

Charity registration number NIC 100670

**WHITEWELL METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

# WHITEWELL METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Pastor David Purse Mr Charles Purse Pastor Robert Higgins Mr Alan Cartwright	(Appointed 19 December 2023)
	Mr Derek McIlveen	(Appointed 19 December 2023)
<b>Charity number</b>	NIC 100670	
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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019)

#### Objectives and activities

The unchanging objective of the church is to continue to proclaim, promote and further spread the Christian faith as defined in the pages of the Bible. Our beliefs, precepts and practises are defined and decided, not by the words or decrees of men but, by the Word of God which we hold to be the highest authority, being the unvarnished and inspired Word of the God.

The main activities of the church, in order to achieve the above are the holding of regular religious services each week, the providing of youth activities and the broadcasting of our services along with the provision of services of a charitable benefit to the community and abroad.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the church should undertake.

#### The Unsung Heroes

As always we are so very grateful to God for the fantastic giving of our congregation that allows us to employ a number of people to help with our ministry and it is only right we pay tribute to the great army of volunteers who faithfully labour behind the scenes.

These faithful souls do all kinds of things from driving buses, leading youth activities, car park duty, cleaning, playing instruments, leading worship, fund raising, door to door witnessing, operating cameras to provide our on-line services, welcoming people at the doors, visiting the housebound and providing crèche facilities. The whole church functions and works because so many people play an important, sometimes unseen part. 1Corinthians 15:58 *"Always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know, that our labour is not in vain in the lord."* Thank you, thank you, thank you everyone.

#### Achievements and performance

The recent Covid pandemic changed the religious landscape & although it hasn't went away most church services and activities have returned to a pre Covid situation although there is still a measure of 'social distancing' in place regarding seating. Some people with underlying health concerns continue to prefer to watch the services on-line.

The plus side of the on-line ministry is the increasing number of viewers we have from all over the UK and around the world. People regularly view from the USA, Australia, Africa and New Zealand. A few congregations, who don't have a minister meet together to watch our on-line services. Others who have no suitable church near them regard Whitewell as their church and we even have enquiries about the possibility of being on-line members of Whitewell which is something we are considering.

The Word of the Lord is certainly sounding forth from Whitewell and it is a humbling privilege to be able to minister to so many.

Over the months our church services (worship and Word) have been good and people continue to come to faith in Christ. There has been approximately 30 people of all ages undergoing the ordinance of believers baptism, 12 baby dedications and 16 new converts completing the new converts course.

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### Notable events throughout the year

- In October Pastors David and Shaw visited and ministered at a church in Northamptonshire who have asked us to supply them with their next minister from our Academy. We also held a memorial service to remember church members and loved one's of church members who had passed away due to the Covid pandemic.
- In November a 'Remembrance Service' was held which also accommodated the enrolment of our Girl's Brigade and Scouts. We also held our annual Christmas Fare with a wealth of stalls and activities. It was revamped from previous years and held in the larger youth centre premises and was brilliantly supported and the money raised used to help needy families over the Christmas period.
- In December we hosted the annual Christmas dinner in church for our 'senior members' with a short program afterwards and each one leaving with a gift from 'Father Christmas.' There was also the annual community Carol Service which is always brilliantly attended.
- In January we commenced the new year with a week of prayer, and Pastors David and Frankie visited our missionary endeavours in Ethiopia and Kenya. The staff were encouraged to see them and a good report was brought home to the Whitewell congregation continuing to justify our financial investment there.
- In February the church celebrated its 66th anniversary with pastor Nick Cassidy from Cork preaching all day.
- In March our Shepherd's Academy hosted an 'Answers In Genesis' day an apologetic ministry known worldwide and it was so successful, we have been asked to repeat it next year.
- In April after 3 days of prayer and fasting the church held a healing service for the purpose of praying for the sick. Also major renovation and building work commenced on the foyer area and main front and rear entrances. This was the first time since the opening of the church this area of the church was enhanced. All agree it is a fabulous job. A 'Gift Day' was held to cover this necessary building work. A few of our students from the academy accompanied by a pastor visited churches in Northamptonshire and Yorkshire. This provided a great deal of valuable experience for students who may be contemplating the ministry themselves.
- In May the church hosted its first 'Men's Conference' with 4 different speakers which again was well attended. On the back of this a new 'Men's Fellowship' also commenced meeting together one night every six weeks for fellowship.
- In June the Ethiopia team hosted a 'Southern Gospel' concert to raise funds for the important Ethiopian missionary project. There was also the 2nd academy meal for our Shepherds academy students, and a Youth Mission was held in a marquee in Donaghadee which saw our youth lead the services and many local people attended.
- In July the Elim Pentecostal Church held their annual 'Wonderous Conference' at our church for 4 days and nights. So pleased have the leaders of Elim been that they are asking that this becomes an annual event. A Holiday Bible Club for children was also hosted with many children attending.
- On the 19th August saw the church put on a free event of a church BBQ and Funday at Crawfordsburn County Park. A host of activities were put on to cater for all. It was a wonderful time. In August we also held another week of prayer in preparation of our September Mission event and also undertook a large scale distribution of invites to homes over a considerable area over a three week period. This work was done by our church members.
- In September our Shepherd's Academy commenced its 3rd year with many students returning as well as a new intake of students. The first day back included a lunch for all. The church also put on our major evangelistic endeavour of the year that we call, 'Alive Belfast' over 4 nights. David Ham from New York was our speaker and a tremendous time was had with many people from other churches also present.

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#### Other Activities

Our many children's activities include, Scouts and Girl's Brigade, Children's church or 'Weewellers' on Sunday mornings and there is also a children's church during the Sunday evening service.

Our two missionary projects each have a team of volunteers at Whitewell helping with fund raising and practical support 12 months of the year and a special Christmas appeal sees money sent for the African children to also receive a Christmas gift.

God's precious Word continues to be preached week after week with our senior minister who is responsible for preaching and teaching delivering new series of sermons for the spiritual growth of the believers individually and the church collectively. During the year he has brought series on '*The 10 commandments*' and '*The miraculous ministry of the Lord Jesus*' and '*the Tabernacle in the wilderness*' and '*A book and a woman, both called Esther*' and '*Getting the gospel right*' and a series on the subject of Bible prophecy.

Two other ministries that continue to make a difference are:

- The street project to the homeless, 'Manna for Many' run by Stanley Donaghey.
- Our food hamper ministry run by a lady called Jewel which brings food to needy families.

#### **The Shepherd's Academy**

Back in September 2021, Whitewell opened it's very own Bible college called 'the Shepherd's Academy' for the purpose of producing a new generation of church leaders and workers for the church. Now into our 3rd academic year the academy has grown beyond our dreams with nearly 200 students enrolled. Many of these are from other churches inside and outside of Northern Ireland.

Lead by pastor David Purse with the help of an academy board the academy has students of all ages. Some just want to learn more about the faith but others are studying to obtain our own church based 'Diploma in Pastoral and Biblical Studies.' Our academy is growing pastors and elders and church workers for the present as well as the future. Two couples who have completed the 'pastoral care' module now help with the church visitation program of those who are elderly or house bound.

It is our prayer that the academy will not only secure Whitewell's future but also be able to assist other churches. This is a project the trustees and oversight are very encouraged about.

#### **Ethiopia & Kenya**

The Church has founded and continues to support a number of foreign missionary projects in Ethiopia and Kenya. These missions help relieve severe poverty in the local areas by assisting in the provision of food and clothing. The missions also help provide religious and secular education to the children and adults of the area and also assists in providing medical care.

The Church currently funds three project in Ethiopia; Kuriftu Compound, Babagaya School & Church, and Ambo Church. The Church also funds the Metropolitan Sanctuary and Nyeri Church in Kenya.

Hundreds of lives are being touched in both locations as well as the project employing over 50 individuals. We continue to say 'to God be the glory'.

#### **Ethiopia**

Our Church, Schools and Clinics at Kuriftu, Bobagaya, and Ambo continue to support the needy children, their families and the local community in the surrounding villages of Bishoftu, Ethiopia. Our main assistance is to bring Christianity to all children from different ethnic religions through evangelism and the provision of biblically-based teaching, and to advance the education of all children and young adults in the relief of poverty and hunger, bringing an holistic approach to help the people in these areas in their spiritual, educational and physical needs. The Metropolitan Tabernacle Church in Ethiopia serves the local community in reaching souls and where we have seen God's plans come to fruition over the many years.

The missionary project in Ethiopia is growing strong and vibrant. It continues to be supported at home by Mrs Eleanor McClelland and her daughter Karen along with Pastor Michael Bunting.

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#### Kenya

The Metropolitan Sanctuary for Children with Disability continued to offer services during the year under the leadership of Pastor Mary Whaom and her dedicated team.

During the year the sanctuary offered rehabilitation services and organised training for Community Health Volunteers and for care givers in the community. Sitting aids, standing aids, stabilisers and wheelchairs were given to children in need. The sanctuary also provided social support through the provision of food packages and transport. Medical assistance, support for families bereaved and home visits were also provided by the sanctuary staff.

The Church, through the sanctuary, continues to reach out to the local community. The Kenya missionary project is continuing to be strong and vibrant, supported at home by Pastor Frankie Weir.

#### Financial review

The Board of Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations.

At 30 September 2023 the balance of unrestricted reserves was £7,712,987 (2022 - £7,801,926).

It is the policy of the church that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between six and nine month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the church's current activities while thought is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### Structure, governance and management

The church is constituted as trustees incorporated as a body and was established by a charitable trust deed.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Pastor David Purse

Mr Charles Purse

Pastor Robert Higgins

Mr Alan Cartwright

Mr Derek McIlveen

(Appointed 19 December 2023)

(Appointed 19 December 2023)

The Oversight of the church have, by resolution at a meeting of same, the power to appoint new trustees. There are 5 trustee positions on the trustee board. We hold that there ought to be more non paid trustees than employed trustees.

Finally, for all we are able to do to serve one another and beyond the walls of our church we ultimately say, Sola Deo Gloria, 'Glory to God alone'.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the church for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act Northern Ireland (2008), the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

  
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**Pastor David Purse**  
Trustee

Dated: 25/3/24

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHITEWELL METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE

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##### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle (the 'church') for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the church affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the church in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the church's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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##### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

##### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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##### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing potential risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliances with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- The nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance, including the charity's remuneration policies for trustees, bonus levels and performance targets, if any;
- Results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- Any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the church's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
  - Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instance of non-compliance;
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
  - The internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the church for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in income recognition. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the church operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and local tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the church's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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##### **Audit response to risks identified**

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with tax authorities; and
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as they may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Mr Stephen Houston FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of GMcG LISBURN

25th March 2024

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

Century House  
40 Crescent Business Park  
Lisburn  
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GMcG LISBURN is eligible for appointment as auditor of the church by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
	Notes		
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	1,423,094	1,375,612
Other trading activities	4	13,460	7,952
Investments	5	36,770	15,662
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,473,324</u>	<u>1,399,226</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Charitable activities	6	<u>1,562,263</u>	<u>1,435,618</u>
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(88,939)	(36,392)
Fund balances at 1 October 2022		<u>7,801,926</u>	<u>7,838,318</u>
<b>Fund balances at 30 September 2023</b>		<u><u>7,712,987</u></u>	<u><u>7,801,926</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		5,849,244		5,813,450
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	80,748		61,775	
Investments	13	1,124,274		1,326,051	
Cash at bank and in hand		689,541		641,340	
		<u>1,894,563</u>		<u>2,029,166</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(30,820)</u>		<u>(40,690)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,863,743</u>		<u>1,988,476</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><u>7,712,987</u></u>		<u><u>7,801,926</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<u>7,712,987</u>		<u>7,801,926</u>
			<u><u>7,712,987</u></u>		<u><u>7,801,926</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees, authorised for issue on .....  
and signed on their behalf by

  
.....  
Pastor David Purse  
Trustee

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	18		(81,337)		3,674
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(109,809)		(46,488)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		800		17,950	
Sale of current asset investments		201,777		(3,451)	
Interest received		36,770		15,662	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>			129,538		(16,327)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>			48,201		(12,653)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			641,340		653,993
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			689,541		641,340

# WHITEWELL METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Charity information

Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle is a unincorporated charity registered in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 837 - 869 Shore Road, Belfast, Co Antrim, BT15 4HS.

##### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the church's trust deed, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The church is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the church. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the church has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

##### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the church is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the church has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the church has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Assets given for use by the church are recognised when receivable.

##### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

Support costs are those functions that assist work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support and other costs have been allocated to charitable activities based on actual usage by that activity.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% Straight Line
Plant and equipment	25% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	25% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

##### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

##### 1.8 Financial instruments

The church has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the church's balance sheet when the church becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the church's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### 1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the church is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

##### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

##### 1.11 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

##### 1.12 Accumulated funds

Unrestricted funds are the result of the charity's strategic objective to establish reserves which will allow it to continue operating for a period of six to nine months from the balance sheet date.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the church's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

##### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

##### Fixed assets

The annual depreciation charge on fixed assets depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these assets lives and change them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Changes in assets lives can have a significant impact on depreciation charges for the period. Detail of the useful lives is included in the accounting policies.

#### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,423,094	1,375,612

Donations and gifts relate to advancement of religion. It is at the discretion of the Trustee's how funds are allocated between Northern Ireland, Kenya and Ethiopia.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### 4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2023 £	2022 £
Other income	9,660	7,952
Advertising income	3,800	-
	<u>13,460</u>	<u>7,952</u>
Other trading activities	<u>13,460</u>	<u>7,952</u>

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023 £	2022 £
Interest receivable	<u>36,770</u>	<u>15,662</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 6 Charitable activities

	Advancement of religion in:			Total	Total
	Northern Ireland	Ethiopia	Kenya	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	669,377	920	920	671,217	661,434
Depreciation & disposal of fixed assets	73,215	-	-	73,215	52,049
Children and youth work	3,777	-	-	3,777	3,939
Travel missions	13,361	-	-	13,361	16,039
Home Missions	27,522	-	-	27,522	46,693
Social functions and rallies	17,125	-	-	17,125	11,346
Ethiopia expenses	-	104,319	-	104,319	119,880
Kenya expenses	-	-	76,082	76,082	95,046
Audio visual ministry	36,121	-	-	36,121	28,317
Abide conference	300	-	-	300	-
	840,798	105,239	77,002	1,023,039	1,034,743
Share of support costs (see note 7)	524,884	-	-	524,884	386,265
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	14,340	-	-	14,340	14,610
	1,380,022	105,239	77,002	1,562,263	1,435,618
Unrestricted funds	1,380,022	105,239	77,002	1,562,263	
	1,380,022	105,239	77,002	1,562,263	
<b>For the year ended 30 September 2022</b>					
Unrestricted funds	1,216,234	122,109	97,275		1,435,618
	1,216,234	122,109	97,275		1,435,618

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

### 7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Rates	18,293	-	18,293	17,044	Useage
Insurance	70,992	-	70,992	64,838	Useage
Light and heat	94,915	-	94,915	114,563	Useage
Maintenance	245,542	-	245,542	95,462	Useage
Adverts & literature	25,042	-	25,042	23,734	Useage
Telephone and postage	8,153	-	8,153	7,175	Useage
Motor expenses	45,393	-	45,393	49,016	Useage
Operating leases	9,941	-	9,941	9,941	Useage
Bank charges	5,375	-	5,375	4,128	Useage
Sundry expenses	1,238	-	1,238	364	Useage
Audit fees	-	7,200	7,200	7,200	Governance
Accountancy	-	7,140	7,140	7,410	Governance
	<u>524,884</u>	<u>14,340</u>	<u>539,224</u>	<u>400,875</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>524,884</u>	<u>14,340</u>	<u>539,224</u>	<u>400,875</u>	

Governance costs comprises payments to the auditors of £7,200 (2022- £7,200) for audit services and £6,660 (2022 - £7,410) for the provision of accounts preparation and taxation services.

### 8 Trustees

During the year remuneration and other benefits were paid to Pastor David Purse of £49,841 (2022 - £50,412) and Pastor Shaw Higgins of £43,497 (2022 - £46,889) for employment by the church as Pastors.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	564,318	547,963
Redundancy costs	-	12,699
Social security costs	44,543	49,401
Other pension costs	62,356	51,371
	<u>671,217</u>	<u>661,434</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

#### 9 Employees (Continued)

There were no employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

#### 10 Taxation

As a charity all profits from trading activities and investment income are used for charitable purposes and thus no liability to corporation tax arises.

#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 October 2022	6,133,255	7,638	1,513,577	165,589	7,820,059
Additions	-	-	76,221	33,588	109,809
Disposals	-	-	(31,880)	(25,503)	(57,383)
At 30 September 2023	6,133,255	7,638	1,557,918	173,674	7,872,485
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 October 2022	450,734	7,638	1,382,948	165,289	2,006,609
Depreciation charged in the year	32,669	-	32,849	8,497	74,015
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(31,880)	(25,503)	(57,383)
At 30 September 2023	483,403	7,638	1,383,917	148,283	2,023,241
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 30 September 2023	5,649,852	-	174,001	25,391	5,849,244
At 30 September 2022	5,682,521	-	130,629	300	5,813,450

#### 12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	57,743	41,639
Prepayments and accrued income	23,005	20,136
	80,748	61,775

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 13 Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Unlisted investments	1,124,274	1,326,051

The trustees have invested monies to ensure greater financial protection and higher interest rates.

#### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	12	12,893
Other creditors	17,400	11,534
Accruals and deferred income	13,408	16,263
	30,820	40,690

#### 15 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the church had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	9,941	9,941
Between two and five years	2,485	12,426
	12,426	22,367

#### 16 Capital commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
At 30 September 2023 the church had capital commitments as follows:		
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:		
Acquisition of tangible assets	-	75,023

#### 17 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	300,403	313,873

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

18	Cash generated from operations	2023 £	2022 £
	Deficit for the year	(88,939)	(36,392)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(36,770)	(15,662)
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(800)	(17,950)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	74,015	70,000
	Donated fixed assets	-	(400)
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(18,973)	18,044
	(Decrease) in creditors	(9,870)	(14,366)
	<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<b>(81,337)</b>	<b>3,274</b>
19	<b>Analysis of changes in net funds</b>		
	The church had no debt during the year.		