

Registered Charity Number 1042417 (England and Wales)

HARTON STREET PARISH OF CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Charity's Details, Legal and Administrative Information
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Charity Name Harton Street Parish of Celestial Church of Christ

Registered Charity Number 1042417

Principal Address 8 Harton Street
Deptford
London, SE8 4DQ

Trustees The trustees of the charity who served during the year up to the date of this report were:
Olafusi Meroyi, Chairman (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Johnson Okunade, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Olubukola Solomon Oladoke, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Stephen Joseph, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Mogbonjubola Sehindemi, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Cynthia Fashina, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Atinuke Ayodele, (appointed on 16 June 2024)
Gbolabo Shaba, (resigned on 16 June 2024)
Ayo Adepegba (resigned on 16 June 2024)
Funmi Ademilua (resigned on 16 June 2024)
Teniola Sosimi (resigned on 16 June 2024)
Sogo Fasohiro (resigned on 16 June 2024)
James Famolu (resigned on 16 June 2024)
Uriel Abe (resigned on 16 June 2024)

Bankers Barclays Bank
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Accountants SIDIC Accountants Limited
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HARTON STREET PARISH OF CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Trustee's Report For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees presented their report along with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements comply with the charity's constitution, applicable law and requirements of the Statement Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) "accounting and reporting by charities".

1. **Status and objects**

The Church is a registered charity established to use its income for pursuit of its objects. The governance of Harton Street Parish of Celestial Church of Christ is vested in its trustees. The membership retains unto itself the right of exclusive self-government in all phases of its life and organisation.

It recognises the needs for mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Celestial Church of Christ churches. The Church will cooperate with and mutually work with other organisations, its members, and Celestial Church of Christ world-wide parishes to pursue its objects which are.

- a) The advancement of the Christian religion by propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ in accordance with the tenets of Celestial Church of Christ through evangelism, education and training, including printing, publishing, distributing and circulating books, journals and other materials which in the opinion of the trustees would enable achievement of this object.
- b) To provide for the relief of members of the Celestial Church of Christ who are in need.
- c) To advance the education of members of the Celestial Church of Christ and to provide social welfare and facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation with the aim of improving the conditions of life of such members.
- d) Harton Street Parish to be welfare centred charitable organisation which caters for its members and the community at large.
- e) The Church is not, and shall not be registered, under the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 Section 43 for the purpose or in order that, a same marriage ceremony could take place in the Church building.

2. **Risk Management Statement**

The Trustees are aware of the major risks to which the church is exposed and consider that, having regards to the scale and nature of its operations, the current system of controls is effective, taking into consideration the following.

1. Health and safety policy is being reviewed in line with changes in regulations.
2. A Child Protection policy has been adopted by the church.
3. Adequate insurance cover is taken on building contents and public liability.

3. **Organisational structure, governance and management**

The church is governed by a Board of Trustees, who are elected to serve the Church and run its affairs. Annually the Board reviews the range of skills it has available and uses its power of co-option to ensure that gaps are filled. These are normally members of the church who are volunteers.

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Trustee's Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

4. Method of appointment or election of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by nomination of interested church members and subsequently voted into office to serve a two-year renewable term.

5. Activities and achievements

The Board of Trustees has considered the Charity Commission guidance on public interest benefit in the principal activities of the church. In the year under review, the Church encouraged and welcomed members of the community to live out their faith by providing a place of worship and fellowship. It offers various community events and activities to facilitate relief for persons in condition of need, hardship or distress by demonstrating the love and spiritual power of our Lord Jesus Christ through: ministerial outreach, relevant practical helps, community education, musical concerts, youth mentoring, bible teaching, community day, worship and fellowship.

Review of activities

The church celebrated its Annual Harvest during the year in August 2023 and the Children's Week. These programs attracted an average cumulative of 2,150 participants from various ethnic backgrounds in London, outside London within England and Nigeria.

Charitable activities which were organised for the largely migrant community includes:

- a) Periodical visit to Old People's homes e.g., Lewisham Old People's Home and Club 99 in Deptford
- b) Counselling
- c) Visit to prison
- d) The church participates actively in the meeting/activities of the Local Residents Association.
- e) Visit to homeless in the city of London

6. Review of finances

As shown in the financial report, the Charity's income from member donations in the financial year ended 31 December 2023 was £68,506 (2022: £85,807); total payments made by the Charity amounted to £71,492 (2022: £48,639) leaving net payments of £2,986 (2022: net receipts of £37,168). Total cash funds at the year ended 31 December 2023 was £60,990 (2022: £63,976). Celestial Church of Christ funds are held in interest-bearing funds with its bankers. A motor vehicle was purchased during the year at a cost of £16,582 as shown under asset and investment purchases, and this accounts for the usage of the operational surplus.

7. Reserves Policy

This will provide sufficient funds to cover the church overhead and its objectives and to improve membership attendant. It is the policy of the church to retain unrestricted funds at a level that will not constrain its financial commitment. This will provide sufficient funds to cover the church overhead and its objectives.

8. Plans for the future

To Develop the Vicarage and have a counselling room for women abused by their partner and set up a computer room which facilitate learning; to change the air condition system in the main church and instruments of the Choir.

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Trustee's Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial account

The Trustees are responsible for preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and of the receipts and payments for the reporting period. In preparing those accounts the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the accounts 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 the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reporting Accountants

SIDIC Accountants who were appointed as the Charity's reporting accountants and Independent Examiner on 3 November 2023 have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Olafusi Meroyi
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date approved: 6 October 2024



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Independent Examiners' Report For the year ended 31 December 2023

Independent Examiners' Report to the Trustees of Harton Street Parish of Celestial Church of Christ

I report on the financial statements of Harton Street Parish of the Celestial Church of Christ for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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:

1. Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners' 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required as to whether the financial statement present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners' Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enhance a proper understanding of the financial statements.



Olajide Obarotimi AFA, FCCA, CFE, MBA (Principal Partner)

for and on behalf of

SIDIC Accountants Limited

1 Plumstead Road

London

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6 October 2024

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Payment and Receipts
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 2023 £	Prior year 2022 £
Receipts					
Tithes, Offerings and Thanksgiving	68,506	-	-	68,506	85,807
Insurance claim	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	68,506	-	-	68,506	85,807
Total receipts	68,506	-	-	68,506	85,807
Payments					
Vicar's stipend/worker honorarium	12,482	-	-	12,482	10,937
Church service costs	11,745	-	-	11,745	13,452
Light and heating	9,635	-	-	9,635	6,303
Donations and welfare	5,775	-	-	5,775	1,808
Insurance	5,176	-	-	5,176	3,548
Professional/accountancy fees	3,229	-	-	3,229	-
Premises - service and security	2,000	-	-	2,000	5,114
Repairs and maintenance	1,823	-	-	1,823	2,456
Motoring, travel and subsistence	1,753	-	-	1,753	218
Telephone and comm. system	1,221	-	-	1,221	1,661
Sundry expenses	71	-	-	71	46
Harvest event costs	-	-	-	-	3,096
Sub total	54,910	-	-	54,910	48,639
Asset and Investment Purchases					
Improvement to property	-	-	-	-	-
Plant and machinery	16,582	-	-	16,582	-
Sub total	16,582	-	-	16,582	-
Total payments	71,492	-	-	71,492	48,639
Net of receipts/(payments)	(2,986)	-	-	(2,986)	37,168
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	63,976	-	-	63,976	26,808
Cash funds this year end	60,990	-	-	60,990	63,976

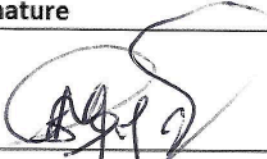
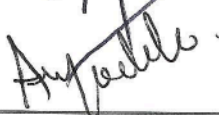
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
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Cash funds	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		£	£	£
	Barclays bank: 63155927	8,954		
	Barclays bank: 20246638	51,905		
	Barclays bank: 80636827	131		
	Cash in hand	-		
		-		
	Total cash funds	60,990	-	-

Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		£	£	£
	Land & Buildings	-	204,667	
	Plant & Machinery	38,494		
	Improvement to property	-		

Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	When due
		£	£	£
	Professional fees	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-	-

The financial statements were approved and signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

Name	Signature	Date of approval
Olafusi Meroyi (Chairman)		06-Oct-24
Atinuke Ayodele		06-Oct-24