

Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From: 01 01 23

to: 31 12 23

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)

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 Men's Group meet weekly, and regularly for food and a film when their friends outside of the church family are invited.

A Ladies Group meet once a month, for a time of encouragement and support.

Trust House Bury, a charity started by Metro 4 years ago, now operates from the 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 (named, Little Gems) takes places on Wednesday mornings during term time, serving the people of the community.

A homework club takes place on Saturday afternoons, supporting those children whose parents do not have english as their primary language. In addition to this, we have a drop-in session, on Wednesday afternoons, 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 this past year, 2023, Metro Christian Centre has endeavored to create opportunities 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. The numbers within our congregation attendance has increased over the past year.

During the year we have continued to proclaim the gospel of, and according to, the Lord Jesus Christ at Bury 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, and the start of January 2022 we moved Trust House back home to Metro Christian Centre. During 2023, the numbers of supported people through the work of Trust House has increased. Charity status was successfully obtained for Trust House during 2021 (reg. charity: 1199709), and they will continue to file their success under their annual own report. We continue to be proud and supportive of the progress Trust House has made under Katie's leadership over the past five years. Trust House operates every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Little Gems Parent and Toddler Group, launched in September of 2021, continues to run on a Wednesday morning, during school term times. The attendance continues to exceed our expectations, and we see many parents and grandparents, of various ethnicities attending from our local community. 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 continues to operate on Saturday 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 connection with the above, Metro Christian Centre hosted a BRAC (Bury and Radcliffe African Community) Black History Month celebration in October. As a part of this event, a number of African speakers shared their stories, inviting us to hear about the hardships and the challenges of their journeys. The evening was a poignant reminder of the need to see through the eyes of others.

A new mid-week group was also launched during 2023: Metro Mid-week. This takes place on a Wednesday evening and is open to all, providing a smaller and relaxed discussion-based session exploring topical subjects on the practice of the Christian Faith.

Our commitment to establishing connections in our local community has included running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon in September. This has been the third year of running these afternoons, and we continue to see a growth in the local community's engagement and attendance.

With King Charles III coronation, we hosted a coronation party as a church, inviting the community to attend. The event provided a BBQ (with Halal options for our Muslim neighbours), Bouncy Castle, farm animals and other activities, utilising the full space of our church building and the outside car park area. Radcliffe Brass Band were also hired to provide an outdoor concert for the afternoon. In total, approx' 400 people attended from our surrounding community (not including our church family who served during the day). The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we feel we may have to do something again in 2024 to bring the local community together such a way.

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 2022. This work continues to go well and furnished us with the opportunities to bless our town. Due to success of the Carol Singing in 2022, we were able to have a 'stop' within the Mill Gate shopping centre as part of our Churches Together Easter 'Walk of Witness'. Tristan and Daniel Harris (the other Mill Gate Chaplain) led this slot in a time of worship, with actors performing dramatic readings of the Good Friday story. In December 2023, the centre was happy to welcome us back again for another Carol Singing event. The feedback, as per last year, was that the shoppers really enjoyed our presence within the shopping centre, and the number of shoppers who stopped to listen or join in with the singing was larger than last year (Tristan estimates around 100 members of the public at one point). Under the banner of the Chaplaincy, Tristan and Dan also gave room for the Mill Gate's customers to remember those they have loved and lost, on All Hallow's Eve, via tying a ribbon in memory. The time was well recieved, with many saying thank you for the opportunity; approx' 100 people where spoken to during the course of the day and shared their stories with Tristan and Dan. It was humbling and a privelege to share in people's grief.

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 the Lake District.

In partnership with St. Peters C of E Church, Bury, an initiative called 'Kingdom Life' was started in September 2023. This initiative runs every other week on a Wednesday afternoon and provides a space for college-age students to discuss topics of faith together.

Our Christmas Celebrations this year saw a good number of people attend our Christmas Concert (by Radcliffe Brass Band) and our Christmas Carol Service. The faces present during our carol service were an amalgamation of people who we have been in contact with throughout the year via Trust House, Little Gems and our events (like the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and the Coronation Party), along with families and relatives of our church congregation.

Various upkeep 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. 2023, like 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

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Section E

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

Deborah Massey

Full name

DEBORAH MASSEY

Position

CHAIR

Signature

Tristan Sherwin

Full name

TRISTAN SHERWIN

Position

TRUSTEE

Date

10/17/2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name Metro Christian Centre Bury

Charity number (if any) 1052533

For the period from (start date) 01 01 23

To (end date) 31 12 23

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	53356	0		53356	58262
Covenant Tax rebate	10224			10224	8339
R.B.S. Account interest	562			562	124
K.B Savings Account Interest	3117			3117	93
Church Hire		1266		1266	858
Miscellaneous	3899			3899	2907
<i>Sub total</i>	71158	1266		72424	70583
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc					
<i>Total receipts</i>	71158	1266		72424	70583
A3 Payments					
Building	20899			20899	31170
Church Ministry	17997			17997	28131
Disbursements (Missions)	2100			2100	1850
Miscellaneous	370+			370+	483
Dorcas Fund	200			200	20
Office	2984			2984	3004
Outreach Support	1158			1158	1246
Metro CC Staff	34924			34924	32967
Nest Pensions	439			439	400
<i>Sub total</i>	80331	0		80331	99271
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc					
<i>Total payments</i>	80331	0		80331	99271
<i>Net of receipts (payments)</i>	-7908	1266		73689	-28688
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	78178	858		79036	79036
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	72394	1266		73660	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	41499		
	KB Savings account	28702		
	Missions account		375	
	Petty Cash	289		
	Cash in hand	263		
		<i>funds</i>	70753	375

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


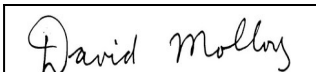
	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

	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 Parkhills Road	Unrestricted		Insured 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	17.08.2024
	David Molloy	17.08.2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name METRO CHRISTIAN CENTRE

On accounts for the year ended

DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1052533

Set out on pages

2+3 (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: 21/2/2024

Name: LEE JAWYER

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.