

GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER

England & Wales · Charity number 503258

Details

Other names	GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1974-05-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGIONB. ANY OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES WHICH ARE AGREED BY THE TRUSTEES.

Activities: Greater Manchester Churches Together sustains and supports ecumenical developments at, local, parish, Borough and Regional level. The work involves Local Ecumenical Partnerships ,with over 100 Churches Together Groups and meetings of Church Leaders.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER MANCHESTER
- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,764	£29,398	-	-
2024-12-31	£29,179	£27,056	-	-
2023-12-31	£25,716	£30,307	-	-
2022-12-31	£28,594	£24,323	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,248	£20,257	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,009	£24,525	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fr Paul John Cannon		2026-05-06
MONSIGNOR PAUL SMITH		
Rev Glayne Worgan		2019-09-30
Rev John Stanley Kenneth Arnold		2014-09-30
Rev Kennedy Gondongwe		2024-06-25
Rev Kirsty Hayley Screeton		2025-10-08
Rev Osiebhulimen Osoba Otaigbe		2021-03-01
The Right Reverend Mark Davies		2012-10-30

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REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



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**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

TRUSTEES: Bishop Mark Davies
Rev Kirsty Hayley Screeton (appointed 8 October 2025)
Bishop John Arnold
Monsignor Paul Smith
Rev'd Glayne Worgan
Rev Osiebhulimen Osoba Otaigbe
Rev'd Mike Read (resigned 2 June 2025)
Rev'd Kennedy Gondongwe

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BANKERS: Unity Trust Bank Plc
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

The trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Objects and activities

The objectives and aims of Greater Manchester Churches Together (the Charity) are the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty and advancement of education within the principal area of activity of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan County.

The Charity continues to sustain and support ecumenical developments at local, parish, borough and regional levels through ongoing involvement in local ecumenical partnerships, including Churches Together Groups and meetings with Church Leaders. The Charity actively promotes the coming together of Christian religious organisations within Greater Manchester and by improved understanding and greater cooperation the aim is to help those organisations and their members in their day to day activities and longer term development.

Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees met on six occasions during 2025 including the Annual Assembly which includes the Annual General Meeting with the Presentation of the Accounts and the election of a Chair. We continued with a hybrid pattern of meetings, alternating between on line and in person.

Throughout 2025 Trustees have continued to build on the excellent work begun in 2024 of re-establishing the presence and confidence of Greater Manchester Churches Together.

We held our first Pentecost Eve Celebration at St Ann's in Manchester and were pleased by the level of attendance.

The Annual Assembly was also successful both in the number attending and also the sense of engagement and participation.

We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Kirsty Screeton as a Trustee. Kirsty is the Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese of Manchester.

The Presidents' (Senior Church Leaders) of GMCT meeting was re-established during 2025 and a programme of dates was agreed for 2026/7. This feels to be a significant opportunity to further strengthen the work of GMCT and our commitment to ecumenism.

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - continued
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Achievements and performance continued:

Trustees are grateful to the Reverend Alan Kennedy for his work as Facilitator for GMCT and for the many ways in which he is working hard to make good connections with local Churches Together groups across Greater Manchester and with the Denominational Ecumenical Officers.

We finished the year confident that we had made good progress throughout 2025 and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that 2026 will present.

Financial review

The results for the year under review are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

The Trustees prepared a budget in 2025 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2025 and the results are broadly inline therewith.

Subscriptions from member denominations of £25,720 for 2025 were collected (2024: £27,035).

The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2025 were £34,693 (2024: £35,327) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2025 is set out in the Statement of Financial Position on page 5.

Reserves Policy

It is not the intention of the GMCT to accumulate undesignated reserves. Monies given to GMCT are to be used for the fulfilment of our stated purpose. GMCT will seek to hold in its general reserves at least 50% of its likely annual expenditure.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was governed by an original constitution adopted on 28 September 1973. This was replaced by a further constitution (the 2012 Constitution) which was adopted by the Charity's Annual Assembly (AGM) on 30 October 2012. The 2012 Constitution was further amended on 15 January 2013 and a copy is available to interested parties on request or online.

The Charity is governed by members at each Annual Assembly and between times by the Trustees as listed on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Mark Davies". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date: 6th May 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 8. My work has been undertaken so that I might carry out an Independent Examination of the accounts in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year ended 31 December 2025 under section 144(2) of the Act and that an Independent Examination is appropriate.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Nicola Law BSc FCA
34 Inveraray Avenue
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Date: 6th May 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

		31/12/25	31/12/24
	Note	£	£
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	125	375
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		-	15,100
Prepayments and Accrued Income		640	555
Cash at bank		27,672	13,293
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,315</u>	<u>37,951</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Pension Creditor		202	-
Accruals		2,544	2,558
HMRC Payroll		-	440
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,746</u>	<u>2,998</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		34,569	34,953
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>34,693</u>	<u>35,328</u>
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		34,693	35,327
		<u>34,693</u>	<u>35,327</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed:  Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date: 6th May 2026

The company is exempt from audit under Companies Act 2006 section 475.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

		<u>31/12/25</u>	<u>31/12/24</u>
		£	£
Incoming resources:	Note		
Income from charitable activities	2	25,720	27,035
Other income	3	2,637	1,693
Investment income	4	407	451
Total incoming resources		<u>28,764</u>	<u>29,179</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	29,254	25,583
Governance costs	6	144	1,473
Total resources used		<u>29,398</u>	<u>27,056</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(634)	2,123
Fund balances brought forward		35,327	33,204
Fund balances carried forward		<u>34,693</u>	<u>35,327</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	<u>31/12/25</u>	<u>31/12/24</u>
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2025	4,238	4,238
Additions		-
As at 31 December 2025	<u>4,238</u>	<u>4,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2025	3,863	3,613
Charge for year	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>
As at 31 December 2025	<u>4,113</u>	<u>3,863</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2025	<u>125</u>	<u>375</u>
<p>Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.</p>		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	25,720	27,035
	<u>25,720</u>	<u>27,035</u>
<p>Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.</p>		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	2,637	1,693
	<u>2,637</u>	<u>1,693</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	1	-
Income from investments	406	451
	<u>407</u>	<u>451</u>
Total incoming resources	£ <u>28,764</u>	£ <u>29,179</u>

NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS - continued
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	<u>31/12/25</u>	<u>31/12/24</u>
Note	£	£
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	26,130	23,537
Dues and subscriptions	778	761
Insurance	695	685
Office expenses	234	-
Other meeting costs	285	279
Bank charges	72	71
Depreciation charge for the year	250	250
Travel and subsistence	395	-
Bad Debt Expense	415	-
	<u>29,254</u>	<u>25,583</u>

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

6 Governance costs

Professional fees	144	1,473
	<u>144</u>	<u>1,473</u>

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management, trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Total resources used	£ <u>29,398</u>	£ <u>27,056</u>
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All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees met on six occasions during 2024, including the Annual Assembly which includes the Annual General Meeting with the Presentation of the Accounts and the election of a Chair. We decided to have a hybrid pattern of meetings going forward – some on line and some in person.

A great deal of thought was given over the year about the future of GMCT and our direction of travel. Trustees received the resignation of our Facilitator and she left our employment at the close of the year. We expressed our thanks for her work and wish her well in all that the future holds for her.

Trustees were delighted that the Reverend Alan Kennedy accepted our offer to take up the post of Facilitator for GMCT and we look forward with working well with Alan in re-establishing the presence of GMCT across the County and in our work with the Presidents' Group and the Denominational Ecumenical Officers.

We finished the year confident that we had made some important and good decision that will energise our work going forward into 2025 and beyond.

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Financial review

The results for the year under review are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

The Trustees prepared a budget in 2023 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2024 and the results are broadly inline therewith.

Subscriptions from member denominations of £27,035 for 2024 were collected (2023: £23,385) with fees for members increasing by £5 per Parish (14% on average) to catch up with cost inflation after several years of no increase

The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2024 were £35,324 (2023: £33,204) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2024 is set out in the Balance Sheet on page 5.

Reserves Policy

It is not the intention of the GMCT to accumulate undesignated reserves. Monies given to GMCT are to be used for the fulfilment of our stated purpose. GMCT will seek to hold in its general reserves at least 50% of its likely annual expenditure.

There was a higher than expected surplus in the year due to staffing vacancies.

Structure, governance and management

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Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date 2nd June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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

Signed: 

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Date 2 June 2025

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

		31/12/24	31/12/23
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	375	625
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		15,100	16,310
Prepayments and Accrued Income		555	678
Cash at bank		13,293	8,549
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,951</u>	<u>34,540</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Pension Creditor		-	202
Accruals		2,558	1,282
HMRC Payroll		440	477
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,998</u>	<u>1,961</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		34,953	32,579
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>35,328</u>	<u>33,204</u>
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		35,327	33,204
		<u>35,327</u>	<u>33,204</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date 2ND JUNE 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		<u>31/12/24</u>	<u>31/12/23</u>
		£	£
Incoming resources:	Note		
Income from charitable activities	2	27,035	23,385
Other income	3	1,693	1,921
Investment income	4	451	410
Total incoming resources		<u>29,179</u>	<u>25,716</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	25,583	28,944
Governance costs	6	1,473	1,363
Total resources used		<u>27,056</u>	<u>30,307</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		2,123	(4,591)
Fund balances brought forward		33,204	37,795
Fund balances carried forward		<u>35,327</u>	<u>33,204</u>

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**NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
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	<u>31/12/24</u>	<u>31/12/23</u>
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2023	4,238	4,238
Additions		-
As at 31 December 2023	<u>4,238</u>	<u>4,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2023	3,613	3,363
Charge for year	250	250
As at 31 December 2023	<u>3,863</u>	<u>3,613</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2023	<u>375</u>	<u>625</u>
<p>Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.</p>		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	27,035	23,385
	<u>27,035</u>	<u>23,385</u>
<p>Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.</p>		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	1,693	1,921
	<u>1,693</u>	<u>1,921</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	-	23
Income from investments	451	387
	<u>451</u>	<u>410</u>
Total incoming resources	£ <u>29,179</u>	£ <u>25,716</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>31/12/24</u>	<u>31/12/23</u>
	£	£
Note		
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	23,537	26,316
Dues and subscriptions	761	1,482
Insurance	685	685
Charitable Donations	-	-
Other meeting costs	279	106
Bank charges	71	105
Depreciation charge for the year	250	250
	<u>25,583</u>	<u>28,944</u>
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.		
6 Governance costs		
Professional fees	1,473	1,363
	<u>1,473</u>	<u>1,363</u>
Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management, trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.		
Total resources used	£ <u>27,056</u>	£ <u>30,307</u>

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Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

This past year has continued to be, for Greater Manchester Churches Together, a period of transition and change as we continued to face the challenges and opportunities of the post covid/lockdown world.

The trustees continued to meet online despite various setbacks due to illness and IT.

We looked at the opportunities that are emerging for our work across Greater Manchester in reconnecting with denominations and Local Ecumenical Partnerships; the Presidents' group and the Denomination Ecumenical Officers'.

We were delighted to welcome guests to a number of our meetings including representatives from the Movement for Recovery, Festival Manchester and Manchester Industrial Mission. We look forward to continuing fruitful work with these and others working across the county.

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Financial review

The results for the year under review are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

The Trustees prepared a budget in 2022 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2023 and the results are broadly inline therewith with the loss in year a timing issue and expected to recover in 2024. Subscriptions from member denominations of £23,385 for 2023 were collected (2022: £26,830) with a small decrease to collection of some 2021 fees in 2022. Fees for members were held at 2022 levels. The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2023 were £33,204 (2022: £37,795) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2023 is set out in the Balance Sheet on page 5.

Reserves Policy

It is not the intention of the GMCT to accumulate undesignated reserves. Monies given to GMCT are to be used for the fulfilment of our stated purpose. GMCT will seek to hold in its general reserves at least 50% of its likely annual expenditure.

There was a higher than expected surplus in the year due to staffing vacancies.

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The Charity was governed by an original constitution adopted on 28 September 1973. This was replaced by a further constitution (the 2012 Constitution) which was adopted by the Charity's Annual Assembly (AGM) on 30 October 2012. The 2012 Constitution was further amended on 15 January 2013 and a copy is available to interested parties on request or online.

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Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed:  Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date: 2nd June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year ended 31 December 2023 under section 144(2) of the Act and that an Independent Examination is appropriate.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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- (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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date

2 June 2025

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		31/12/23	31/12/22
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	625	875
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		16,310	8,730
Prepayments and Accrued Income		678	7,563
Cash at bank		8,549	13,078
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>34,540</u>	<u>38,374</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Pension Creditor		202	173
Accruals		1,282	1,281
HMRC Payroll		477	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,961</u>	<u>1,454</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		32,579	36,920
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		33,204	37,795
		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: + Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and TrusteeDate 2nd June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		<u>31/12/23</u>	<u>31/12/22</u>
		£	£
Incoming resources:	Note		
Income from charitable activities	2	23,385	26,830
Other income	3	1,921	1,614
Investment income	4	410	150
Total incoming resources		<u>25,716</u>	<u>28,594</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	28,944	23,063
Governance costs	6	1,363	1,260
Total resources used		<u>30,307</u>	<u>24,323</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		(4,591)	4,271
Fund balances brought forward		37,795	33,524
Fund balances carried forward		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>

NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2022	4,238	3,238
Additions		1,000
As at 31 December 2022	<u>4,238</u>	<u>4,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2022	3,363	3,149
Charge for year	250	214
As at 31 December 2022	<u>3,613</u>	<u>3,363</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2022	<u>625</u>	<u>875</u>
Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	23,385	26,830
	<u>23,385</u>	<u>26,830</u>
Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	1,921	1,614
	<u>1,921</u>	<u>1,614</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	23	62
Income from investments	387	88
	<u>410</u>	<u>150</u>
Total incoming resources	£ <u>25,716</u>	£ <u>28,594</u>

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	<u>31/12/23</u>	<u>31/12/22</u>
	£	£
Note		
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	26,316	21,271
Dues and subscriptions	1,482	262
Insurance	685	682
Charitable Donations	-	250
Other meeting costs	106	240
Bank charges	105	144
Depreciation charge for the year	250	214
	<u>28,944</u>	<u>23,063</u>
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.		
6 Governance costs		
Professional fees	1,363	1,260
	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,260</u>
Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management, trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.		
Total resources used	£ <u>30,307</u>	£ <u>24,323</u>

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

TRUSTEES:

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Bishop John Arnold
Monsignor Paul Smith
Rev'd Glayne Worgan
Rev'd Joanna Farnworth (resigned 15 January 2022)
Mrs Janet Warr BA (resigned 15 January 2022)
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

A new Ecumenical Facilitator was appointed earlier this year after a good process. Since her appointment in March, she has continued to engage with churches together groups and unity projects across the Greater Manchester area.

This has included attending Forum, the biannual national gathering of Churches Together in England, as well as continuing to meet with the established network of Local and regional Ecumenical officers.

Plans for the 2022 Assembly are also underway with this year's theme focusing on Movement for Recovery and ways in which the Churches can engage with the Cost of Living Crisis post Covid.

The meetings of the Presidents' group have continued, taking place in February, June and November and have provided an opportunity for the church leaders to share news and discuss vision for the Charity

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - continued
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Financial review

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The Trustees prepared a budget in 2021 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2022 and with the exception of some unforeseen exceptions and some timing differences the results are broadly inline therewith. Subscriptions from member denominations of £26,830 for 2022 were due in year (2021: £19,990). The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2022 were £37,795 (2021: £33,524) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2022 is set out in the Balance Sheet on page 5.

Reserves Policy

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There was a higher than expected surplus in the year due to staffing vacancies.

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Date 2nd June 2025

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Signed:



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BL6 5UQ

Date 2/6/25

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	875	89
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		8,730	-
Prepayments and Accrued Income		7,563	702
Cash at bank		13,078	23,730
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		38,374	33,435
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Pension Creditor		173	-
Accruals		1,281	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,454	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		36,920	33,435
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£ 37,795	£ 33,524
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		37,795	33,524
		£ 37,795	£ 33,524

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Date 2nd June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		<u>31/12/22</u>	<u>31/12/21</u>
		£	£
	Note		
Incoming resources:			
Income from charitable activities	2	26,830	19,990
Other income	3	1,614	1,256
Investment income	4	150	2
Total incoming resources		<u>28,594</u>	<u>21,248</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	23,063	20,217
Governance costs	6	1,260	40
Total resources used		<u>24,323</u>	<u>20,257</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		4,271	991
Fund balances brought forward		33,524	32,533
Fund balances carried forward		<u>37,795</u>	<u>33,524</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2022	3,238	3,238
Additions	1,000	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>4,238</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2022	3,149	3,061
Charge for year	214	88
As at 31 December 2022	<u>3,363</u>	<u>3,149</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2022	<u>875</u>	<u>89</u>
Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	26,830	19,990
Donations received	-	-
	<u>26,830</u>	<u>19,990</u>
Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	1,614	1,256
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>1,256</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	62	1
Income from investments	88	1
	<u>150</u>	<u>2</u>
Total incoming resources	£ <u>28,594</u>	£ <u>21,248</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>31/12/22</u>	<u>31/12/21</u>
	£	£
Note		
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	21,271	17,094
Office expenses	-	33
Dues and subscriptions	262	850
Insurance	682	665
Charitable Donations	250	100
Other meeting costs	240	427
Travel and subsistence	-	-
Advertising and promotions	-	700
Website and internet expenses	-	134
Bank charges	144	126
Depreciation charge for the year	214	88
	<u>23,063</u>	<u>20,217</u>
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.		
6 Governance costs		
Professional fees	1,260	40
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>40</u>
Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management any trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.		
Total resources used	£ <u>24,323</u>	£ <u>20,257</u>

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All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

2020 required significant flexibility in ways of working as a result of the global pandemic. Prior to the national lockdown that took place in March, the Facilitator visited Lees and District for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Height Churches Together and a class of year 8 pupils at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School (Ashton-in-Makerfield) to speak about unity and ecumenical work as part of their Religious Studies curriculum. In addition, it was wonderful to be able to gather together ministers and representatives of Local Ecumenical Partnerships with denominational ecumenical officers for a lunchtime discussion of the Flexible Framework for Local Unity in Mission. Jenny Bond of Churches Together in England gave a presentation and there was a fruitful time for sharing with one another.

Our plans for a large gathering in St Ann's Square in central Manchester as part of Thy Kingdom Come were changed but we had a very successful online celebration of this 11 days of prayer in the period up to Pentecost. We hosted an online prayer sign up for people to cover every hour of the full 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come in prayer and more people signed up than hours in each of those days which meant that we coordinated 330 hours of prayer across Greater Manchester. There was a great sense of unity and a broad range of denominations took part in this focused period of prayer.

Our Annual Assembly, held in October 2020 was hosted online by Zoom with a large number of people joining together for an evening based around the theme "Hope, Calling and Unity, Churches Working Together in Response to Covid-19". A time of worship was led by King's Church which was followed by the Annual General Meeting which included a video greeting from Timothy Daniels representing the Upper Room Ministers Forum. It is hoped that there may be further engagement between this unity movement and GMCT in the future. The Keynote presentation was given by Roger Sutton, the Director of Movement Day UK and leader of Gather. Roger spoke of the huge challenges facing our communities as a result of the pandemic and the great need for

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unity among the churches in responding to this crisis. He outlined a proposal for a "Movement for Recovery" (M4R) which would coordinate church work across the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester. There have been ongoing discussions as a result of this presentation and it is hoped that there may be fruit from this in the year to come.

The Presidents Group, Trustees and Denominational Ecumenical Officers continued their work together through online meetings and although it is hoped that we may be able to gather together physically again soon, the online format has proved to be very successful.

Financial review

The results for the year under review are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

The Trustees prepared a budget in 2019 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2020 and with the exception of some unforeseen exceptions and some timing differences the results are broadly inline therewith. Subscriptions from member denominations of £23,520 for 2020 were collected during 2020 (2019 £24,070). The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2020 were £28,258 (2019 £31,049) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

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Structure, governance and management

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Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Signed: Janet Warr Mrs Janet Warr BA - Treasurer

Date 01 March 2021

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Brian J. Woodhall

Dr Brian J Woodhall
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Date 17-02-21

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		31/12/20	31/12/19
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	177	265
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Prepayments		674	629
Cash at bank		23,027	25,727
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>32,704</u>	<u>35,359</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NEST pension contributions		253	253
Other creditors	5*	-	4,275
Accruals		95	47
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>348</u>	<u>4,575</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		32,356	30,784
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£ <u>32,533</u>	£ <u>31,049</u>
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		32,533	31,049
		£ <u>32,533</u>	£ <u>31,049</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: +Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Signed: Janet Warr Mrs Janet Warr BA - Treasurer

Date 01 March 2021

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

		<u>31/12/20</u>	<u>31/12/19</u>
		£	£
	Note		
Incoming resources:			
Income from charitable activities	2	24,070	23,560
Other income	3	1,895	1,299
Investment income	4	44	104
Total incoming resources		<u>26,009</u>	<u>24,963</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	24,456	25,571
Governance costs	6	69	73
Other resources expended	7	-	2
Total resources used		<u>24,525</u>	<u>25,646</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,484	(683)
Fund balances brought forward		31,049	31,732
Fund balances carried forward		<u>32,533</u>	<u>31,049</u>

**NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2020	3,238	2,885
Additions	-	353
As at 31 December 2020	<u>3,238</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2020	2,973	2,885
Charge for year	88	88
As at 31 December 2020	<u>3,061</u>	<u>2,973</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2020	<u>177</u>	<u>265</u>
<p>Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.</p>		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	23,520	23,560
Donations received	550	-
	<u>24,070</u>	<u>23,560</u>
<p>Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.</p>		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	1,895	1,299
	<u>1,895</u>	<u>1,299</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	20	40
Income from investments	24	64
	<u>44</u>	<u>104</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>£ 26,009</u>	<u>£ 24,963</u>

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NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>31/12/20</u>	<u>31/12/19</u>
	£	£
Note		
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	* 22,234	21,559
Office expenses	8	105
Dues and subscriptions	840	782
Insurance	650	120
Annual assembly costs	-	1,782
Other meeting costs	112	247
Travel and subsistence	268	590
Advertising and promotions	50	125
Website and internet expenses	134	44
Equipment rental/operating leases	-	57
Bank charges	72	72
Depreciation charge for the year	88	88
	<u>24,456</u>	<u>25,571</u>
<p>* Employment costs in 2020 have been reduced by the write back of a pension provision from earlier years (previously shown under Other creditors) that is considered not now required as follows:</p>		
Employment costs for the year	26,509	21,559
Staff pension contribution provision written back	<u>(4,275)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>22,234</u>	<u>21,559</u>
<p>Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.</p>		
6 Governance costs		
Professional fees	69	73
	<u>69</u>	<u>73</u>
<p>Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management any trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.</p>		
7 Other resources expended		
Sundry expenses	-	2
	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>
Total resources used	<u>£ 24,525</u>	<u>£ 25,646</u>

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.