



Partners in Service

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st March 2024

**Delhi Bible Institute's
UK representative charity
(Registered no 327424)**

PARTNERS IN SERVICE
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHARITY NAME:	Partners in Service
WORKING NAME:	DBI Partners UK
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER:	327424
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CURRENT TRUSTEES:	Rev David Johnston (Chairman) Rev Philip Hair (Vice Chairman) Mr Stephen Dalling (Secretary) Mr Richard Henry (Treasurer) Rev Alastair Dunlop Rev Prebendary Ian Lewis Rev Howard Mason Mrs Dorothy Pavey Dr Sally Raheja Rev Michael Smailes
BANKERS:	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4LQ
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Mrs S Truran FCCA FCA Streets Bush Limited 2 Barnfield Crescent Exeter EX1 1QT

PARTNERS IN SERVICE
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of Partners in Service ('the Charity'/'the Trust') for the year ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10 and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the Charity is to promote the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ through actions which are prompted by the love and example of His life. This is done mainly by supporting the work of Delhi Bible Institute ("DBI"); encouraging financial support of its work through the distribution of news and other DBI resources; and organising visits to the UK by the National Director. DBI has been based at Bible Bhavan since 1966, and currently operates from 12 centres in 11 states in India.

Partners in Service is DBI's UK representative charity and uses the name 'DBI Partners UK'.

In addition to the Trust's principal object of supporting DBI, its other objects are to relieve those in need in developing countries and deprived areas, and to support any other charitable objects as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

Care is taken by the Trust when deciding how to fulfil its objects and carry out its duties and responsibilities, and to ensure that DBI, and any other work the Trust supports, are able and willing to use the funds for the benefit of the public or identifiable sections of the public and in keeping with the Trust's objects.

In selecting what and whom to support during the year, the Trustees and the Trust have considered the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit and in particular the Commission's specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion and its guidance on the prevention and relief of poverty for the public benefit.

The Trust continues to meet its legal requirements in a variety of ways, including supporting DBI.

Grant making policy

The majority of activities undertaken by the Trust are in support of the work of DBI.

The Trust does occasionally channel funding to other charitable causes, in accordance with its objects and responsibilities as set out above.

Achievement and performance

Once again, there has been great prayerful generosity offered by individuals, churches, and trusts during the course of the last year. Such response inspires both humility and hope, not only in those receiving the benefits of such generous giving, but also in all those involved in the Trust, and for this we all give thanks.

Trustees were delighted to appoint Andrew Dawes as (part-time) Support Development Officer, commencing 11th March 2024.

Trustees held their usual annual meeting on 8th March 2024. DBI's National Director attended in person.

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Financial review

The generosity of individuals, churches, and trusts has again been evident during the course of the year. General gifts (including interest and gift aid) totalled £214,409 (see Note 5). As with all unspecified gifts received by the Trust, these gifts were allocated to the DBI (General) Fund.

In addition to these general gifts, specific donations included gifts for social projects, Hindi materials, pastoral relief and local centres. The total donated to these projects was £85,440 (including gift aid). Overall giving across all restricted funds (including interest and gift aid) was £299,889 compared with the previous year's income of £161,161.

Such generosity enabled Trustees to transfer a total of £263,897 to DBI for their various projects (see Note 5).

Trustees give thanks for the commitment of all those who have supported Partners in Service over the past year, whether financially, through prayer, or by donating their time.

Sometimes ear-marked gifts are not requested for onward transfer during the year in which the gift is made, but Trustees do ensure that any such money required in the following year is forwarded without delay. At the same time, it is incumbent upon the Trust to ensure that it holds enough restricted funds to cover those ongoing costs to which the Trust is committed.

The Trust does not own property.

The Trust continues to be confident of meeting its obligations into the future.

Reserves policy

The Trust's Reserves Policy is regularly reviewed as a matter of good practice.

The Trust aims to have sufficient funds from year to year to facilitate the work of Delhi Bible Institute and in particular, to provide against fluctuations in DBI's income and expenditure needs.

In pursuance of this aim the Trust continues to be transparent with DBI regarding its funds. The Trust aims to provide agreed quarterly reporting to the National Director of DBI and endeavours to hold reserves, in its restricted DBI (General) Fund, which are at least equivalent to the Trust's general annual giving to DBI needs.

The Trust does not expect any of its other sub-funds to accumulate more than modest reserves and would anticipate that these will normally have year end balances of less than £10,000. Should sub-funds have more sizeable amounts, the Trust will discuss with DBI how the money accumulated in the sub-funds can be used, in line with the purpose of the sub-fund.

The intention of the Trustees is that this Policy should not place any maximum on the level of funds which can properly be held by the Trust, at any one time, to be used for the furtherance of the work of DBI. For avoidance of doubt this Policy will not prevent the Trust from forwarding to DBI any funds held by the Trust for the furtherance of DBI's work which are requested by DBI. The nature and timing of projects supported in India means that from time to time reserves may fall below the one year target.

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Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major organisational risks which the Trust faces. The Trustees are confident that these risks are relatively minimal given the nature of its work, the donations made to it and the modest costs that it incurs in respect of its employees.

Structure, governance, and management

Partners in Service is a UK registered charity (number 327424), and is constituted under a trust deed dated 2nd March 1987, as amended by a supplemental deed dated 12th August 1996. The Trust has in recent years adopted a working name: 'DBI Partners UK', and this is registered as such at the Charity Commission.

Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees and serve for an indefinite period. They meet at least annually. Those Trustees who have served during the year and up to the date the report was approved are as follows:

Rev David Johnston (Chairman)
Rev Philip Hair (Vice Chairman)
Mr Stephen Dalling (Secretary)
Mr Richard Henry (Treasurer)
Rev Alastair Dunlop
Rev Prebendary Ian Lewis
Rev Howard Mason
Mrs Dorothy Pavey
Dr Sally Raheja
Rev Michael Smailes

In addition, since March 2019 and in accordance with the Charity's constitution, an Executive Committee has operated to progress appropriate Trust business outside of full meetings of the Trustees. Such business is determined by a committee of at least three Trustees.

New Trustees are selected on the basis of their experience, skills, and knowledge of Christian work in India and across the world.

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Rev David Johnston
Chair of Trustees

Date: 9/12/2024

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9/12/24

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
PARTNERS IN SERVICE**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

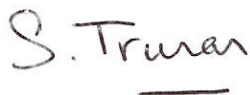
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Trust are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept 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.



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Date 7 January 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
Donations & Legacies	11	-	295,616	295,616	-	159,700	159,700
Investments & Bank	12	107	4,273	4,380	427	1,461	1,888
TOTAL		107	299,889	299,996	427	161,161	161,588
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	13	-	263,897	263,897	-	213,168	213,168
TOTAL		-	263,897	263,897	-	213,168	213,168
NET GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS							
	9	-	-	-	282	-	282
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS							
		107	35,992	36,099	709	(52,007)	(51,298)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:							
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		17,325	220,836	238,161	16,616	272,843	289,459
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		17,432	256,828	274,260	17,325	220,836	238,161

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	Note	£	At 31 ST March 2024 £	At 31 ST March 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS:				
Investments	2		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Debtors	3	3,531		3,286
Cash at bank and in hand		272,216		235,775
		<u>275,747</u>		<u>239,061</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,487)		(900)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			274,260	238,161
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>274,260</u>	<u>238,161</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:				
Restricted Income Funds	5		256,828	220,836
Unrestricted Funds			17,432	17,325
			<u>274,260</u>	<u>238,161</u>
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS				

The notes on pages 9 -15 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts were approved by the board of trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:

9th December 2024

9/12/24


Rev David Johnston
Chair of Trustees


Mr Stephen Gilling
Secretary, Trustees

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PARTNERS IN SERVICE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (second edition – October 2019) (effective 1st January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). *The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011.*

Partners in Service meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Fixed Asset investments

Investments are included at current market value at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities. The Charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial investments.

c) Debtors

The gift aid debtor is recognised and included as income in the financial year when there is a valid declaration from the donor, and the claim was made by the date these accounts were approved.

d) Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

e) Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the Charity has a present obligation resulting 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

f) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the Charity. Gift aid receivable is included in income in the financial year when there is a valid declaration from the donor, and the claim was made by the date these accounts were approved. Any gift aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

h) The Funds of the Charity

Funds held by the Charity are:

Unrestricted funds

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the Charity.

Restricted income funds

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes or when the trustees resolve to earmark gifts that would otherwise be allocated to the DBI (General) Fund to another, particular DBI sub-fund.

i) Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

j) Going concern

The Trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Investments

There are currently none.

3. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accrued Income: Gift aid tax refunds	2,890	3,286
Prepayments	641	-
	<u>3,531</u>	<u>3,286</u>

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4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	1,487	900
Other Creditors: Gifts committed but not yet paid	-	-
	1,487	900

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Fund Balances B/Forward	Income	Expenditure	Fund Balances C/Forward
	£	£	£	£
DBI (General)	189,996	214,449	169,697	234,748
DBI (Hindi Materials)	-	440	-	440
DBI (Pastoral Relief)	-	10,000	-	10,000
DBI (Social Projects)	431	3,625	3,200	856
DBI (Staff Retreat)	210	-	-	210
DBI (New Centres Running Costs)	-	11,000	1,000	10,000
DBI (Chandauli)	10,000	-	10,000	-
DBI (Chandigarh)	199	375	-	574
DBI (Guwahati)	-	20,000	20,000	-
DBI (Jaipur)	10,000	-	10,000	-
DBI (Jammu)	-	20,000	20,000	-
DBI (Lucknow)	10,000	-	10,000	-
DBI (Patna)	-	20,000	20,000	-
TOTALS	220,836	299,889	263,897	256,828

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets: Investments	-	-	-
Current Assets	17,432	258,315	275,747
Creditors: Due within one year	-	(1,487)	(1,487)
Net Assets	17,432	256,828	274,260

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

All the restricted funds are donated or raised from an appeal for Delhi Bible Institute (DBI). The individual restricted funds are either for a particular geographical area or a specific purpose.

5a. RESTRICTED FUNDS - Previous Year

	Fund Balances B/Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Balances C/Forward £
DBI (General)	247,725	123,498	(181,227)	189,996
DBI (Social Projects)	2,547	5,307	(7,423)	431
DBI (Hindi Materials)	2,235	-	(2,235)	-
DBI (Staff Retreat)	210	-	-	210
DBI (Jaipur)	5,000	10,000	(5,000)	10,000
DBI (Lucknow)	5,000	10,000	(5,000)	10,000
DBI (Chandauli)	10,000	10,000	(10,000)	10,000
DBI (Chandigarh)	125	2,356	(2,282)	199
TOTALS	272,842	161,161	213,167	220,836

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets: Investments	-	-	-
Current Assets	18,225	220,836	239,061
Creditors: Due within one year	(900)		(900)
Net Assets	17,325	220,836	238,161

6. CHARITABLE GIVING

During the year, the Trust distributed gifts totalling £229,200 (2023 - £195,442) all to Delhi Bible Institute.

7. ADMIN COSTS: ADMINISTRATOR AND SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The costs of an administrator for the Trust totalled £12,704 (2023 - £12,636). The administrator is provided by St Bartholomew PCC, Bath and payments are made direct to them.

In March 2024 the Trustees appointed a Support Development Officer (part-time for 19 hours a week). He is also provided by St Bartholomew PCC, Bath with payments made direct to them. The costs of this position for the Trust totalled £587 (2023 - £0).

8. ACCOUNTANCY/INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

£900 was accrued for the Charity's independent examination in the year which included an element for preparation of the year's accounts.

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9. NET GAINS (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	15,705
Gain on revaluation of investments	-	282
Disposal	-	(15,987)
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Balance carried forward	-	-

10. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES/RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Charity's insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the Trust was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

Trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 amounted to £5,610 which included £2,685 for Trustees' travel expenses to meetings and cost of hire of the conference room plus £2,925 for three trustees to meet with the DBI team.

Two partners of Trustees were also invited to meet with the DBI team during the year, alongside their spouses, and their travel expenses of £1,042 were also paid for by the Charity.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:							
11. Donations & Legacies							
Individual Gifts		-	39,624	39,624	-	33,112	33,112
Church Gifts		-	32,953	32,953	-	26,948	26,948
Grants from Trusts		-	171,700	171,700	-	47,450	47,450
Other (company and anon giving)		-	43,870	43,870	-	43,550	43,550
Gift Aid tax refunds		-	7,469	7,469	-	6,640	6,640
Legacies		-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
			295,616	295,616		159,700	159,700
12. Investments							
Dividends – IFSL CAF UK Equity Fund B Income (Formerly called FP CAF UK Equity Fund B Income)		-	-	-	417	-	417
Bank Interest		107	4,273	4,380	10	1,461	1,471
		107	4,273	4,380	427	1,461	1,888
13. EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities							
Charitable Giving	6	-	229,200	229,200	-	195,442	195,442
Admin costs: Salaries	7	-	13,291	13,291	-	12,636	12,636
Admin costs: Office Equipment		-	2,738	2,738	-	676	676
Admin costs: Print, Post & Stationery		-	52	52	-	64	64
Admin costs: Website Development		-	672	672	-	300	300
Admin costs: Bank charges		-	217	217	-	203	203

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
EXPENDITURE ON:							
13. Charitable activities (continued)							
Promotion expenses – Vision Trip 2024		-	10,910	10,910	-	-	-
Governance costs: Insurance		-	209	209	-	204	204
Governance costs: Trustee meeting costs	10	-	5,610	5,610	-	2,507	2,507
Governance costs: Accty and Ind Examination	8	-	900	900	-	911	911
Sundry Expenses		-	98	98	-	225	225
		-	263,897	263,897	-	213,168	213,168