

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From: 01 01 22 to: 31 12 22

Section A

Reference and Administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MRS DEBORAH MASSEY	CHAIR		CHURCH COUNCIL
2	MR TRISTAN SHERWIN	SECRETARY		CHURCH COUNCIL
3	MR GIOVANNI FANCELLU			CHURCH COUNCIL
4	MR DAVID MOLLOY	TREASURER		CHURCH COUNCIL
5	MR J DAVID JENKINSON			CHURCH COUNCIL
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section A Reference and administration detail (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland,	40 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0NX
Independent Examiner	LWS Accountancy Services,	25 Freckleton Drive, Bury BL8 2JA
Solicitor	Mr. Stephen Marshall, Robinsons Solicitors,	83 Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1FL

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

Deed of Trust

How the charity is constituted

Trust

Trustee selection method

Appointed by the Church Council

Additional governance issues (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

* policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees:

* the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:

* relationship with any related parties:

* trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Church is an independent and autonomous fellowship.

The Church has formed a separate, non-profit charity (The Parkhills Community Trust Reg. No. 1079985) as a vehicle to utilise its buildings for the welfare of the Community of Bury and the relief of poverty outside of religious considerations.

The charity is administered by a Church Council through the Board of Trustees, and this Council is responsible for these accounts which are prepared on an income and expenditure basis.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and the furtherance of the Gospel of God.

Section C Objectives and activities (continued)

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

There is one Sunday service and a prayer meeting each week. Along with various outreaches during the week (listed below)

Various 'Life' groups meet in homes and other venues mid-week, some in the afternoons, others in the evenings.

The Sunday programme for children, 'Kids Life', is supplemented by a Youth programme 'SMASH' which meets fortnightly. There is also a creche facility during the preach.

A Mens Group meet regularly for food and a film and their friends outside of the church family are invited.

Trust House Bury, a charity started by Metro 4 years ago, now operates from Building 4 days a week, serving those of low income and offering support to any in physical, mental or emotional need.

A Parent and Toddler group takes places every Wednesday morning, serving the people of the community during school term times

A homework club takes place of Saturday afternoons, supporting those children whose parents do not have english as a primary language. In addition to this, a drop-in exists, on Wednesday afternoon, assisting those of African heritage who have sought asylum in the UK. This has been established by one of our African members under the banner of BRAC.

Numerous social and charity fundraising activities are planned throughout the year.

All the above are supported by a programme of evangelism, preaching, teaching and training, music ministry and a social environment catering for all ages.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2021, the church returned to public worship and activity following the lifting of the COVID regulations. During the remainder of that year, Metro Christian Centre spent time readjusting to the circumstances many of our communities found themselves in. During this past year, 2022, Metro Christian Centre has endeavored to create opportunity to serve our local community in a sustainable way. The result of this is that Metro Christian now has its doors open, through some activity, each day of the week.

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury and Whitefield and provided ministry support to several churches in the wider Manchester area.

The end of 2021 saw the lease for Trust House come to end in Whitefield. In January 2022, we moved Trust House back home to Metro Christian Centre. It's numbers have been maintained as the churches mini-bus has been utilised to transport visitors from Whitefield to Parkhills Road. Moving to Bury has also seen Trust House welcome new visitors from the Bury Town area. Due to this transition, some modifications have been made to the building: a 'vestibule' area in the Community centre has been modified for use as the food pantry area, and fitted with shelving, fridges and a roller shutter. Katie Jenkinson, who coordinates Trust House, also successfully obtained charity status for Trust House during 2021 (reg. charity: 1199709). We are proud of the progress Trust House has made under Katie's leadership over the past four years, and are excited for the work ahead.

In September of 2021, we also launched a Parent and Toddler group. This runs on Wednesday mornings during term time. The attendance so far has exceeded our expectations, and we see many parents and grandparents, of various ethnicities attending. This space has created a wonderful opportunity for us to practically serve and get to know our community, and provides a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to get to know each other.

Under the initiative of one of our African members, a homework club has been launched on Saturday afternoons during term time. This has been established to help the number of children who live upon the Chesham fold community whose parents do not have English as a primary language. Currently, there are around 15 children attending on average. In addition to this, a drop-in service has been arranged to assist the parents directly, and others from the African community, in navigating and adjusting to the differences of British society.

In July of 2021, we decided that, after 10 years of ministry, to bring to an end our afternoon service at the community centre in Whitefield. Due to volunteer numbers, we felt that it would be unsustainable at this time. However, this ending of a sentence, was merely the beginning of a new paragraph in the church ministry in that area. One of our members in Whitefield, Hosea Peecho, had been successfully leading an online ministry for African believers since COVID and was seeking to transition that ministry into a physical presence. Hosea now, under the banner of the Free Methodist Church, now leads a congregation on a Sunday afternoon. Metro Christian Centre is grateful for the past 10 years in Whitefield, grateful to the landlords of the community centre for allowing us to be there, and for all those who have served so faithfully, in various ways, during our tenancy.

Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in October, along with a Jubilee Party, and several outreaches during Christmas. In all cases, we have seen some great attendances from the local community. Due to the sad news on Her Majesty's death, and the news of King Charles ascension to the throne, Metro will be seeking to do something in 2023 to celebrate the coronation.

Metro Christian Centre is also an active presence with our local Churches Together in Bury. Under the banner of Churches Together, our minister, Tristan, relaunched a chaplaincy presence in the Mill Gate shopping centre in Bury Town, in October 2023. This also furnished the opportunity to do some Carol Singing in the shopping centre in December 2022: the feedback we, and the Mill Gate, received from the public was overwhelmingly positive. We seek to do more to strengthen this partnership in the coming year. In May of 2022, Metro Christian Centre also hosted the Online Alpha Leader's conference, inviting other church leaders from our town.

SMASH Youth programmes continue to sustain their numbers, and we are also seeing the attendance of young people from other churches who do not have a youth gathering. They have enjoyed meeting with other young people at LivIt Camp and had energetic weekends away in Wales.

In January 2022, the boiler in our community centre was replaced and upgraded with something more efficient. Additionally, due to an unrepairable leak, the boiler in the offices was also replaced. Due these areas now having a system that maintains pressure, several older radiators also needed to be replaced which displayed leaks when the new system was in operation.

The signage around the building has also been updated. The existing signage, being 13 years old, had suffered 'bleaching' in the sun. This was updated efficiently, with Bury Signs help, with an adhesive overlay. However, a brand new signboard was installed on the two empty signposts (on the corner of Parkhills road and Horne Street) which had previously housed a sign for the Little Acorns Pre-School.

Various other maintenance has taken place around the building to repair leaks etc. and our annual maintenance and Health and Safety checks continue to take place.

We have maintained our active, regular support of missions overseas, in addition to donations to other missions fields.

On a pastoral note, a good deal of the church's ministry cannot be delineated to a particular programme we run or a service slot in a week. There is much that happens in conversation and the 'ministry of presence' as people face difficult circumstances. 2022 saw a number of families connected to us face loss and hardship. It is a privilege and honour to come alongside them in times of need.

The Church operates an approved Child Protection Policy across all its children's and youth ministry based on the model provided by ThirtyOne:Eight, an advisory service endorsed by the Department of Health and the Department for Education and Skills (see www.thirtyoneeight.org for further information).

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is financed in the main through the undesignated offerings and gifts received from the congregation, and the trustees aim to maintain these funds to an approximate level of three months unrestricted expenditure of £16,000 total.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details

The annual undesignated income shows a significant decrease mainly because of movement away of church members and reflecting the economic circumstances among our congregation and the pandemic. Our expenditure is correspondingly reduced as necessary adjustments have been made to staff positions.

Section E

Financial review (continued)

In addition to our financial assets, there are fixed assets in the freehold properties located at 13-23 Parkhills Road, total insured value buildings and contents £5,186,593.00.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Full name

Position

Signature

Full name

Position

Date

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 22

To (end date) 31 12 22

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Offerings & Gifts	58262	0		58262	54039
Covenant Tax rebate	8339			8339	8080
R.B.S. Account interest	124			124	22
K.B Savings Account Interest	93			93	50
Church Hire		858		858	
Miscellaneous	2907			2907	6772
<i>Sub total</i>	69725	858		70583	68963
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	69725	858		70583	68963
A3 Payments					
Building	31170			31170	22680
Church Ministry	28131			28131	3895
Disbursements (Missions)	1850			1850	3100
Miscellaneous	483			483	3347
Dorcas Fund	20			20	1800
Office	3004			3004	2630
Outreach Support	1246			1246	1549
Metro CC Staff	32967			32967	40149
Nest Pensions	400			400	288
<i>Sub total</i>	99271	0		99271	79438
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	99271	0		99271	79438
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	-29546	858		-28688	-10475
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	34765	72959		107724	55956
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	78178	858		79036	107724

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	RBS Bank accounts	52097		
	KB Savings account	25686		
	Missions account		575	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	389		
	<i>funds</i>	78461	575	

(agree balances with receipts and payment account(s))

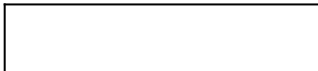
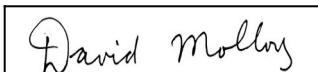
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Funds to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church and Community Centre	Unrestricted		Insured
	Parkhills Road			value
				buildings
				& contents
				5,186,593

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

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

Signature	Print name	Date of approval
	Deb Massey	17.08.2023
	David Molloy	17.08.2023



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2022

Charity no (if any)

1052533

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

2/2/2023

Name:

LEE SAWYER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ICPA MEMBER

(if any):

Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.