

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

England & Wales · Charity number 509284

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1979-11-06

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY PROPAGATION AND TEACHING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCODING TO THE HISTORIC CREEDS OF CHRISTENDOM. (B) THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN THE METROPOLITAN COUNTY OF MERSEYSIDE AND ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WHO ARE IN NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS.

**Activities:** We receive guests into our house for times of quiet and refreshment. We lead bible studies for small groups and lead quiet days. Small groups use the house to be together for planning, prayer and a time to be together away. We lead weekends with various themes such as a walking weekend, quiet weekend and at the major Christian Festivals such as Easter.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MERSEYSIDE,NATIONAL.
- Wirral

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£157,329	£115,655	-	-
2024-08-31	£132,810	£130,679	-	-
2023-08-31	£126,714	£142,743	-	-
2022-08-31	£229,242	£122,774	-	-
2021-08-31	£101,013	£164,198	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SISTER HAZEL ROSS		
SISTER SYLVIA JOAN MACEY		
Sister FLORENCE JOYCE BERGER		2011-12-24
Sister Louise Helen Coward		2022-09-01

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# Accounts

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**Sisters of Jesus Way**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2025**

**Aims and Purposes**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. We teach the Christian faith.

**Guest Ministry**

We currently provide six guest rooms (three twin and three single), all with en-suite bathrooms or equivalent. Four of these have exceptional views out over the Dee Estuary. One is an accessible room on the ground floor with a wetroom opposite. A further accessible room can be made available if needed. We have continued our policy of being open to receive overnight guests from a Thursday afternoon to a Tuesday morning for most weeks of the year. We also provide three day rooms for individuals or small groups. The house has continued to attract both returning and new guests, with several especially busy periods during the year. Many guests express gratitude for the rest and spiritual refreshment they experience here. In addition to our advertised programme, 14 day groups booked in during the year, six of which were led or part-led by the Community. In July, we had the privilege of hosting a Ukrainian group for the first time, through a local contact.

As usual, we put on a programme of organised events throughout the year. The first of these was a Harvest Weekend in September 2024, when we were able to give thanks for all the practical ways in which the Heavenly Father cares for us. This was followed by two Advent Weekends in December when we looked at the theme: 'Name above all Names'. Our New Year Retreat was again popular and followed our well-established pattern of reflection on the past year, renewal of our Covenant with the Lord, and a delicious celebration dinner. In March we offered a Lent Quiet Day on the theme of the 'Lamb of God'. We were fully booked over Easter, with our guests joining us in our spiritual journey from Gethsemane to the Empty Tomb. The regular Praise & Walking Weekend in May is sadly becoming unsustainable as several in the Community and also several regular attenders now have some long-term health conditions. In June, we held our first Heaven Day for a number of years, and this was well attended. Such days, when we seek to enter into Heaven in heart and mind through scripture, song and readings, are always meaningful and moving, and the Lord graciously drew close with His Presence. The Chapel was decorated beautifully. Our Quiet Day in July proved particularly popular. There is always a need for quiet moments in our busy world. Our programme concluded with a well-attended Summer Barbecue in our marquee ending with a joyous time of praise and worship together.

During the year a number of our visitors turned to us for informal pastoral support. We also received many personal prayer requests by telephone, letter or email.

## **Cancer Support Group**

The Cancer Friends Together group does not meet regularly but continues to come together occasionally for special events. We again hosted and led a Christmas Dinner in mid-December, a small Pancake Party in February, a Cream Tea in June (in the marquee), and a Barbecue in August (also in the marquee). All of these involved times of worship together as well as shared food.

## **Training and Compliance**

Like many organisations, we are continually working to improve our Safeguarding precautions and training, and are grateful for the help we get with this, particularly from Chris Allen, our Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP). In February, Lynn Everton, the Deputy Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, came to see us to outline the updated guidance for Anglican Religious Communities issued by the National Safeguarding Team and to help us complete a self-assessment. In April and May, a number of us completed the C of E Domestic Abuse Awareness training module online. In June, our lead Sister and our DSP attended the Diocesan Safeguarding Service at Chester Cathedral. In July, Sister Hazel and Sister Louise completed the Safer Recruitment module online. DBS checks for the Community and certain Followers of the Lamb were updated during the year.

In September, a Fire Risk Assessment was conducted; both houses were evaluated as Low Risk.

## **Houses and Grounds**

In the house, a number of items have needed replacing or upgrading, including Bethany cooker and two Instanta water heaters. We are in the process of replacing several computers, which have served us for a good number of years but are becoming obsolete as Windows 10 is discontinued. We are so thankful that the Heavenly Father has provided for us in advance to be able to make these necessary changes, and has led us to reliable people with suitable expertise.

Outside, the overgrown trees and shrubs at the front of the house were cut back by tree surgeons just before Easter, and an unhealthy eucalyptus tree and beech tree were taken down. A large old garden shed is currently undergoing some major repairs, and a new wood store has been constructed, both with the help of a faithful volunteer. We have had a bumper apple harvest.

At the Hermitage, the parking area has been resurfaced.

## **Community**

In October, we were delighted to receive a visit from Bishop Mark, our Bishop Guardian, and his Chaplain, Rachel.

Two of us took part in a Vocations Day for the Diocese in June, for people beginning to explore different areas of ministry.

We continue to have informal contact with Melanesian Anglicans, especially the religious communities. In November, Bishop Sam (Stockport) brought two Melanesian bishops to visit us. Several of us were able to attend an online meeting in June with the Sisters of Melanesia and their UK Associates. In August a curate in our Diocese brought three Melanesian Sisters of the Church to see us.

Some of us continue to have a concern for particular family members, and sadly two of us lost elderly relatives over the course of the year. We continue to provide 24-hour care for our disabled Sister. We have been especially grateful for the regular help of a Follower of the Lamb in this regard; much of the care is also given directly by the Sisters. Agency night carers come in four times per week. A number of additional health needs have arisen within the Community and we endeavour to support each other in these on a day-to-day basis.

## **Finance**

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We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £294,150. Total income for the year, including a large gift and a bequest, came to £157,329. Day-to-day running costs amounted to £104,681 and other expenditure came to £10,974 giving a total expenditure of £115,654.

We finished the year with a healthy cash and bank balance of **£335,824** (2024: £294,150). We again record our thanks to our loving Heavenly Father and to all who have supported us throughout the year. We also wish to express particular thanks to Mr Tim Pugh for acting as our Independent Examiner.

## **Website**

Our website received 9,688 hits over the year. Many enquiries now come via our web contact form.

## **Followers of the Lamb**

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We are grateful for all the faithful assistance we receive from the Followers. Two Followers come and give considerable practical help on 3 or 4 days most weeks. Another Follower regularly gives a morning's help. Two other Followers stay from time to time for a long weekend and help then. All nine Followers support us in prayer and several give financial support.

## **Structure & Governance**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025 and the following appointments were confirmed:

<b><u>Charity Trustees:</u></b>	Sisters Sylvia, Hazel, Florence and Louise as the appointed Trustees
<b><u>Property Trustees:</u></b>	Sisters Sylvia, Hazel, Florence and Louise as the appointed Trustees
<b><u>Little Sister (Leader &amp; Chair):</u></b>	Sister Hazel (appointed from 1st Sep. 2022, term ending Aug. 2025)
<b><u>Companion Sister (Asst. Ldr):</u></b>	Sister Louise (appointed from 1st Sep. 2022, term ending Aug. 2025)
<b><u>Secretary:</u></b>	(position vacant) a Bridal Sister is appointed meeting-by-meeting
<b><u>Treasurer:</u></b>	Sister Louise (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)
<b><u>Assistant Treasurer:</u></b>	Sister Florence (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)

**Bishop Guardian:**

Rt Revd Mark Tanner (appointed 19th May 2021, term ends May 2026).

An Extraordinary Meeting was then held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to appoint leaders for the term of office commencing September 2025. After a period of reflection, discernment and discussion, it was agreed that Sister Hazel should continue as Little Sister (Leader and Chair) for a second term and that Sister Louise should continue as Companion Sister (Assistant Leader). The second term of office runs from 1st September 2025 and continues for 5 years, unless illness, infirmity or some other good reason prevents this. Following this decision, we spent some time together in prayers of thanksgiving for the past three years and in prayers of trust for the future.

**Future Projects**

- Completion of the upgrade to our computers currently underway.
- Replacement of our obsolete NEC on-site telephone system with a Cloud-based system.
- Replacement of carpets in several guest bedrooms and two day rooms in Redacre.
- First Aid training.
- Renewal of Senior Leadership Safeguarding training.
- Further compilation work on the Household Book.
- Further landscaping.
- Updating of our website (preliminary work underway).
- Reviewing care needs and provision within the Community.
- We continue to pray for the further growth of our Community as the Lord leads.

Signed: H. Ross

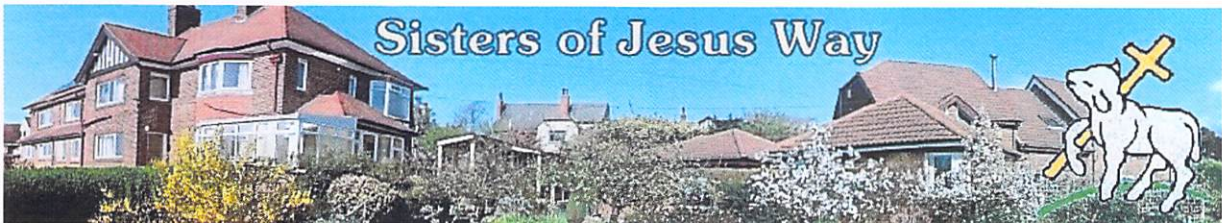
Date: 28/1/26

Little Sister (Community Leader) & Chair of Trustees

# Sisters of Jesus Way

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025  
Registered Charity No. 509284



**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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# **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2025.

### **Trust**

The Sisters of Jesus Way was established on the 6th November 1979, its registered charity number is 509284.

### **Objectives**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. The consequence of this is that spiritual refreshment is brought to those who are in need of rest and renewal, encouragement is given to the discouraged and comfort is brought to the distressed.

The Christian faith is taught enabling others to enter into, or deepen their trust in God, thus effecting a strengthening of Christian values in society.

### **Activities**

We receive guests into our house for times of quiet and refreshment. We lead bible studies for small groups and lead quiet days. Small groups use the house to be together for planning, prayer and a time to be together away. We lead days and weekends with various themes such as Quiet Days, a Summer Barbecue and retreats at Advent and New Year. We are able to offer 6 guest rooms, receiving guests for up to five days as well as day guests and groups. This is more fully detailed in the Annual Report.

### **Financial Review**

We have appreciated the help that has been given us this last year by many friends. This has been both practical and monetary. We are given many gifts in kind, especially from our visitors and are grateful to all those who have helped us in any way.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £294,150 (2024: £292,019). We received a bequest of £10,000 in the third quarter and one exceptional gift of £15,284 in the first quarter (2024: £nil).

Regular giving and smaller one-off donations came to £86,614, a significant increase on the previous year (2024: £71,184). Bank interest brought in £13,500 (2024: £14,531), a slight fall from the last year largely owing to a small reduction in the base rate. We were able to claim Gift Aid totalling £4,363, up from the last year (2024: £3,837). The amount claimed from solar energy totalled £3,007 (2024: £2,212) reflecting a dry spring and summer. Our electricity Direct Debit had been set too high for some time and we were able to receive a refund of £3,000. Smaller refunds are included under Other Income. We continue to provide care for a disabled Sister, and received £19,980 of gifts earmarked for this (2024: £17,580).

Total receipts for the year came to £157,329 (2024: £132,810), an increase of £25,519. If the care money is excluded, the total received was £137,349 (2024: £115,230), an increase of £22,119.

## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025**

#### **Review continued**

Day-to-day running costs increased by £1,579 to £104,681 (2024: £103,102). The general household expenditure was slightly higher than last year, at £20,626 (2024: £19,606). The amount paid for Utilities, however, fell by £6,747 to £19,662 (2024: £26,409). This was due to a reduction in the previously high electricity Direct Debit and the using up of a credit balance in the second quarter. The car running costs, at £9,382, were similar to the last year (2024: £9,520). There was a large increase in repair and servicing costs (2025: £5,064 versus 2024: £2,777), partly due to a number of plumbing issues during the year.

General insurance (2025: £5,120; 2024: £4,741) and Council Tax (2025: £4,261; 2024: £4,055) both saw small increases. Care costs rose significantly (2025: £25,732; 2024: £19,080). This year we did not pay for a maintenance contract on our telephone equipment, so the Post/Telephone/Internet costs fell (2025: £3,599 versus 2024: £4,190). Some of the smaller categories also came to less than last year.

Overall, running costs evened out at broadly the same level as last year, totalling £104,681 (£103,102).

As usual, we also paid out some exceptional expenditure. Various items of equipment were purchased, totalling £3,548, of which the main items were two Instanta water boilers, a fridge, a domestic gas cooker, a log splitter, an easy chair and a pressure washer (2024: Household Works & Equipment £14,982). In the first quarter, we made two exceptional donations out of the Wheeler legacy totalling £2,000. These went to CAP UK and CAP Wirral and are consistent with our charitable aims. The parking area at the Hermitage was resurfaced with concrete at a cost of £2,000. IT equipment came to £1,621 (2024: £3,063, mainly mobiles that year). This year's equipment included three new Windows 11 laptops as the first phase of upgrading our computers, in preparation for the discontinuing of Windows 10 in October 2025. The £1,189 of Garden expenditure was largely to cover the trimming back of the trees and shrubbery at the front of the property, and the felling of two larger unhealthy trees. In total, exceptional expenditure came to £10,974 (2024: £27,577).

Overall, receipts exceeded payments by £41,674 (2024: £2,131).

The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £335,824 (2024: £294,150).

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

#### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- completion of the upgrade to our computers
- replacement of our obsolete NEC telephone system with a Cloud based system
- replacement of carpets in guest bedrooms and day rooms
- first aid training and safeguarding training
- further landscaping
- updating website
- reviewing care needs and provision within the Community

## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025

#### Trustees

We are grateful to our Trustees who have served during the course of the year:-

Sister Sylvia Macey  
Sister Hazel Ross  
Sister Florence Berger  
Sister Louise Coward

#### Accountability

We are an Anglican Community.

Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester is the Bishop Guardian.

#### PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT

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Central Board of Finance Church of England	
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC1A 9BD	
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Sister Hazel Ross

*H. Ross*

Date

7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Trustee

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2024/25		2023/24
	£		£
<b>Income</b>			
Gifts	86,615		71,184
Gifts - restricted	19,980	106,595	17,580
Exceptional gift		15,284	-
Bequest		10,000	22,262
		<b>131,879</b>	<b>111,026</b>
Tax refund		4,363	3,837
Solar energy		3,007	2,212
Booklets and cards		101	124
CDs		165	163
Books		200	265
Other income		1,114	652
Utility Provider refund		3,000	-
Interest receivable		13,500	14,531
<b>Total income</b>		<b>157,329</b>	<b>132,810</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Household costs		20,626	19,606
Travel and Accommodation		857	1,141
Donations		2,393	2,241
Office and Ministry		1,328	1,646
Car Insurance and running costs		9,382	9,520
Repairs, servicing, decoration		5,064	2,777
Helpers' expenses		1,302	1,855
Council Tax		4,261	4,055
Post, telephone and internet		3,599	4,190
Utilities		19,662	26,409
Building and Other Insurance		5,120	4,742
Annual Fees Hermitage		5,289	5,768
Care Costs for Sister		25,732	19,080
Bank charges		66	72
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>		<b>104,681</b>	<b>103,102</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>			
Concreting Hermitage	2,000		-
Outside Painting and Reglazing	-		340
Household works, furnishing and equipment	3,548		14,982
CCTV Installation	-		8,634
Fire Precaution	616		-
Telephone system upgrade and IT equipment	1,621		3,063
One off donations	2,000		-
Garden landscaping	1,189		558
		10,974	27,577
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>115,655</b>	<b>130,679</b>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>41,674</b>	<b>2,131</b>

Sister Hazel Ross  
Trustee

H. Ross

7th April 2026

**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Bank	<u>335,824</u>	<u>294,150</u>
	335,824	294,150
Creditors – Accruals	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>335,824</u>	<u>294,150</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General fund b/fwd	294,150	292,019
Movement during year	41,674	2,131
<b>General fund c/fwd</b>	<u>335,824</u>	<u>294,150</u>

**Sister Hazel Ross**  
Trustee

*H. Ross*

*7th* April 2026

**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT.**

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT.**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

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

Name: ... TIMOTHY PUGH.

Relevant professional qualification or body:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (RETIRED)

Address:

30 QUEENSBURY, NEWTON WIRRAL CH48 6EP

Signature: .....

Timothy Pugh

Date .....

13th APRIL 2026

Signed copies held by charity

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During the year a number of our visitors turned to us for informal pastoral support. We also received many personal prayer requests by telephone, letter or email.

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The Cancer Friends Together group continues to meet on an ad hoc basis for special events, which are very much appreciated. We again hosted and led a Christmas Dinner in December, a Pancake Party in February, a Cream Tea in June (in the marquee), and a Barbecue in August (also in the marquee). All of these involved times of worship together as well as shared food.

#### **Community**

It has been a joy this year to receive our Alongsider, Deborah, into the Community, first as a Call Sister (postulant) in November 2023, and then as a Sister of the Way (novice) in May 2024. Bishop Mark and Revd Nikki Eastwood conducted the latter service for us in our Chapel. Sister Deborah has fitted in well. Having an extra person on the team has made a big difference practically.

We are grateful for all those who have helped us during the year, not least two Swiss contacts who came in November and February to make blue dresses for us. This was a timely answer to prayer.

We continue to take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously. We were pleased to have a visit from the new Deputy Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Lynn Everton, who came to introduce herself in November

2023. We also received a visit from our two local Police Community Support Officers. These visits were arranged by our Designated Safeguarding Person, Mrs Christine Allen. On the advice of the Diocese, we have now installed a CCTV system around the perimeter of the building and in the Entrance Hall.

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Some special activities again added variety to the year. We value our contact with the Melanesian communities: two of our Sisters were able to attend the MMUK Mission Day at Chester Cathedral in September 2023; it was lovely that Sr Catherine CSC was also able to join us for this. Then in July 2024 we were pleased to receive a visit from Archbishop Leonard of Melanesia at Redacre. One Sister was able to make a privately funded short-term mission trip to Cambodia, where she has personal contacts, in January-February 2024. Within our own Diocese, in January, two Sisters again attended the Vocations Day at Foxhill, and in March, three Sisters were invited to the Chrism Service at Chester Cathedral. Contact with the wider network of religious communities has also been valuable: in April 2024 we all attended the Anglican Religious Communities Zoom Conference, and in July two of us were invited by Archbishop Justin to a meeting of community leaders at Lambeth. This trip also enabled us to stay with the Evangelical Sisters of Mary at Radlett, for which we were grateful.

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Treasurer: Sister Louise (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)

Assistant Treasurer: Sister Florence (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)

Designated Safeguarding Person: Mrs Christine Allen (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)

Bishop Guardian: Rt Revd Mark Tanner (appointed 19th May 2021, term ends May 2026)

## Future Projects

We aim to continue work on the Household Book, the landscaping and the updating of the website. Most of our computers are a number of years old and it would be advisable to replace them as Windows 10 nears end of life. Our DECT cordless telephone system is becoming obsolete so we need to take advice on a better solution for intercom calls. We plan to investigate installing a lightning conductor to further reduce fire risk. A Fire Risk Assessment is scheduled for the coming financial year. We continue to pray for the further growth of our Community as the Lord leads.

Signed: H. Ross

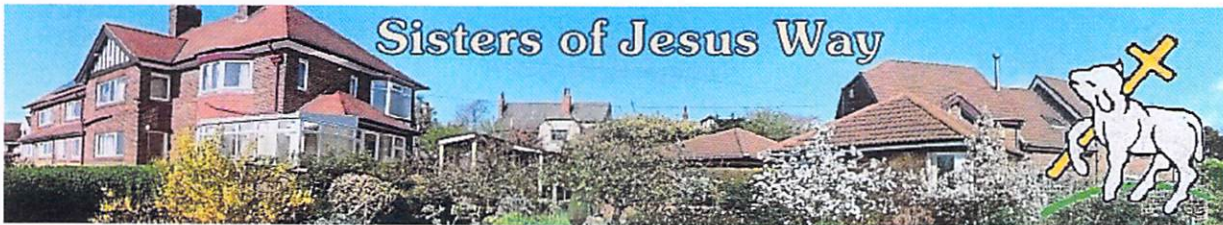
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Little Sister (Community Leader) & Chair of Trustees

# **Sisters of Jesus Way**

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024  
Registered Charity No. 509284



**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

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**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2024.

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We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £292,019 (2023: £308,048). We received a small bequest of £100 in the first quarter and a larger bequest of £22,162 in the fourth quarter. There were no other exceptional gifts this year (2023: £29,000).

Regular giving and smaller one-off donations came to £71,184 (2023: £65,830). Interest rates continued at high levels throughout the period, so our deposits earned £14,531 (2023: £7,622), again helping to offset some of the effects of inflation on our costs.

We were able to claim £3,837 in Gift Aid (2023: £3,573). Our solar energy brought in £2,212 (2023: £2,654) during the year, with less sunshine in the first 6 months of 2024 compared with the first half of 2023.

An additional £17,580 was received earmarked for the care of a disabled Sister (2023: £16,814).

Total receipts for the year came to £132,810 (2023: £126,714). If the care money is excluded, the total received was £115,230 (2023: £109,900).

# **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024**

### **Review continued**

Day-to-day running costs increased by £6,585 to £103,102 (2023: £96,518). Almost half of this increase was due to high utility bills totalling £26,409 (2023: £23,489); however it is hoped that we can recoup some of these costs in the coming year as our electricity Direct Debit is set much higher than necessary. Car running costs were also up by £2,138 to £9,520 (2023: £7,382); this was due to a big increase in the price of car insurance of £2,509. General cost-of-living price rises also affected the Hermitage: £5,768 (2023: £4,565). Office and Ministry costs increased to £1,646 (2023: £990); this increase includes a large stationery order not made the previous year, and various IT operating expenses. On the positive side, general repair costs were down by £917 to £2,777 (2023: £3,694). Excluding the £19,080 of care expenses (2023: £19,706), total running costs were £84,022 (2023: £76,811).

Turning to other expenditure, the largest single item was the installation of a CCTV system around the perimeter of the buildings and in the Entrance Hall, totalling £8,634.

Minor household building works, including constructing an internal soundproof wall, replacing a WC, repointing an external wall, and fitting two extractor fans, came to £7,435; installing air conditioning in Redacre Kitchen came to £4,405; and various equipment was purchased, including a replacement Instanta water heater, a replacement commercial microwave, a vacuum cleaner and a fully adjustable office chair; the total for the Household Works & Equipment category amounted to £14,982.

A total of £3,063 was spent on IT and mobile phones: six iPhones dating from 2016 were struggling, so using some of the bequest money they were replaced for £2,414; the Visitors' Wi-Fi coverage in Redacre was improved and a faulty access point in Bethany replaced, costing £570.

Overall, exceptional expenditure came to £27,577 (2023: £46,226), and total expenditure including running costs came to £130,679 (2023: £142,743).

[Note: During 2022-23 a number of one-off charitable donations were made totalling £20,000. These were made out of a legacy received in the previous financial year. These went to causes that encourage the Christian faith and/or relieve poverty.]

The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £294,150 (2023: £292,019).

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- compiling a Household Book with practical guidelines for our day-to-day Community life
- updating website
- continuing landscaping
- replacing old computers and review of obsolete cordless telephone system
- fire risk assessment scheduled for coming year

## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024

#### Trustees

We are grateful to our Trustees who have served during the course of the year:-

Sister Sylvia Macey  
Sister Hazel Ross  
Sister Florence Berger  
Sister Louise Coward

#### Accountability

We are an Anglican Community.

Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester is the Bishop Guardian.

#### PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT

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Sister Hazel Ross

H. Ross

Date 26th March 2025

Trustee

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2023/24		2022/23
	£		£
<b>Income</b>			
Gifts	71,184		94,831
Gifts - restricted	17,580	88,764	<u>16,814</u> 111,645
Bequest		22,262	-
		<u>111,026</u>	<u>111,645</u>
Tax refund		3,837	3,573
Solar energy		2,212	2,654
Booklets and cards		124	181
CDs		163	196
Books		265	214
Other income		652	629
Interest receivable		14,531	7,622
<b>Total income</b>		<u>132,810</u>	<u>126,714</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Household costs		19,606	19,063
Travel and Accommodation		1,141	1,280
Donations		2,241	2,140
Office and Ministry		1,646	990
Car Insurance and running costs		9,520	7,382
Repairs, servicing, decoration		2,777	3,694
Helpers expenses		1,855	1,684
Council Tax		4,055	3,856
Post, telephone and internet		4,190	4,150
Utilities		26,409	23,489
Building and Other Insurance		4,742	4,439
Annual Fees Hermitage		5,768	4,565
Care Costs for Sister		19,080	19,706
Bank charges		72	79
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>		<u>103,102</u>	<u>96,517</u>
<b>Other expenditure</b>			
Chapel	-		474
Outside Painting and Reglazing	340		10,650
Household works, furnishing and equipment	14,982		4,433
CCTV Installation	8,634		-
Commercial washing machine	-		3,202
Telephone system upgrade and IT equipment	3,063		7,384
One off donations	-		20,000
Garden and landscaping	558		83
		27,577	46,226
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>130,679</u>	<u>142,743</u>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<u>2,131</u>	<u>(16,029)</u>

Sister Hazel Ross H. Ross  
Trustee

26th March 2025

**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Bank	<u>294,150</u>	<u>292,019</u>
	294,150	292,019
Creditors – Accruals	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>294,150</u>	<u>292,019</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General fund b/fwd	292,019	308,048
Movement during year	2,131	(16,029)
<b>General fund c/fwd</b>	<u>294,150</u>	<u>292,019</u>

**Sister Hazel Ross**  
Trustee

*H. Ross*

*26th* March 2025

# **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2024 as set out on pages 6 and 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Trust is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. In accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission, It considers that an audit is not required. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified by the Charity Commission, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

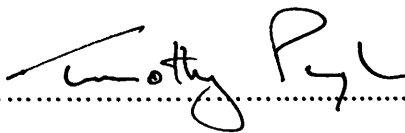
### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the guidance given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeks explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention that gave cause to believe otherwise than that the Financial Statements accord with the accounting records of the Trust and that those records satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order that a proper understanding of the Financial Statements can be reached.

Signed by the Independent  
Examiner.....



March 2025

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Newton  
Wirral  
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**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

England & Wales - Charity number 509284

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# Accounts

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# Sisters of Jesus Way

## Annual Report

### For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023

#### **Aims and Purposes**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. We teach the Christian faith.

#### **Guest Ministry**

We have continued to offer 6 guest rooms (3 twin and 3 single), all with en suite bathrooms or equivalent. Four of these have outstanding views over the Dee Estuary. One is an accessible ground floor room with wetroom opposite. An additional accessible room can be made available if needed. We have been open to receive overnight guests from a Thursday afternoon to a Tuesday morning for most weeks of the year. We have also offered 3 day rooms for individuals or small groups. Whilst visitor numbers have been lower since the Covid pandemic, the house has continued to attract guests, both existing contacts and those who have not been before. Often they come looking burdened and leave with a smile on their faces. In addition to our advertised programme, eleven day groups booked in during the year, four of which were led by the Community.

As usual we held a number of organised days and weekends throughout the year. On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September we held a Harvest Celebration in our Chapel, including produce from our own garden. Two Advent Retreats were held, as always a special time looking forward to our Lord's coming. We saw the New Year in with our guests at the customary midnight Watchnight Service, followed by a celebratory meal on New Year's Day. We held a Lent Day on 25<sup>th</sup> March. Both staying guests and day guests joined us for our Easter services as we followed Jesus's journey from Gethsemane to the Cross and the Empty Tomb. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we led a Dance Day on the themes of Anguish and Joy. Our Praise and Walking Weekend was held on 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> May, including a picnic lunch on Hilbre Island on the Saturday. Then from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May we held our Pentecost Weekend, again with day guests joining those staying. Our Quiet Day on 17<sup>th</sup> June was well attended and provided an opportunity for personal reflection. The programme of events finished with a Summer Barbecue on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. This was an experiment and also proved to be well attended. This year we introduced a marquee into the garden over the summer months, and the barbecue made good use of this.

During the year a number of our visitors turned to us for informal pastoral support. We also received many personal prayer requests by telephone or email.

We note that train strikes throughout the year and disruption associated with the Hoylake Open Golf Championship may have impacted our bookings.

#### **Cancer Support Group**

The Cancer Friends Together group can no longer sustain twice-monthly meetings, but it continues to meet on an ad hoc basis for special events. We have seen a significant increase in the number of people attending these. The programme was: a Christmas Dinner in December, a Pancake Party in February, a Cream Tea in June (in the marquee), and a Barbecue in August (also in the marquee).

## **Community**

The year began with a change of leadership as our Co-Founder, Sister Sylvia, completed her term of office as Little Sister at the end of the previous year. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022, Sister Hazel took office as the new Little Sister, with Sister Louise as Companion Sister. Sister Louise was added as a Trustee for the Sisters of Jesus Way Charitable Trust and for the Redacre Property Trust. This year has been a season of transition for us all, as the Community has previously been led by its founders. On 19<sup>th</sup> November a special Commissioning Service for the new leaders was held in our Chapel, with 21 close friends of the Community attending. The service was kindly conducted at our request by our Bishop Guardian, Rt Revd Mark Tanner, and our Vicar, Revd Nikki Eastwood.

We continue to provide 24-hour care for our disabled Sister. Much of this is given directly by the Sisters, with some help from a Follower of the Lamb and with agency night carers coming in four times per week. A number of other health needs have also arisen within the Community and we endeavour to support each other in these on a day-to-day basis.

In May we welcomed a previous guest, Deborah, to live alongside us with a view to exploring a possible calling. This has been an encouragement and also a great help to us practically. We also received short-term help from three Swiss contacts during the year, and are grateful to Gill Brown for her regular help with our library.

It is with sadness that we record the loss of a longstanding friend and former Chair of Trustees, Rev. Dan Paterson. Four Sisters attended his funeral in June.

We have continued to take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously and are grateful to our Designated Safeguarding Person, Mrs Christine Allen, for guiding us through these. In November we received some Mental Health Awareness training. In January, our Little Sister and our DSP undertook Safeguarding Leadership training. In February and in August a Safeguarding Day was held for the whole Community. In June our Alongsider underwent training and a DBS check. We also invited Deborah McGovern (National Safeguarding Team) to visit and discuss safeguarding in religious communities.

A number of special activities added colour to the year. In January two Sisters were invited to take part in the Diocesan Vocations Day at Foxhill. In March, we received a visit from Head Brother Augustine and Elder Brother Harry of the Melanesian Brotherhood. We also welcomed Sister Catherine CSC for a visit. In April, two Sisters attended the Chrism Service in Chester Cathedral. In July, we received a short visit from an Italian school group and their teachers.

## **Finance**

See the separate Financial Report and Accounts for more detail.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £308,048 having received a large bequest at the end of the previous financial year. Total income came to £126,714. Total running costs during the year came to £96,517. Other expenditure (planned) amounted to £46,226.

We ended the year with a healthy cash and bank balance of £292,019 (2022: £308,048). We again give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His unfailing care for us, and express our gratitude to all those who have supported us.

## Website

Our website received 16,506 hits. Many enquiries now come via our web contact form.

## Followers of the Lamb

We are grateful for all the faithful help we receive from the Followers. Two Followers now stay in Redacre 2 – 3 nights per week and help practically. Three other Followers give a morning's help most weeks. All Followers support us in prayer.

In May we were pleased to hold a Dedication Service for Susan Morris to become a Follower of the Lamb. This was a joyful occasion.

Maria completed her DBS check to enable her to assist with the care of our disabled Sister.

## Structure and Governance

The annual General Meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> January and the following appointments were confirmed:

<u>Property Trustees:</u>	Sisters Sylvia, Hazel, Florence and Louise as the appointed Trustees
<u>Little Sister:</u>	Sister Hazel (appointed from 1st Sep. 2022, term ends Aug. 2025)
<u>Companion Sister:</u>	Sister Louise (appointed from 1st Sep. 2022, term ends Aug. 2025)
<u>Secretary:</u>	(position vacant) a Bridal Sister is appointed meeting-by-meeting
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sister Louise (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)
<u>Assistant Treasurer:</u>	Sister Florence (reappointed at this AGM, review annually)
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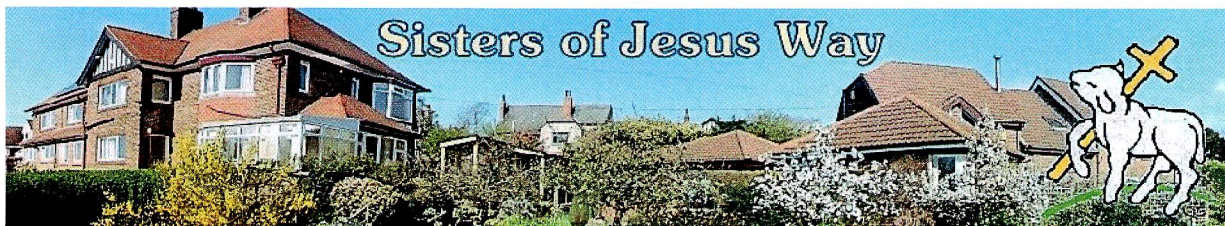
Sister Hazel Ross H. Ross  
Trustee

10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# **Sisters of Jesus Way**

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We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £308,048 (2022: £201,580), most of which had come from bequests received in a previous year.

Total income came to £126,714 (2022: £229,242). No bequests were received in the financial year (2022: £138,553).

As usual, the major part of the income was made up of gifts, totalling £111,645 (2022: £73,380); an exceptional gift was received in the year totalling £29,000. Included in these amounts are donations specifically for the care of our disabled Sister £16,814 (2022: £13,437).

A Gift Aid tax refund boosted our receipts by a further £3,573 (2022: £4,530). No vehicles were sold during the year (2022: £5,000). Energy from the solar panels brought in £2,654 (2022: £3,108; 2022 covers five quarters).

Interest rates were raised several times during the year, so our deposits earned £7,622 (2022: £557).

# **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2023**

### **Review continued**

As anticipated from the general economic climate, day-to-day running costs were significantly higher this year: £96,517 (2022: £77,143). The biggest increase was in the utility bills, which were up by £8,631 to £23,489 (2022: £14,858) due to the soaring cost of gas and electricity both nationally and internationally. High inflation meant that household expenditure was also up by £1,775 to £19,063 (2022: £17,288). The process of switching over our telephone and broadband lines to a different provider was not as smooth a transition as anticipated and resulted in our having to pay amounts to both companies for part of Quarter 3, so this, along with adding a telephone maintenance contract, led to a figure of £4,150 i.e. £1,469 higher than the previous year (2022: £2,681). Postal costs, included in this total, were in fact slightly lower because the rental payments on the franking machine came to an end. The cost of general repairs and servicing also saw a big increase to £3,694 (2022: £2,488). Most of this related to fire and security equipment and to laundry equipment. Some categories of expenditure were however lower this year: travel was down by £880 (fewer flights made); car running costs were also down by £521.

Turning to other expenditure, we decided to make some larger one-off charitable donations to the combined value of £20,000 out of the Watson legacy that we had received in the previous financial year. These went to causes that encourage the Christian faith and/or relieve poverty: Open Doors UK (in memory of Sister Marie), Melanesian Mission UK, CAP Wirral, Besom in Wirral, St Mary's Church Upton, and the Stewardship Cost of Living Response Fund.

We continued the planned outside painting of Redacre (£7,775), and also replaced the glazing in a number of older windows (£2,875), totalling £10,650 (2022: £9,603). The telephone system upgrade (in anticipation of the forthcoming national PSTN switch-off) cost £5,830. The computer and printer in Bethany Office needed replacing and a second colour laser printer was required, £1,554. The old commercial washing machine was replaced at a cost of £3,202. Minor alterations, smaller items of equipment and furnishings came to £4,433.

The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £292,019 (2022: £308,048). This was held as follows: CBF Church of England deposit account (£273,814), CAF Bank reserve account (£11,961), CAF Bank current account (£3,626), NatWest current account (£1,297), NatWest reserve account (£7), cash (£1,314).

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- compiling a Household Book with practical guidelines for our day-to-day Community life
- updating the website
- completing the landscaping
- addressing plumbing issues
- investigating heat precautions for Redacre kitchen in hot weather

## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

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Sister Sylvia Macey  
Sister Hazel Ross  
Sister Florence Berger

Sister Louise Coward was appointed a Trustee from 1st September 2022.

#### Accountability

We are a Recognised Anglican Community.

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Sister Hazel Ross

H. Ross

Date 10th April 2024

Trustee

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2023

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2022/23 £	2021/22 £
<b>Income</b>		
Gifts	94,831	59,943
Gifts - restricted	<u>16,814</u>	<u>13,437</u>
Bequest	-	138,553
	<b>111,645</b>	<b>211,933</b>
Tax refund	3,573	4,530
Solar energy	2,654	3,108
Booklets and cards	181	139
CDs	196	195
Books	214	215
Sale of Motor Vehicle	-	5,000
Other income	629	3,565
Interest receivable	7,622	557
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>126,714</u></b>	<b><u>229,242</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Household costs	19,063	17,288
Travel and Accommodation	1,280	2,160
Donations	2,140	2,320
Office and Ministry	990	786
Car Insurance and running costs	7,382	7,903
General repairs, servicing, decoration	3,694	2,488
Helpers expenses	1,684	1,260
Council Tax	3,856	3,708
Post, telephone and internet	4,150	2,681
Utilities	23,489	14,858
Building and Other Insurance	4,439	4,687
Annual Fees Hermitage	4,565	4,438
Care Costs for Sister	19,706	12,442
Bank charges	79	124
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>	<b><u>96,517</u></b>	<b><u>77,143</u></b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Chapel	474	924
Outside Painting and Reglazing	10,650	9,603
Household works, furnishing and equipment	4,433	4,296
Purchase of cars	-	29,400
Commercial washing machine	3,202	-
Telephone system upgrade and IT equipment	7,384	-
One off donations	20,000	-
Landscaping / Marquee	<u>83</u>	<u>1,408</u>
	46,226	45,631
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>142,743</u></b>	<b><u>122,774</u></b>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b><u>(16,029)</u></b>	<b><u>106,468</u></b>

Sister Hazel Ross *H. Ross*  
Trustee

10th April 2024

**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2023**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Bank	<u>292,019</u> 292,019	<u>308,048</u> 308,048
Creditors – Accruals	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>292,019</u>	<u>308,048</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General fund b/fwd	308,048	201,580
Movement during year	(16,029)	106,468
<b>General fund c/fwd</b>	<u>292,019</u>	<u>308,048</u>

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## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

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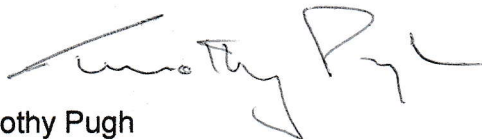
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**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

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# Accounts

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**Sisters of Jesus Way**  
**Annual Report**  
**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022**

**Aims and Purposes**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact.

Teaching the Christian faith.

**Community**

From September 2022 we were able to open up the house more fully to guests and during the year we received guests for up to four days, day guests and groups.

Our first Retreat weekend majored in on our harvest under the title of "Our Generous God". Some of our produce was displayed under the cross in our chapel as we sang hymns and songs, giving thanks to our Heavenly Father for our harvest. We had our usual Advent celebrations on two weekends at the beginning of Advent and our always popular New Year Celebration. Other retreats included a Quiet Weekend and two Quiet Days. We invited people to join us for our Easter programme which ran from Maundy Thursday with Gethsemane Prayer, Good Friday as we followed the Way of the Cross, Holy Saturday with an Easter vigil and Easter Sunday early morning worship and later Easter Praise which took place in the garden and street. This was shared with guests and neighbours.

This year we had a Pentecost Weekend when we looked at the Sevenfold Gifts of the Spirit, and a Praise and Walking Weekend, when our guests were able to enjoy our lovely coast and parks. The second Praise and Walking Weekend had to be cancelled because 6 out of 8 Community members went down with Covid.

We enjoyed a cream tea with our cancer support group, the first for two years or more, and a barbecue in August, but we were not able to continue with fortnightly meetings.

One Sister now needing full time care is looked after in the daytime by another Sister who has been assisted by one of our Followers. We pay for three nights of care and the other nights are shared between four Sisters.

The most significant event came at the end of August when the baton of leadership was handed over to two new Leaders, Sister Hazel and Sister Louise. This took place within the context of a service of Holy Communion led by Rev Nikki Eastwood and with the full support of the whole Community. A Commissioning Service was planned for November 2022 when our Bishop Guardian has agreed to be present.

Our Solicitor, Mark Brown dealt with the legal side of the transfer of leadership and also did Power of Attorney for four of the Sisters. We are grateful to Mark for all his help during the year and for his advice on the selling of a bungalow of which we were part beneficiaries.

Two Sisters were able to be present for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Evangelical Sisters of Mary in Darmstadt, Germany, in June. We welcomed Sister Sally from the Community at Mucknell in September and Sister Catherine of the Sisters of the Church in February. Sister Hazel took part in a celebration at Foxhill for two Melanesian bishops. We continue our link with the Sisters of Melanesia and were able to contribute a little towards the building of their new chapel.

## **Sisters of Jesus Way**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022

### **Annual Report**

#### **Community continued**

We did safeguarding training under the direction of our Designated Safeguarding Person and we all completed a DBS check. We had a visit from Health and Safety and after inspection of kitchen and records, we received a top rating of 5. We had fire training from a fire consultant.

We had 13,443 hits on our website. The website needs updating in the near future.

#### **Finance, Maintenance & Equipment**

See separate Year End Financial Accounts and Report. In a year in which there have been great economic challenges in the UK and the throughout the world, we are again overwhelmed at how the Heavenly Father has looked after us.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £201,580, most of which had come from bequests received in a previous year (2018-19). In August 2022 we received a further bequest, from the estate of the late Robert Watson, brother of Sister Marie. This amounted to £138,553. Normal receipts over the year came to £90,689. Normal running expenses came to £76,943, and exceptional expenditure came to £45,831. The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £308,048.

We replaced both our cars with the aim of reducing running costs; the new cars are again Skoda Fabias. Large sections of the outside of Redacre were painted in October and July. Prior to painting a small amount of building maintenance was required. We purchased a marquee to make it easier to host events in the garden. Blinds were fitted in the bedrooms in Redacre, in the Chapel and parts of Bethany. The Chapel entrance doors were fitted with glass sandblasted with the angel design, replicating the previous doors. Following the fire risk assessment some adjustments were made to the building. The fire control panel in Redacre was replaced due to age; thumb turn locks and special door closers were fitted to some of our fire doors. Landscaping our garden after building work continued, although more slowly than we had hoped.

In view of the rising cost of energy it was decided to purchase three oil-filled electric radiators, one for Bethany, one for Redacre, and one to be shared. This was to save us heating the whole of Redacre when we only had one or two guests and to enable the heating in the extension in Bethany to be turned off when the rooms were not in use. One of these would also enable the carer's room to have heating through the night.

#### **Followers of the Lamb**

Two Retreats were held during the year. Sue Morris was received for a probationary year as a Follower of the Lamb. It was noted that some of our Followers are now elderly and not able to help us as often as previously. In view of the fact that we still did not have the Minutes of the early days of the Followers, Sister Anne agreed to try to form a history from Commitment Services.

**Sisters of Jesus Way**  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2022  
**Annual Report**

**Structure and Governance**

The annual General Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the following appointments were made:

<u>Property Trustees:</u>	Sisters Sylvia, Hazel and Florence as the appointed Trustees
<u>Little Sister (Leader):</u>	Sister Sylvia until end of August 2022
<u>Companion Sister (Assistant Leader):</u>	Sister Hazel until end of August 2022
<u>Secretary:</u>	A Bridal Sister is appointed at each Bridal Sisters' meeting
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Sister Louise was reappointed for the coming year.
<u>Administrator:</u>	Sister Louise was reappointed.
<u>Designated Safeguarding Person:</u>	Mrs Christine Allen was reappointed.
<u>Bishop Guardian:</u>	Bishop Mark Tanner was reappointed.

A special meeting was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to appoint new leadership, as Sister Sylvia and Sister Hazel were approaching the end of their term of office. Sister Hazel was appointed as the new Little Sister (Leader) Designate and Sister Louise as the new Companion Sister (Assistant Leader) Designate, to commence their terms of office from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Sister Louise was appointed as a new Trustee.

**Future Needs**

The following works need completing:

- Blinds are needed for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel.
- Completing the outside painting of Redacre building.
- Updating of Website.
- Upgrading our telephone lines from copper to SIP ahead of the national PSTN Switch Off. Maintenance of our internal telephone system.
- Completion of landscaping.
- Completion of plumbing works.

Sister Hazel Ross  
Trustee

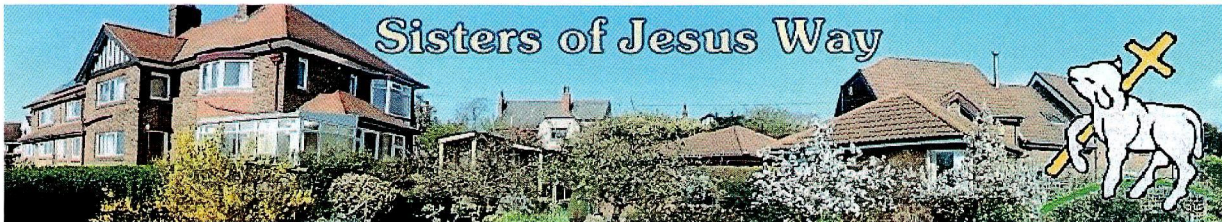
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25<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# **Sisters of Jesus Way**

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022  
Registered Charity No. 509284



**SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022**

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## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2022.

#### **Trust**

The Sisters of Jesus Way was established on the 6th November 1979, its registered charity number is 509284.

#### **Objectives**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. The consequence of this is that spiritual refreshment is brought to those who are in need of rest and renewal, encouragement is given to the discouraged and comfort is brought to the distressed.

The Christian faith is taught enabling others to enter into, or deepen their trust in God, thus effecting a strengthening of Christian values in society.

#### **Activities**

We receive guests into our house for times of quiet and refreshment. We lead bible studies for small groups and lead quiet days. Small groups use the house to be together for planning, prayer and a time to be together away. We lead weekends with various themes such as a walking weekend, quiet weekend and at the major Christian festivals such as Easter. From September 2021, we were able to open Redacre more fully receiving guests for up to four days as well as day guests and groups. This is more fully detailed in the Annual Report.

#### **Financial Review**

We have appreciated help that has been given us this last year by many friends. This has been both practical and monetary. We are given many gifts in kind, especially from our visitors and are grateful to all those who have helped us, in any way.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £201,580, most of which had come from bequests received in a previous year (2018-19). In August 2022 a further bequest was received, from the estate of the late Robert Watson, brother of Sister Marie. This amounted to £138,553. No other exceptional gifts were received during the year.

Income, excluding the bequest, came to £90,689 (2021: £101,013). As usual, the major part of this amount was made up of gifts, i.e. £59,943 (2021: £66,175); these were down on the previous two years, perhaps reflecting the general cost-of-living crisis. An additional £13,437 (2021: £21,331) was received towards care for a disabled Sister. Gift Aid boosted our receipts by a further £4,530 (2021: £2,781). One of our vehicles was sold, raising an additional £5,000 (2021: £5,400) and energy from the solar panels brought in £3,108 (2021: £2,781); this amount covers five quarters as the final reading for the previous financial year was submitted late.

## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022**

#### **Review continued**

Normal running expenses came to £76,943 (2021: £70,812) over the year. Household expenditure was back up to a pre-Covid level. We are pleased to report that guest numbers are beginning to recover, but we no longer take as many visitors at any one time. The Household expenditure figure reflects the increase in costs.

During the year three flights were made to attend the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary in Germany; included with Gift receipts was a specific donation to offset some of the costs of air travel. The increase in Utility costs was primarily due to gas and electricity costs increasing by about £2,800; water rates remained level. The cars were in normal use and again there was an increase in the cost of fuel. Helpers returned after lockdown.

Other expenditure totalled £45,831 primarily due to the replacement of both our cars with the aim of reducing running costs. This came to £29,400. The other large item was the external painting of Redacre (road-facing) in October and Redacre (garden-facing) in July. This came to £9,603, of which the major part was the hire of scaffolding, owing to the shape of the building. Prior to painting a small amount of building maintenance was required (£1,510). The two ends of the property and the front gable are to be painted in the next financial year. Smaller items included the purchase of a marquee (£1,035) to make it easier to host events in the garden. Blinds were fitted in the bedrooms in Redacre, in the Chapel and parts of Bethany (£1,125). The Chapel entrance doors were fitted with glass sandblasted with the angel design, replicating the previous doors (£924). The fire control panel in Redacre was replaced due to age; thumb turn locks and special door closers were fitted to some of our fire doors (£914).

The year ended with a cash and bank balance of £308,048. This was held as follows: CBF Church of England deposit account (£276,319), CAF Bank reserve account (£24,272), CAF Bank current account (£5,460), NatWest current account (£441), NatWest reserve account (£7), cash (£1,549).

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

#### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- Blinds are required for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel.
- Completion of landscaping.
- The outside painting of Redacre.
- Updating of website
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## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022

#### Trustees

We are grateful to our Trustees who have served during the course of the year:-

Sister Sylvia Macey  
Sister Hazel Ross  
Sister Florence Berger

Sister Louise Coward was appointed a Trustee from 1st September 2022.

#### Accountability

We are a Recognised Anglican Religious Community.

Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester is the Bishop Guardian.

#### PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT

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CAF Bank Ltd	Contact Address
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Central Board of Finance Church of England	
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC1A 9BD	
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Sister Hazel Ross

H. Ross

Date 25th March 2023

Trustee

# SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2022

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
<b>Income</b>		
Gifts	59,943	66,175
Gifts - restricted	13,437	21,331
Bequest	138,553	-
	<b>211,933</b>	<b>87,506</b>
Tax refund	4,530	2,781
Solar energy	3,108	1,217
Booklets and cards	139	29
CDs	195	58
Books	215	104
Sale of Motor Vehicle	5,000	5,400
Other income	3,565	3,459
Interest receivable	557	459
<b>Total income</b>	<b>229,242</b>	<b>101,013</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Household costs	17,288	14,515
Travel and Accommodation	2,160	-
Donations	2,320	2,760
Office and Ministry	786	887
Car Insurance and running costs	7,903	6,068
Repairs, servicing, decoration	2,488	2,121
Helpers expenses	1,260	245
Council Tax	3,708	3,566
Post, telephone and internet	2,681	2,918
Utilities	14,858	12,036
Building and Other Insurance	4,687	4,164
Annual Fees Hermitage	4,238	3,966
Care Costs for Sister	12,442	17,464
Bank charges	124	102
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>	<b>76,943</b>	<b>70,812</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Chapel	924	48,531
Outside Painting (Redacre)	9,603	-
Household works, furnishing and equipment	3,382	23,056
Purchase of cars	29,400	-
Roof and Ramp	-	1,650
Hermitage setup	200	150
Redacre rewiring	-	3,000
Garden marquee, landscaping and trees	1,408	7,745
Fire and COVID Precautions	914	9,254
	<b>45,831</b>	<b>93,386</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>122,774</b>	<b>164,198</b>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>106,468</b>	<b>(63,185)</b>

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<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
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**Aims and Purposes**

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**Community**

As we went into September we were still redecorating Redacre after the rewiring. The chapel still needed some building work but we were able to use it for prayers. Our first Service and first full Eucharist took place in October with Rev Nikki Eastwood officiating. It was a great joy to be back in our chapel and we were delighted that carpet, limestone and paintwork all toned in beautifully. Our angel windows were replaced by three oak window frames either side of the cross and plain glass was fitted awaiting the stained glass windows that were being made for us by Pendle Stained Glass Ltd. We were delighted with the oak frames and the clear views of our garden. The stained glass windows of the rising sun were fitted in April. We have added two rooms. One has enabled us to have socially distanced worship and the other has given us a store room/flower arranging room thus freeing up space in the chapel itself.

One of the highlights of our year was the Thanksgiving and Dedication of our chapel in February. Bishop Keith was with us for this occasion and that gave us the opportunity to say farewell to him prior to his retirement and we were able to express our thanks to him for his fatherly care of us. The Service was led by our vicar, Rev Nikki Eastwood. Covid restrictions were still in place and we were only able to invite three people.

Five Sisters were invited to attend Bishop Keith's Farewell Service at Chester Cathedral in March and to sing two songs at his request. They went the day before to record these for this Service. It was sad for us but we rejoiced for him and Rosie in his retirement.

Following Bishop Keith's retirement, Bishop Mark Tanner was appointed as the diocesan Bishop of Chester and he agreed to become our new Bishop Guardian. He was officially welcomed with a Service of Blessing in May. Two Sisters attended his Enthronement at Chester Cathedral in June.

Our Advent and Christmas celebrations were severely disrupted, with no Advent Retreats and no carol singing at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre because of the pandemic.

As lockdown eased we were able to welcome 6 guests by invitation for Pentecost. We also had the visit of a Sister from St Anselm's community living and working with us for two weeks.

We were able to attend the ARC conference by Zoom in April. Two sisters shared about our community life.

We welcomed a few guests by invitation during June, and in July as Covid restrictions were lifted we were able to book in up to six people for overnight stays.

Two Sisters attended the installation service of Rev Alex Williams, the new Rector of St. Bridget's church.

Our helpers returned but Brother Glyn, our Follower of the Lamb, who had locked down with us, returned to his flat. He continued to come in by days to help us.

### **Ministry**

As can be seen from the above our ministry to guests was greatly curtailed during the year. We continued with our prayer ministry but had to cancel our Cancer Friends Together support group. We have been requested to start this up again but with our strict Covid restrictions and the vulnerability of those needing support we have not felt able to do this.

Morrisons have continued to gift us fruit and vegetables, bread and cake for distribution to the underprivileged or those in special need. We have been grateful for those who have come and helped us to distribute these each week. Many people have been blessed by this ministry and we thank Morrisons for their generosity.

**Safeguarding** A considerable amount of time has been spent on this during the past year. We are grateful to our Designated Safeguarding Person for help in this and especially for the writing of policies which we have been able to read and which are now ready for signing by the Bridal Sisters Meeting.

**Constitution.** The updating of this was in order to meet the requirements of the new Canon Law D1 in time for the re-registration necessary for all Anglican Communities. It was completed in June. This was a bigger task than we envisaged but gave us the opportunity to look in detail at it and make amendments where necessary. There were two main additions, Safeguarding and the duties of the Bishop Guardian. Copies have been sent to Father Colin and Bishop Mark. We received a Declaration of Registration as a Religious Community in the Church of England on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

**Website.** The website badly needs bringing up to date. Our website counter again stopped working and the number recorded from March was 4388.

**Followers of the Lamb.** A retreat for Followers was held during June. We had to limit this to 6. In fact we received four Followers. It was a joy to have them staying again and it was a special time for each of them. Sister Florence continues as the Followers' Sister.

**Hermitage.** We were able to use our hermitage as lockdown eased. This is proving a special blessing for a quick get-away for renewal and sleep. A shed was purchased but some landscaping still needs to be done.

**Finance.** A copy of the financial report is attached and we are grateful for the work that sister Louise has done in preparing the balance sheet and writing the report. We are also grateful to Mr Tim Pugh who, as our independent examiner, has examined the accounts and helped in the presentation of the balance sheet and annual report on activities for the Charity Commissioners.

**Risk Assessments.** A Covid Risk Assessment and a Fire Risk Assessment were prepared prior to opening up again to visitors. We received guests from May 17<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Equipment.** A tall domestic fridge was bought for Redacre Kitchen to replace the one that ceased to work. We also replaced our commercial gas dryer.

**Garden.** A considerable amount of work was done in terms of landscaping. New fences were put in place and new paths were made. All the beech trees were lopped and the trees facing the road were lopped or cut back. We had a good harvest of fruit and vegetables.

**Building work.** Necessary roof repairs were carried out and fascia boards around Bethany were replaced with uPVC. Repairs to Bethany boiler were done.

**Redacre House.** Private accommodation was made for the Brothers who now have their own separate apartment. Two bedrooms were made into one giving us another twin bedded room with en suite accommodation. All the rooms were fitted with hospitality trays. Social distancing was arranged in Dining Room and Lounge. All doors were upgraded to fire regulations. Other expenditure included the replacement of the back stair carpet in Redacre.

**Bethany.** False ceilings were installed in two rooms in Bethany.

### **Structure and Governance**

The annual General Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the following appointments were made:

**Property Trustees:** Sisters Sylvia, Hazel and Florence as the appointed Trustees

**Little Sister:** Sister Sylvia's term continues until 2022

**Companion Sister:** Sister Hazel's term continues until 2022

**Secretary:** A Bridal Sister is appointed at each Bridal Sisters' meeting

**Treasurer:** Sister Louise was reappointed for the coming year.

**Administrator:** Sister Louise was reappointed.

**Designated Safeguarding Person:** Mrs Christine Allen was reappointed.

**Bishop Guardian:** Following Bishop Keith's retirement in March, Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester agreed to be Bishop Guardian. A Service of Blessing was held in our Chapel in May 2021.

### **Future Needs**

Blinds are needed for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel and for all the front bedrooms in Redacre.

There is still some landscaping to do.

The outside painting of Redacre.

New electric fire for carer's bedroom

Updating of Website

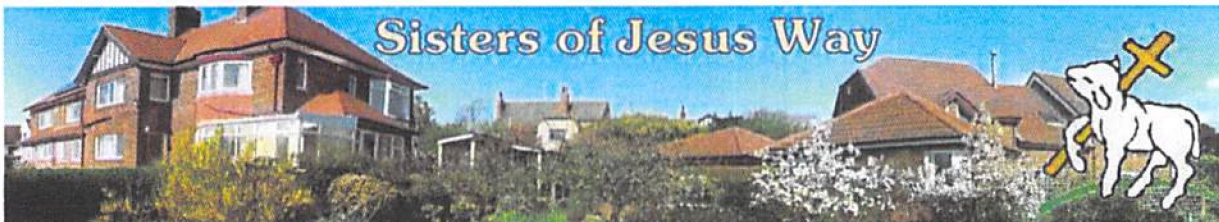
Signed (Chair of Trust).....*Sylvia J. Macey*.....

Date .....*14/2/2022*.....

# **Sisters of Jesus Way**

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the 12 month period to 31 August 2021  
Registered Charity No. 509284



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## **SISTERS OF JESUS WAY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**for the 12 month period to 31 August 2021**

The trustees present their report and financial statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2021.

#### **Trust**

The Sisters of Jesus Way was established on the 6th November 1979, its registered charity number is 509284.

#### **Objectives**

We endeavour to enable the love of God in Christ to reach out and touch all those with whom we come in contact. The consequence of this is that spiritual refreshment is brought to those who are in need of rest and renewal, encouragement is given to the discouraged and comfort is brought to the distressed.

The Christian faith is taught enabling others to enter into, or deepen their trust in God, thus effecting a strengthening of Christian values in society.

#### **Activities**

We receive guests into our house for times of quiet and refreshment. We lead bible studies for small groups and lead quiet days. Small groups use the house to be together for planning, prayer and a time to be together away. We lead weekends with various themes such as a walking weekend, quiet weekend and at the major Christian festivals such as Easter. For most of this year, Redacre continued to be closed to visitors due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, with a reopening in the last quarter on a restricted basis.

#### **Financial Review**

We have appreciated help that has been given us this last year by many friends. This has been both practical and monetary. We are given many gifts in kind, especially from our visitors and from a local supermarket; we are grateful to all those who have helped us, in any way.

We began the year with a cash and bank balance of £264,765, most of which had come from large bequests and exceptional gifts received in the year 2018-19. This money allowed us to complete the refurbishment and extension of the Chapel. The total cost of this work, over three financial years, has been £120,444. Other significant expenditure this year has been: the lopping and trimming of 23 beech trees and five conifers in our garden (£4,675); the fitting of false ceilings in three rooms in Bethany to improve soundproofing (£8,896); the upgrading of our fire precautions in both houses (£8,476); the completion of the rewiring of Redacre (£3,000, costing a total of £28,186 over two financial years); further landscaping of the garden near Bethany (£3,070); and the completion of separate Brothers' Quarters in Redacre (£2,995, costing a total of £5,430 over three financial years). The replacing of fascia boards and the merging of two guest rooms into one larger room, plus other minor alterations, came to £7,271, and repairs to Redacre roof cost £1,650. The old commercial gas dryer was replaced at a cost of £1,492. Carpets in Redacre and the Chapel and blinds in both houses and the Chapel cost £1,235 (further blinds will be required).

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#### **Review continued**

For most of this year, Redacre continued to be closed to visitors due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. We reopened in the last quarter on a restricted basis. Nevertheless, we are pleased to report that the Heavenly Father continued to provide for us. Gifts came to £66,175, a similar level to last year and the sale of one of our cars raised £5,400. There were no large gifts or bequests.

Total receipts came to £101,013 (2020: £80,274) of which £21,331 was earmarked for the care of a disabled Sister (2020: £nil). If this amount is excluded, receipts came to £79,682.

No bequests (2020: £nil) or one off significant donations were received in the year (2020: £nil); ordinary gifts totalled £66,175 (2020: £67,791).

The ordinary running expenses came to £70,812 (2020: £58,547). The largest item was the cost of night care for our disabled Sister totalling £17,464 (2020: £nil). If this is excluded, day-to-day payments came to £53,348.

Household expenditure came to £14,515 (2020: £15,330), a reduction from the previous two years. The lower visitor numbers will have contributed to this. Utilities (water, gas and electricity) cost £12,036 (2020: £10,432). We had been undercharged in the previous year and so the arrears were cleared this year, accounting for the higher figure. Utility costs are unlikely to fall with energy costs set to rise significantly in the coming year.

Early in the year one of our three Skoda Fabias was sold for £5,400, thus bringing down the vehicle running costs, along with the cars being used less during the Coronavirus lockdown period. Insurance and Council Tax both saw small increases.

The cash and bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 totalled £201,580 (2020: £264,765) which is deposited with the CBF Church of England Funds, CAF Bank and the NatWest Bank.

We give thanks to the Heavenly Father, and to all who have supported us, that we have finished the year in a healthy financial position.

#### **The Future**

Our projects for this coming year include:

- Blinds are required for the Velux windows in Bethany and the chapel and for all front bedrooms in Redacre.
- Completion of landscaping.
- The outside painting of Redacre.
- New electric fire for carer's bedroom
- Updating of website.

## SISTERS OF JESUS WAY

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#### Trustees

We are grateful to our Trustees who have served during the course of the year:-

Sister Sylvia Macey  
Sister Hazel Ross  
Sister Florence Berger

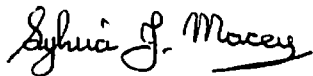
#### Accountability

We are an Anglican Community.

Following Bishop Keith's retirement in March 2021, Bishop Mark Tanner, Diocesan Bishop of Chester agreed to be Bishop Guardian.

#### PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND CONTACT

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**Sister Sylvia Joan Macey**

Trustee

Date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
<b>Income</b>		
Gifts	66,175	67,791
Gifts - restricted	21,331	-
40th Anniversary	-	1,455
	<b>87,506</b>	<b>69,246</b>
Tax refund	2,781	5,364
Solar energy	1,217	1,186
Booklets and cards	29	230
CDs	58	280
Books	104	224
Sale of Motor Vehicle	5,400	-
Other income	3,459	1,615
Interest receivable	459	2,129
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>101,013</b>	<b>80,274</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Household costs	14,515	15,330
Donations	2,760	2,540
Office and Ministry	887	6,022
Car Insurance and running costs	6,068	7,601
Repairs, servicing, decoration	2,121	3,110
Helpers expenses	245	735
Council Tax	3,566	3,405
Post, telephone and internet	2,918	1,956
Utilities	12,036	10,432
Building and Other Insurance	4,164	4,050
Annual Fees Hermitage	3,966	3,300
Care Costs for Sister	17,464	-
Bank charges	102	66
<b>Total running costs of houses</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>58,547</b>
<b>Other expenditure</b>		
Chapel	48,531	70,637
Household works, furnishing and equipment	23,056	3,606
Extension Building works	-	8,262
Roof and Ramp	1,650	1,368
Hermitage setup	150	788
Redacre rewiring	3,000	25,186
Garden landscaping and trees	7,745	-
Fire and COVID Precautions	9,254	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>164,198</b>	<b>168,394</b>
<b>Excess of Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>(63,185)</b>	<b>(88,120)</b>

Sister Sylvia Joan Macey  
Trustee

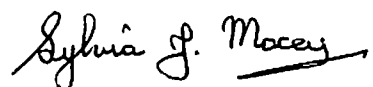
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	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Cash and Bank	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>
	201,580	264,765
Creditors – Accruals	-	-
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>
<b>Reserves:</b>		
General fund b/fwd	264,765	352,885
Movement during year	(63,185)	(88,120)
<b>General fund c/fwd</b>	<u>201,580</u>	<u>264,765</u>



**Sister Sylvia Joan Macey**  
Trustee

10<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report on the Financial Statements of the Sisters of Jesus Way for the year ended 31 August 2021 as set out on pages 6 and 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Trust is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. In accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission, It considers that an audit is not required. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified by the Charity Commission, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

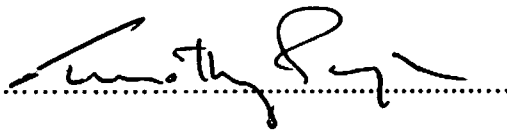
### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the guidance given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Trust and a comparison of the Financial Statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Financial Statements, and seeks explanations concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Financial Statements.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, nothing has come to my attention that gave cause to believe otherwise than that the Financial Statements accord with the accounting records of the Trust and that those records satisfy the requirements of the Charity Commission. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order that a proper understanding of the Financial Statements can be reached.

Signed by the Independent  
Examiner.....



16<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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