

Registered number: 00371511
Charity number: 1010058

ST JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

(A Registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES
AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

Directors and Trustees

AJS Acloque, Chairman
THA Acland (resigned 30 September 2023)
CA Charles
A Dykes
CRM Kemball
A Morley

Company registered number

00371511

Charity registered number

1010058

Registered office and principal office

St Joseph's House, 42 Brook Green, London, W6 7BW

Bankers

CAF Bank Limited, 25 King's Hill Avenue, King's Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Solicitors

Bates Wells & Braithwaite London LLP, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE

Stockbrokers

Rathbones, George House, 50 George Square, Glasgow, G2 1EH

Independent examiner

Mr G J Chapman FCA, on behalf of Warrener Stewart Limited, Harwood House, 43 Harwood Road, London, SW6 4QP

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of St Joseph's Society (the Charity) for the year ended 5 April 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the company comply with the Charity's trust deed, current statutory requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Governing Document

The Society is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 21 September 1991, and registered as St Joseph's Society on 25 March 1992 under charity registration number 1010058 and company number 00371511.

The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are responsible for the management of the business of the Society. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one fifth of the directors who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire at the Annual General Meeting and offer themselves for re-election.

Persons who have expertise in financial management and investment, and who have shown an interest in and sympathy with the aims of the Society are invited from time to time to join the Board.

Director Induction and Training

New directors first have a meeting with the Chairman who explains the history and aims of the Society. This is followed by an explanation of the governance of the Society, the latest reports and accounts and the investment policy. The new director is also taken for a tour of the buildings to meet the residents.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Achievements and Performance

The Society has achieved another year of satisfactory service to its residents.

Fixed Assets

The directors have not revalued the Society's freehold land and buildings as the costs outweigh the benefit to the Society. However, the directors are of the opinion that the market value is in excess of the book value in the financial statements.

Review of Activities

A summary of the results for the year is given on page 7 of the accounts. The Society made an unrestricted surplus (including unrealised investment gains and losses) of £157,561 for the year on the General Fund (2023: deficit £56,630).

The Society has improved its underlying operating surplus, thanks to greater almshouse occupancy and continued control of costs.

Grant Making Policy

In view of the uncertain financial future and the need to save money for the future upgrading of the accommodation at its almshouse, the trustees have decided to maintain their policy of not making external grants. The Society does not fundraise but relies on its investment and maintenance contributions income to achieve its goals.

Investment Policy and Performance

The Directors consider that specialised investments designed for the charity sector best meet the Charity's need for income and capital growth. Authorisation has been given to the Society's broker to manage the Society's Investment portfolio. A quarterly Investment report is given to the Society and the investment broker provides periodical reports on the portfolio performance.

Reserves Policy

The directors have established a reserve policy whereby unrestricted funds (free reserves) are maintained at levels which allow the directors to support the almshouse through investment income, as well as providing the necessary capital improvements through interest and capital growth. The directors require that free reserves should cover at least six months of fixed costs, approximately £200,000.

Current levels of free reserves amounting to £2,608,365 (2023: £2,450,804) of which £515,051 (2023: £515,051) is represented by tangible fixed assets and £1,892,681 (2023: £1,905,785) by investments held for their potential income in order to fund charitable activities. Given the charity's current reserves and funding model, the directors consider it to be a going concern and have prepared these accounts on this basis.

Plans For Future Periods

Following a Planned Maintenance Survey in October 2023, and a subsequent inspection of the condition of the roof and stone of the 'Old Block', the Directors agreed to undertake the necessary repairs including a new roof as a matter of paramount importance. This work is to be carried out during 2024.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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Structure, Governance and Management

Risk Management

The directors of the charitable company have considered the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established systems and procedures to manage those risks. The directors have passed a resolution allowing the investment broker to invest funds on behalf of the charitable company. A report is produced each quarter on the performance of the investment portfolio. A presentation is given by the broker to the directors once each year.

Organisational Structure

The Society has a board of directors that meets four times a year and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charitable company. The Manager also attends board meetings but has no voting rights.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the operation of the almshouses and financial administration rest primarily with the Manager who liaises with the Chairman regarding the needs of the residents. Between directors' meetings these tasks are monitored regularly by the Chairman.

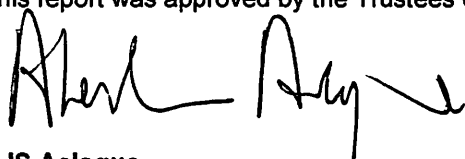
Objectives and Activities

The company's objects and principal activities are to give relief and care to elderly Roman Catholics who are in need.

The main objectives and activities for the year continued to focus upon the operation of 31 almshouse units and the care of its residents. In setting these objectives the directors confirm that they have regard to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the Trustees on  and signed on their behalf by:



AJS Acloque
Director

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Joseph's Society (the 'company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 5 April 2024.

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

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

Signed:



Dated:

7 October 2024

G J Chapman FCA

Warrener Stewart

Chartered Accountants

Harwood House
43 Harwood Road
London
SW6 4QP

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	(1,180)	(1,180)	125
Investments	3	62,017	62,017	55,511
Maintenance contributions (almshouses)		212,789	212,789	193,654
Total income		273,626	273,626	249,290
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Investment management		13,798	13,798	13,172
Charitable activities:				
Cost of running almshouses and other expenditure	4	128,097	128,097	143,345
Governance costs	5	24,996	24,996	21,131
Total expenditure		166,891	166,891	177,648
Net income before investment gains / (losses)		106,735	106,735	71,642
Net gains / (losses) on investments	10	50,826	50,826	(128,272)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		157,561	157,561	(56,630)
Net movement in funds		157,561	157,561	(56,630)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		2,450,804	2,450,804	2,507,434
Total funds carried forward		2,608,365	2,608,365	2,450,804

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities include all gains and losses recognised in the year.

In 2023 all income and expenditure was in the form of unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 00371511

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		515,051		515,051
Investments	10		1,892,681		1,905,785
			<u>2,407,732</u>		<u>2,420,836</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	3,036		3,405	
Cash at bank and in hand		211,012		41,877	
		<u>214,048</u>		<u>45,282</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(13,415)		(15,314)	
Net current assets			<u>200,633</u>		<u>29,968</u>
Net assets			<u>2,608,365</u>		<u>2,450,804</u>
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	13	2,218,871		2,069,964	
Revaluation reserve		389,494		380,840	
Total unrestricted funds			<u>2,608,365</u>		<u>2,450,804</u>
Total funds			<u>2,608,365</u>		<u>2,450,804</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

The Trustees consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 5 April 2024 and its net incoming resources for the year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf, by:

Director

 7 Oct 2024

The notes on pages 10 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

St Joseph's Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.4 Income

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis when evidence exists to confirm the certainty of receipt.

Maintenance contributions

Maintenance contributions represent income from residents and are accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

Investment income

Dividends are credited to the statement of financial activities when they fall due for payment. Interest is credited when received.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis and includes any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. They are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.

Governance costs comprise costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to Independent Examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of support costs.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

1.6 Refurbishment of flats

Periodically the company undertakes significant refurbishment works to the almshouse units employed in meeting its charitable objectives. The directors consider that the most appropriate way to account for these costs is to include them as a separate expenditure class within the statement of financial activities based on costs incurred during the accounting period.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Provision is not made for the depreciation of freehold buildings because the directors consider that their residual value are such that any change for depreciation would be immaterial.

1.8 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.9 Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

1.10 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account.

1.11 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Legacies (repayment to Department of Work & Pensions)	(1,728)	-
Donations	548	125
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Total donations and legacies	(1,180)	125
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<i>Total 2023</i>	125	<hr/>

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3. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Dividends on UK equities	26,526	17,842
Interest on UK fixed interest securities	942	-
Interest on foreign fixed interest securities	-	155
Interest on UK unit trusts	27,184	27,679
Interest on cash deposit	523	258
Dividends on foreign equities	6,842	9,577
	<u>62,017</u>	<u>55,511</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>55,511</u>	

4. Cost of running Almshouses and other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Utilities and insurance	39,558	37,215
Repairs, renewals and improvements	17,675	35,356
Redecoration of flats	7,874	11,767
Electrical repairs and certification	2,206	1,203
Water testing	6,660	6,259
Cleaning	1,445	1,086
Wardens	4,315	4,754
Maintenance of Grounds	3,889	4,794
Sundry expenses	3,096	2,702
Professional fees	3,234	990
Wages and salaries	37,500	36,750
National insurance	645	469
	<u>128,097</u>	<u>143,345</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<u>143,345</u>	

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5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Independent examiners fees	4,440	4,320
Office business rates	1,613	-
Printing, postage, telephone, stationery and publications	2,767	2,823
Legal and professional fees	3,240	3,615
Sundry expenses	436	373
Wages and salaries	12,500	10,000
	<u>24,996</u>	<u>21,131</u>

6. Auditors' remuneration

The Independent Examiner's remuneration amounts to an Independent Examination fee of £4,440 (2023: £4,320).

7. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	50,000	46,750
Social security costs	645	469
	<u>50,645</u>	<u>47,219</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Administrative staff	1	1

No employee received remuneration in excess of £60,000 in either year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. Directors' remuneration

The highest paid director received remuneration of £nil (2023: £nil). Directors were not reimbursed for any of their expenses in the year (2023: £nil).

9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £
Cost or valuation	
At 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024	<u>515,051</u>
Depreciation	
At 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 5 April 2024	<u><u>515,051</u></u>
At 5 April 2023	<u><u>515,051</u></u>

The freehold land and buildings are shown at valuation carried out at 31 December 1975 plus any additional costs since that date.

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10. Fixed asset investments

	Listed securities £
Market value	
At 6 April 2023	1,905,785
Additions at cost	374,261
Disposal proceeds	(438,191)
Revaluations and realised gains and losses	50,826
	<u>1,892,681</u>
At 5 April 2024	<u><u>1,892,681</u></u>

Investments at market value comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments	<u>1,892,681</u>	<u>1,905,785</u>

All the fixed asset investments are held in the UK.

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	-	648
Prepayments and accrued income	3,036	2,757
	<u>3,036</u>	<u>3,405</u>

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	870	2,661
Accruals and deferred income	12,545	12,653
	<u>13,415</u>	<u>15,314</u>

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	<u>2,450,804</u>	<u>273,626</u>	<u>(166,891)</u>	<u>50,826</u>	<u>2,608,365</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 5 April 2023 £
General Funds	<u>2,507,434</u>	<u>249,290</u>	<u>(177,648)</u>	<u>(128,272)</u>	<u>2,450,804</u>
Total of funds	<u>2,507,434</u>	<u>249,290</u>	<u>(177,648)</u>	<u>(128,272)</u>	<u>2,450,804</u>

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	515,051
Fixed asset investments	1,892,681
Current assets	214,048
Creditors due within one year	(13,415)
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	2,608,365

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	515,051
Fixed asset investments	1,905,785
Current assets	45,282
Creditors due within one year	(15,314)
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	2,450,804