



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charity name: St Marychurch Precinct Centre

Charity registration number: 1006956

Current Trustees: Arthur Christian, Wendy Piddlesden, Alan Lark. Fr Nick Debney (appointed 19 Sep 2024), Andrew Bulpin (appointed 21 Nov 2024).

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To provide facilities for recreation or leisure time occupation and appropriate services with the object of improving the conditions of life of people who are over the age of 50. The policies of the Charity remain unchanged.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Maintain a club building on land adjoining the parish of St Marychurch or elsewhere for use by members. Run a programme of events and activities for members and to engage with the local community. Offer facilities for local groups or organisations to hire at reasonable cost.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All Trustees are issued the appropriate guidance from the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity does not make any financial or substantial other grants or gifts to Trustees, members, other charities or the local community. It does however run or facilitate fundraising initiatives for other organisations (raffle proceeds for another charity for example).
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Charity will maintain a current bank account and as necessary a savings account to 'feed' savings accounts that carry the best possible return on investment with minimal risk. Currently holding a 2 year investment with United

		Trust Bank that will mature in Sep 2027 and a National Savings account with 90 day withdrawal notice.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers give of their time, expertise and experience to assist in the day to day running of the Centre, its activities and the maintenance thereof.
Other		Selected local businesses offer their expertise and some resources to assist the Trustees and Volunteers in managing the Centre.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Centre has maintained a membership which at the peak in 2025 reached 320. A weekly programme of activities has been maintained through marketing via members etc. A modest increase in takings on refreshments, hire charges and classes has provided more funds for licenses, new equipment, routine maintenance and even more rigorous professional cleaning regime. We have replaced carpets and will shortly be replacing some of the chairs. We continue to engage with yet more local organisations including the Local History Society and RBL.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Objectives set for 2024 included an increased social programme, a rolling maintenance schedule and increasing the financial reserves by increasing revenue through various events and enterprises (lunches, hall hire, etc.). All achieved – end of year accounts show a very healthy balance of which a proportion will be used for replacing chairs and drawing up re-structuring plans.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Membership subscriptions have not been increased this year but increasing membership results in greater income. Efforts to lease the premises for the benefit of more local groups and activities has been very successful.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Investments now attract good rates of interest and that is growing our investment.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See the accounts posted. Trustees and Committee are satisfied that we have a good level of income over expenditure but we endeavour to re-invest surplus funds in either savings or the structure, fixtures, furnishings and equipment.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in no less than two separate investment accounts – one longer term and one short term in case of emergencies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£87,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The availability of sufficient volunteers to do essential roles is always a concern!

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions, daily refreshment sales, fundraising events (fairs, lunches, etc.), hall hire, donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Keeping funds in any one account below £84k and ensuring there are sufficient funds in current and first reserve accounts to meet any unexpected need.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Increasing costs for heating and lighting, water, materials. Loss of key personalities including Trustees and committee members.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Lease for the land
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Members identify potential trustees in the local community and invite suitable candidates to apply. Prospects are given the necessary information from the Charity Commission. Applicants have to be approved by both Committee and existing Trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New Trustees are directed to the Charity Commission website to acquaint themselves with duties and procedures.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	There is a board of Trustees and a Committee of min 9 including Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. We aim to engage more and more with local community groups, churches and Traders.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We have a working relationship with the Parish Church and a lease on the land from the Diocese. Members are 'embedded' in various community organisations.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Marychurch Precinct Centre
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1006956
Charity's principal address	The Precinct Centre, Church Road, St Marychurch TQ1 4QY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Arthur Christian	Committee Chairman		
2	Andrew Bulpin			
3	Fr Nick Debney		19 Sep 2024	
4	Wendy Piddlesdon		21 Nov 2024	
5	Alan Lark	Chairman of Trustees		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NS&I £10k by Arthur Christian in the name of the Charity
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	All funds held in the name of the Charity are set aside in the last Will and Testament as not personal assets.

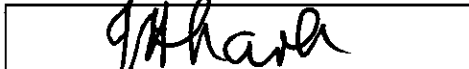
Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JACK ALAN LARK	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	
Date	19-02-2026	

Charity Registration No. 1006956

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Trustees

Mr G A D Christian
Mr J A Lark
Ms W M Piddlesden
Ms S M Gilpin
Rev N J Debney
Mr A Bulpin

Charity number

1006956

Principal address

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Independent examiner

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ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE THE PRECINCT CENTRE TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the The Precinct Centre's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Structure, governance and management

The Precinct Centre was established by a charitable trust constitution on 3 December 1991 and subsequently amended on, 25 March 2003, 24 November 2010 and 29 March 2023.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr G A D Christian

Mr J A Lark

Ms W M Piddlesden

Ms S M Gilpin

Rev N J Debney

(Appointed 19 September 2024)

Mr A Bulpin

(Appointed 21 November 2024)

Objectives and activities

The Precinct Centre's objects are to provide facilities for recreation, leisure and appropriate services with the aim of improving the conditions of life of people who are 50 years of age or more in the St Marychurch area of Torquay. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are listed below and there has been no change in these during the year.

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures
Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures
Complaints handling
Complaints policy and procedures
Conflicting interests
Financial reserves policy and procedures
Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
Internal risk management policy and procedures
Investing charity funds policy and procedures
Investment
Paying staff
Risk management
Safeguarding policy and procedures
Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries
Serious incident reporting policy and procedures
Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
Trustee expenses policy and procedures
Volunteer management

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the The Precinct Centre should undertake.

Details of the activities of the charity during the year were to provide a friendly and welcoming environment for local residents to participate in social activities such as bingo, knitting and writing along with offering refreshments to those using the centre.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the centre was hired by various groups to carry out their activities

During the year, the Charity's investments in United Trust Bank and and NS&I continued to perform well. The interest accrued on the UTB was accumulated into the investment balance. Interest on the NS&I investment was received monthly by the Charity's current account to be used for charitable purposes as required.

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the The Precinct Centre for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dated:

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>			
Donations and legacies		6,802	4,900
Activities for generating funds		20,294	19,561
Investment income	2	2,181	2,138
Other incoming resources		4,685	5,775
Total incoming resources		33,962	32,374
<u>Resources expended</u>			
Charitable activities			
Cost of goods sold		9,933	8,035
Cost of goods sold - Sundries		275	1,628
Total charitable expenditure		10,208	9,663
Governance costs		24,854	15,697
Total resources expended		35,062	25,360
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(1,100)	7,014
Fund balances at 1 September 2024			
As originally reported		283,527	276,513
Prior year adjustment		(463)	-
As restated		283,064	276,513
Fund balances at 31 August 2025		281,964	283,527

The prior year adjustment relates to Corporation Tax for the year ended 31 August 2023

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET**

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		196,679		198,726
Current assets					
Investments		75,692		73,861	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,594		10,940	
		87,285		84,801	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,000)		-	
Net current assets			85,285		84,801
Total assets less current liabilities			281,964		283,527
Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			281,964		283,527
			281,964		283,527

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 6/12/2025

Mr G A D Christian
Trustee

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% reducing balance

1.3 Investments

Current asset investments are stated at market value.

2 Investment income

	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	2,181	2,138
	<u>2,181</u>	<u>2,138</u>

3 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Hire of centre	4,685	5,775
Donations	6,802	4,900
Refreshments	14,834	12,822
	<u>31,781</u>	<u>30,236</u>
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**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

4 Total resources expended	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable activities		
<u>Cost of goods sold</u>		
Catering costs	7,886	8,035
Support costs - depreciation	2,047	-
Total	9,933	8,035
<u>Cost of goods sold - Sundries</u>		
Sundry costs	275	1,628
	<u>10,208</u>	<u>9,663</u>
Governance costs	24,854	15,697
	<u>35,062</u>	<u>25,360</u>
5 Support costs		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation	2,047	-
	<u>2,047</u>	<u>-</u>

ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

6 Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other governance costs comprise:		
Bank charges	21	47
Cleaning	4,902	3,863
Dues and subscriptions	1,433	987
Garden maintenance	173	57
Insurance	1,201	1,090
Office	101	1,199
Professional fees - accountancy	2,633	315
General repairs and maintenance	8,021	2,781
Telephone costs	478	458
Utilities	5,892	4,901
	<u>24,854</u>	<u>15,697</u>

General repairs and maintenance includes:

	2025
	£
Plumbing works undertaken in the year	2,312
Fire protection works	957
New flooring	4,370
Equipment replacement - toaster	212
Various small repairs	170
	<u>8,021</u>

Utilities includes:

	2025
	£
South West Water	1,173
British Gas	4,719
	<u>5,892</u>

7 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year. Any Trustees purchasing items on behalf of the Charity, have been reimbursed upon supply of relating purchase receipt.

8 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

**ST MARYCHURCH PRECINCT CENTRE
THE PRECINCT CENTRE
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Spare heading	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 September 2024 and at 31 August 2025	170,814	19,724	9,729	3,551	203,818
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2024	-	-	4,256	836	5,092
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	2,047
At 31 August 2025	-	-	5,624	1,515	7,139
Net book value					
At 31 August 2025	170,814	19,724	4,105	2,036	196,679
At 31 August 2024	170,814	19,724	5,473	2,715	198,726

It is the opinion of the Trustees that while the book value of the freehold property may not be at the current market value, a valuation is not warranted.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals - accountancy 2025 accounts	2,000	-

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DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds				
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Support costs:				
Depreciation charge		2,047		-
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		(10,208)		(9,663)
Governance costs:				
Other costs		24,854		15,697
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Total resources expended		(35,062)		(25,360)
Net movement in funds		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
		(1,100)		7,014
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