	4	164	0	164	86,288
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	5	26,571	0	26,571	34,898
Cash at Bank and in hand	6	33,621	57,000	90,621	45,369
		60,192	57,000	117,192	80,267
LIABILITIES:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	611	0	611	12,505
NET CURRENT ASSETS		59,581	57,000	116,581	67,762
NET ASSETS		59,745	57,000	116,745	154,050
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		59,745	0	59,745	52,319
Restricted Funds	8	0	57,000	57,000	101,731
TOTAL FUNDS		59,746	57,000	116,745	154,050

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Approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2021

Signed on their behalf by Trustee

David Goodship

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees are responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of Church groups that owe an affiliation to another body or those that are informal gatherings of Church members.

The London Community Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Church's ability to continue as a going concern and accordingly the accounts have been drawn up on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the Church has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

Income from the recovery of tax on gift aided donations is accounted for in the period to which the relevant donation is received. Grant income is recognised on a receivable basis.

The income from trading activities includes rental income from the letting of the Church's premises which is accounted for when earned. It is shown gross, with the associated costs included in fundraising costs.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Church; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Longer term liabilities are discounted to present value. Although the Church is registered for VAT under the Flat Rate Scheme, VAT is irrecoverable and therefore expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Charitable expenditure includes those costs in fulfilling The Church's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants made, governance costs and support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Church and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.

Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised if the asset can be used for more than one year and costs at least £250. Assets are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

Café Fittings and Equipment	20% straight line basis
Fixtures and Fittings and Office Equipment	20% straight line basis
PA and Meeting Equipment	20% straight line basis
Leasehold land and buildings	Straight line basis over the remaining period of the lease

Debtors

Debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of opening of the deposit.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

Fund accounting

The funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
(a) Donations and legacies				
Gifts and Donations	67,526	80	67,606	71,889
Regular Offerings	2,263	0	2,263	5,763
Property Fund Donations	0	1,992	1,992	5,833
Mission Fund Donations	0	2,374	2,374	1,485
Covid Donations	1,786	0	1,786	0
Covid Grants	36,368	0	36,368	0
Tax Recoverable	13,870	0	13,870	11,355
	121,813	4,446	126,259	96,325
(b) Charitable Activities				
Miscellaneous Income	12,496	0	12,496	750
	12,496	0	12,496	750
(c) Other Trading Activities				
Café Income	30,893	0	30,893	134,116
	165,202	4,446	169,648	231,191

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
(a) Expenditure on Raising Funds - Café				
People Costs	25,392	0	25,392	51,440
Pension Costs	376	0	376	800
Utilities	704	0	704	6,608
Equipment Costs	148	0	148	389
Depreciation	2,383	0	2,383	2,892
Printing Postage and Stationery	36	0	36	11
Café Supplies	7,280	0	7,280	31,996
Consumables & Cleaning	80	0	80	732
Property Rent & Rates	25,331	0	25,331	26,870
Lease Amortisation	0	11,364	11,364	12,397
Insurance, Licences & Permits	4,440	0	4,440	1,769
Bank Service Charges	346	0	346	1,189
Construction & Maintenance	683	0	683	740
Sundry expenses	832	0	832	6,083
Irrecoverable VAT	3,783	0	3,783	16,297
	71,814	11,364	83,178	160,212

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

(b) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Activities				
Charitable Grants (see note below)	7,803	441	8,244	6,768
People Costs	69,231	0	69,231	74,569
Other ministry costs	0	0	0	0
Conference Fees	0	0	0	0
Other Training costs	20	0	20	301
Property Rental	807	0	807	8,184
Equipment Costs	122	0	122	266
Depreciation	81	0	81	219
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	37,372	37,372	0
Telephones	540	0	540	548
Printing Postage and Stationery	578	0	578	554
Accommodation	0	0	0	0
Travel Costs	9	0	9	1,438
Hospitality Costs	1,146	0	1,146	1,824
Insurance	644	0	644	357
Licences & Permits	144	0	144	718
Bank Service Charges	190	0	190	341
Sundry expenses	707	0	707	931
Independent Examination Fee	3,940	0	3,940	720
	85,962	37,813	123,775	97,738

Staff Costs and Numbers

Included within expenditure are the following staff costs:

	Total 2020	Total 2019
Salaried staff	25,392	51,440
Contracted staff	69,231	74,569
Employers National Insurance	1,395	3,378
Employer Allowance	(1,395)	(2,669)
Pension Contributions	376	800
	94,999	127,517

Of which the following contract payments were made in relation to Key Management Personnel:

	Total 2020	Total 2019
Full time equivalent people represented	2.2	4.5

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED)

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme for employed members of staff and no employee received emoluments greater than £60,000 (2019: None)

The charity makes payments on both an employed and a self-employed basis, and the charity also benefits from volunteers and casual labour to further the Church's objects.

The full-time elder is self-employed

Charitable Grants

Included within expenditure are the following charitable grants made in accordance with the objects of the Church:

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
To organisations:				
Global Horizons	5,000	0	5,000	5,500
To individuals:	2,803	441	3,244	1,268
	7,803	441	8,244	6,768

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Café Fittings & Equipment	PA & Meeting Equipment	Fixtures Fittings & Office Equipment	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Total
Cost or Valuation						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2020	13,135	17,529	9,246	125,000	164,910
Additions		0	75	0	0	75
Disposals		(12,837)	0	0	(125,000)	(137,837)
At end of the year	31 Dec 2020	298	17,604	9,246	0	27,148
Depreciation and impairments						
At start of the year	1 Jan 2020	7,530	17,457	9,213	44,421	78,622
Depreciation Charge		2,383	48	33	11,364	13,828
Disposals		(9,680)	0	0	(55,785)	(65,465)
At end of the year	31 Dec 2020	233	17,505	9,246	0	26,984
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2020	65	99	0	0	164
Net Book Value	31 Dec 2019	5,604	72	33	80,579	86,288

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5. DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Tax recoverable	13,870	0	13,870	14,798
Prepayments and Accrued Income	376	0	376	7,775
Café Rent Deposit	12,325	0	12,325	12,325
	26,571	0	26,571	34,898

6. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Cash in Hand	583	0	583	1,149
Lloyds Current Account	17,772	31,843	49,615	25,645
Lloyds Deposit Account	325	0	325	325
CAF Current Account	14,930	25,157	40,087	18,239
CAF Deposit Account	11	0	11	11
	33,621	57,000	90,621	45,369

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2020	Total 2019
Creditors and Accruals	(31)	0	(31)	11,692
Lloyds Charge Card	(168)	0	(168)	3
Independent Examiner Fees	810	0	810	810
	611	0	611	12,505

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

8a Current year

	At 1 Jan 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2020
Property Fund - Funds	19,093	1,992	0	31,843	52,928
Property Fund - Lease	80,579	0	48,736	(31,843)	0
Mission Fund	2,059	2,454	441	0	4,072
	101,731	4,446	49,177	0	57,000

The costs on disposal of the cafe lease have been charged to the Property Fund - Lease. In 2016 £125,000 was transferred from the Property Fund - Funds to establish funds for the lease and the residual balance has therefore been transferred back to that fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8b Prior year

	At 1 Jan 2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2019
Property Fund - Funds	13,260	5,833	0	0	19,093
Property Fund - Lease	92,975	0	12,397	0	80,578
Mission Fund	2,123	1,485	1,549	0	2,059
Youth Work Fund	23,024	0	38	(22,986)	0
	131,382	7,318	13,984	(22,986)	101,731

9. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are no longer payable as the Café lease was sold in November 2020:

	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2019
Not later than one year	0	24,650
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	0	98,600
More than 5 years	0	25,102
	0	148,352

10. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Payments of £770 (2019: £1,160) were made to one Trustee for bookkeeping services.

No other payments were made to any trustee or persons connected with them other than reimbursements of expenses incurred whilst carrying out Church business, nor were there any material transactions between the Church and a Trustee or any person connected with them

The Trustees gave a total of £4,434 (2019: £4,207) in unrestricted offerings and donations during the year.