

UNITED LIFE



Annual Returns & Accounts
For Year Ended 31 March 2024

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CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1011221

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE'S FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Governance

The charity is governed by a constitution signed and approved by the trustees of the church.

Objectives and activities

The main activity of the organisation is to extend the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the communities, having fellowship with one another for edification and supporting the emotional and physical needs of its members and the wider community. Our fellowships transcend across the borders of United Kingdom to the uttermost parts of the world.

Review of Affairs

The organisation, through distribution of tracts, group & individual virtual evangelism has continued to propagate the gospel throughout the communities. We have increased our in-person meetings with focus on the youth (6th form- University students and beyond) within the church and the wider community by meeting on Friday evenings

Based on new skills acquired during the pandemic, we have kept our Friday prayer meetings as well as Thursday bible studies online via zoom This enabled the gospel of Jesus Christ to reached different people of different backgrounds. There were an encouraging number of positive impacts with online services

During this year period there was a weekly Wednesday youth service (Secondary School Year 7-11) with aim of engaging and empowering the youth in church and the community. We also held our yearly Easter Family Camp with all our branches and affiliations in the UK. Lives were transformed and the youth especially left Camp inspired and wanting to know more about Jesus Christ. This led to weekly service for 6th Formers and University students on Thursdays. This has lead to growth in our numbers as the youth affect their community.

The Men's & Women's ministries marked their respective yearly anniversaries by organising forums to discuss various issues related to men, women, youth and family relationships. These programmes also attracted a lot of participants and helped resolve a lot of domestic issues. The church also organised marriage seminars to help married couples in and out of church community. We also had further family events like friends and family day, Christmas dinner, beach day out to help build our bond together as a community and invite our friends and loved ones to join this wonderful family

Though this year was challenging, by the grace of God we were still able to reach many with the help of technology and in person. We have also increased in our multicultural vision. We are currently a church of circa 10 nationalities.

This year has also seen our music school grow in talent and strength. We are proud to see the members of the music school become part of our worship team.

Vision for next year:

United Life (ULife) is always committed to focusing on our established vision until we have achieved our mission. Our acclaimed purpose has really propelled us to stick to the visions as spelt out as follows;

Open more branches in the UK.

Continue to affect the local community in a positive way.

Continue to offer support in cash and in kind to the needy.

Improve our music school to involve the youth in our community

To set up coffee morning to engage the elderly in our community

Feed the homeless and the needy

It is our hope and prayer that through our dedication and hard work, the Lord will bless and help us to achieve our purpose. The organisation's commitment to maintaining a positive momentum over the coming years is to offer excellent value for money. We also want to continue to develop a healthy and attractive relationship with our members and the entire community.

Charity Examiners

SAS Services were appointed as the charity's accountants (Independent Examiners) and they have expressed their willingness to act in that capacity.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charity Act 1993 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005) and in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Date: 1st January 2025

Trustee

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF UNITED LIFE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on the following pages which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies shown in the corresponding pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts: they consider that the audit requirement under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)), does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 43(3) of the 1993 Act.

Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners made under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and

State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioner's. An examination included a review of the accounting records kept. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts. And seeking examinations from you as trustees concerning any matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and as a result I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

Which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting record in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and

to prepare which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act.

have not been met.

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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Date: 15/12/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted Income Fund	CY 2024
	Notes	£	£
<i>Incoming Resources</i>			
Voluntary income	2	30,902	30,902
Investment income	2	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		30,902	30,902
<i>Resources Expanded</i>			
Charitable Activities	3	34,026	34,026
Governance Costs		-	-
Total Resources Expanded		34,026	34,026
Net Incoming Resources		-3,125	-3,125
Transfer between funds		-	-
Net Resources For This Year		-3,125	-3,125
Total Funds Brought Forward		7,836	7,836
Total Funds Carried Forward		4,711	4,711

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023	<u>2,022</u>
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets	4	0		1,161
Current Assets				
Debtors		-		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>4,710</u>	6,675	
Total Current Assets		<u>4,710</u>		<u>6,675</u>
Current Liabilities				
Amounts falling due within one year		-		
Net Current Assets		<u>4,710</u>		<u>6,675</u>
Long term liabilities				
Amounts falling due after one year		-		
Net Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>4,711</u>		<u>7,836</u>
FUNDS	5			
Unrestricted Funds		4,711		7,836
Restricted Funds		-		
		<u>4,711</u>		<u>7,836</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, Charities SORP2005 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 20085 issued under the Charities Act 1993 (as amended Charities Act 2006)

1.2 Incoming Resources

Voluntary incomes are received by way of donations and are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources.
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA. Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered. Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

Tangible fixed assets 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:

Instruments:	25%
Fixtures, Fittings and Office Equipment:	25%
Van:	33%

1.4 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability recognition: Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance costs: Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with performance conditions: Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants payable without performance conditions: These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.

Support Costs: Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. Incoming Resources

	Nothampton		Total 2024 £	2023 £
Incoming Resource				50,602
Tithe & Offering	3,441		3,441	31,892
	9,974		9,974	-
Other Income	720		720	6,586
Gift Aid	16,766		16,766	12,124
Total	30,902	0	30,902	50,602

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3. Resources Expended

	Nothampton	2024	2023
Rent	4,806	4,806	4,078
Ministry Support	4,500	4,500	4,560
Welfare	3,300	3,300	890
Maintenance and Car Expenses	892	892	1,023
Advertising	-	-	0
IT Cost	1,334	1,334	600
Council Tax	-	-	0
Stationary Expense	95	95	366
Fuel	790	790	2,201
Telephone Expense & Internet	826	826	878
Honorarium	2,800	2,800	2,400
Staff Training	350	350	1,200
Travel	598	598	670
General Expense	5,708	5,708	2,769
Programme Costs	3,900	3,900	580
Income correction	0	0	0
Utility	678	678	780
Missions	918	918	2,900
Outreach	750	750	577
Departmental Cost	86	86	1,009
Professional Fees	300	300	300
Refreshment	18	18	831
Insurance	95	95	234
Payroll Cost	120	120	200
Membership Fees	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	8,297
	32,865	32,865	37,343

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Tangible Fixed assets

	Instruments	Fixtures and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
<i>Balance brought forward</i>	12,348	22,195	34,543
Additions	0	0	0
Disposal/Write Off	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	12,348	22,195	34,543

Depreciation Calculation

<i>Basis</i>	SL	SL	
<i>Rate</i>	25%	25%	Total;
<i>Balance brought forward</i>	11,187	22,195	33,382
Charge for the year	1,161	0	1,161
Disposal/Write Off	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	12,348	22,195	34,543

Net Book Value			
<i>Brought forward</i>	1,504	10,758	12,262
Carried forward	0	1	0

5. Funds

	2024
	£
Balance Brought Down	7,836
Net Income Resources	-3,125
Balance Carried Forward	4,711