

**STORY CHURCHES NETWORK**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
27 FEBRUARY 2024  
TO  
28 FEBRUARY 2025**

**Charity Number SC 053146**



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	27	Feb	2024	To	28	Feb	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Story Churches Network
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC053146
Charity's principal address	25 Macduff Street
	Glasgow
	Postcode: G31 4PN

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1				
2				
3				
4			Appointed 23/07/24	
5			Appointed 01/09/24	
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7				
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## APPENDIX 1

### Structure, governance and management

#### Type of governing document

Constitution

#### Trustee recruitment and appointment

The charity trustees are those who initially supported the application to establish the charity and any others who are invited and appointed by the existing charity trustees. All charity trustees shall remain in office until the appointment is terminated in accordance with the terms of Clause 24 of the charity constitution.

### Objectives and activities

#### Charitable purposes

The advancement of religion, specifically the Christian faith, primarily within Scotland and elsewhere by promoting and sustaining the development of new church initiatives to function consistent with the Christian Bible and the Statement of Faith of the charity as appended to the constitution.

#### Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

1. Identification of opportunities to establish new churches for the benefit of local communities
2. Supporting individual church planters in commencing the work of church planting in those areas
3. Connecting with pastors interested in church planting
4. Promoting church planting at relevant events
5. Engaging with other church planting organisations
6. Partnering with churches looking to support new church plants
7. Supporting new church plants with resources

### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During this reporting period, The Story Churches Network continued to advance its charitable purpose of promoting the Christian faith, supporting local communities, and developing leaders for mission and church planting across Scotland.

The network carried out a range of spiritual, educational, and community-based activities, including:

**Worship and Discipleship:** A total of 71 church services and 23 study group meetings were held in our Glasgow location, providing regular opportunities for worship, teaching, and fellowship.

**Community Engagement:** The Story Churches Network participated in five community events in partnership with Helenslea Community Centre, serving local residents and strengthening community relationships.

**Mission and Outreach:** Two sports camps were organised, reaching approximately 100 children with positive activities and faith-based engagement. In addition, six short-term mission teams visited Glasgow to support local outreach initiatives, and one mission trip was undertaken by members of the network to serve in another region.

**Church Planting and Leadership Training:** The network supported the training of 14 church planting leaders through its M4 partnership and related mentoring initiatives. An important milestone for the charity is the full-time employment of the charity founder to manage the training, organising, marketing and day to day tasks to deliver the purpose of the charity. Following this appointment, the charity has been able to grow the amount and efficiency of training and results from its activities.

**Compassion and Social Action:** A new partnership was developed with the Glasgow Northeast Foodbank to provide food and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Through these activities, The Story Churches Network continued to build relationships, strengthen local mission, and contribute positively to the spiritual and social wellbeing of the communities it serves.



## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the trustees to deploy any funds secured to advance the activities of the charity rather than to build reserves, subject to retaining a reasonable working capital balance for the conduct of the operations.

### Details of any deficit

There were no deficits in the reporting period.

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

The charity benefited from the voluntary contribution of time on the part of the trustees and others to promote and progress its activities.

## Other optional information

## Declaration

I, the Chairman of the Trustees, declare that the trustees' report above is true and correct and that the trustees have acted in the best interests of the charity.

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	27	February	2024		28	February	2025

### Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	63,193				63,193	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>63,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,193</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>63,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,193</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	47,258				47,258	
Grants and donations	167				167	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>47,425</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,425</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets	2,059				2,059	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>49,484</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,484</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>13,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,709</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>13,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,709</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year					-	
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	13,709				13,709	
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	13,709	-	-	-	13,709	-

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Card machine	General	167	125	
	Sound system	General	548	411	
	2 Laptops & accessories	General	968	726	
	TV, projector and cabling	General	376	282	
		Total	2,059	1,544	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees  
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

30/10/25  
30/10/2025



## Section C Notes to the Accounts

**C1 Nature and purpose of funds** (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

See analysis of funds worksheet

**C2 Grants**

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Afterbeat Ministry	Institution	1	167
Total			167

**C3a Trustee remuneration**

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

**C3b Trustee remuneration - details**

Authority under which paid	£
Remuneration of [REDACTED] as church planter	25,133

**C4a Trustee expenses**

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

**C4b Trustee expenses - details**

	Number of trustees	£
Expenses of [REDACTED] as church planter	1	9,821

**C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons**

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

**C6 Other information**





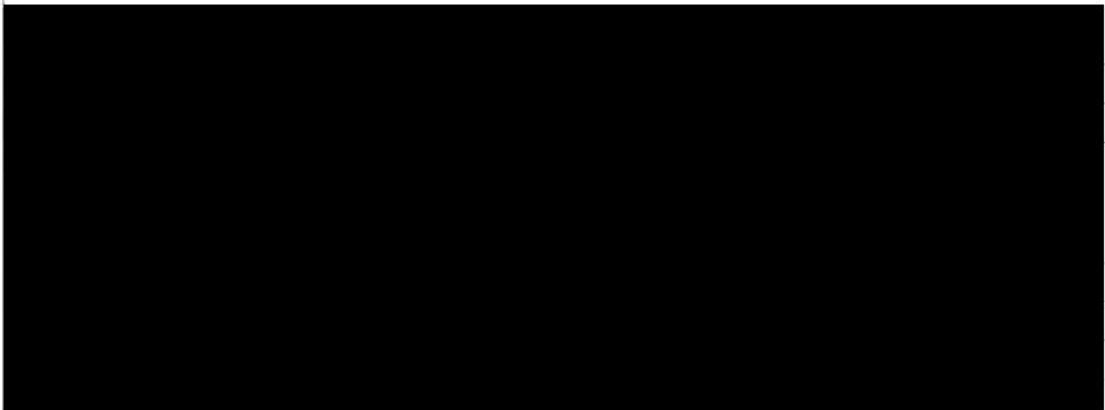
## Additional analysis (2)

## 5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below General fund	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
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## Nature and purpose of funds

The general fund is to support the purposes of the organisation being the advancement of religion, specifically the Christian faith, throughout Scotland and elsewhere by promoting and sustaining the development of new church initiatives to function consistent with the Christian Bible and the organisation's Statement of Faith and the conduct of such other charitable activities as shall, in the opinion of the trustees, put into practice the Christian faith.

		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b> v2					
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name <b>Story Churches Network</b>						
<b>Registered charity number</b>	<b>SC053146</b>						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
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<b>Set out on pages</b>	<b>OSCR Receipts and Payments Template</b>						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p>						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.</p>						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ol>						
<b>Signed**:</b>							
<b>Name:</b>							
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>							
<b>Address:</b>							

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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