

**PRECIOUS SEED  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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## **PRECIOUS SEED**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Under its Trust Deed, the purposes of Precious Seed are the furtherance of Christianity by the publication of literature, books and electronic media of all kinds. Through the financial support it receives, Precious Seed seeks to further the Christian faith by the publication of literature, books and electronic media of various kinds.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

During the year to 31 August 2020, expenditure exceeded income by £26,461 (2019 - income exceeded expenditure by £43,582).

The full colour magazine continues to be published regularly each quarter and is distributed free throughout the world with spare copies being sent to Zambia. New devotional and doctrinal book titles continue to be published along with other literature as well as the development of an App and E-books and other digital resources.

The trustees are aware of the guidance of the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and have acted accordingly, including the donation of 500+ books in stock for Christian workers to use in their service both in the UK and abroad.

We have supported requests for the translation and use of our materials into Romanian including contributing towards the cost of this. We have also supported the translation of one of our publications for Indian/Sri Lankan Christians. Extra magazines are, as always, donated to Christians in Africa.

We worked with a member of the prison chaplaincy team in editing and printing his book for prisoners. Forty copies were provided free to every prison in England, with further copies provided free to SASRA for work with Her Majesty's forces. These have proved most helpful, particularly when many prisons have imposed movement restrictions because of the pandemic.

The many expressions of appreciation received are evident witness to the benefits, spiritual and otherwise, of the work and support of Precious Seed, especially in a year when usual church activities have been limited.

##### **Investment performance**

The Charity's only investments are in the form of cash held at bank which have earned the set rate of interest.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have formulated a reserves policy taking into account the need to cover fluctuations in income, current liabilities and unplanned expenditure. The minimum reserves follow the principle adopted by the founding trustees, which was to develop the objectives of the trust rather than seek financial security. At the year-end reserves shown in the balance sheet as represented by net current assets cover approximately 18-24 months running costs which the trustees believe to be necessary when planning for future publications.

The trustees are pleased again to place on record the faithfulness of the Lord in providing all funds received. All income was from the Lord's people, Christian trusts and Charities.

The trustees have reviewed the charity operations in view of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and have noted that whilst not significant, there has been some impact due to restrictions on how churches are able to operate.

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The ongoing work of publishing the magazine and new book titles along with the development of the App, Website and other digital resources will continue in so far as finances allow.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

Precious Seed was established by Trust Deed in 1945 and is administered by a body of trustees whose names are set out below. The trustees meet quarterly to consider how the charity can fulfil its purpose. At other times the trustees are in regular communication with each other regarding needs, development etc.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees are aware of the need for new trustees and will arrange for others to join them as and when necessary. All new trustees are fully informed regarding the purpose of the charity, its finances and operations and all actively contribute to the work of the charity.

##### **Organisational structure**

All the trustees are volunteers and there are various roles assigned ranging from specific responsibilities for parts of the magazine or publications to the 'executive committee' of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who take a lead in the day to day running of the charity.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

326157

##### **Principal address**

PO Box 10544  
Grantham  
NG31 0HW

##### **Trustees**

J W Bennett - Chairman  
M Buckeridge - Treasurer  
J Scarsbrook - Secretary  
A Jack  
R Collings – retired 30 June 2020  
K Totton  
S Sherwin  
S G Baker  
B R Clatworthy  
J Black  
F A Proudlock  
A Dutton – appointed 18 January 2020  
T Merriman – appointed 4 July 2020

##### **Independent Examiner**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

M Buckeridge - Trustee and Treasurer

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PRECIOUS SEED**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Precious Seed**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Precious Seed (the Trust) for the year ended 31 August 2020.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date: 10 June 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		39,998	112,422
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Publication sales		8,884	7,662
Calendars		-	7,659
Decapolis Press		7,759	-
Investment income	3	32	48
Other income		<u>556</u>	<u>90</u>
<b>Total</b>		57,229	127,881
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Publication sales		11,942	11,255
Magazine printing and distribution costs		61,828	56,445
Calendars		-	14,339
Decapolis Press		8,162	477
Other		<u>1,758</u>	<u>1,783</u>
<b>Total</b>		83,690	84,299
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(26,461)	43,582
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>168,018</u>	<u>124,436</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>141,557</u></u>	<u><u>168,018</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 AUGUST 2020**

	Notes	2020 Unrestricted fund £	2019 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	912	1,459
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	7	3,658	3,625
Debtors	8	1,662	1,379
Cash at bank		<u>138,299</u>	<u>164,901</u>
		143,619	169,905
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,974)	(3,346)
		<u>140,645</u>	<u>166,559</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		141,557	168,018
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u>141,557</u>	<u>168,018</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<u>141,557</u>	<u>168,018</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>141,557</u>	<u>168,018</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>141,557</u>	<u>168,018</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

J W Bennett - Trustee

M Buckeridge - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Precious Seed is an unincorporated charity, registered in England and Wales. The charity's registered number and principal office address can be found on the Charity Commission website.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in pound sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the charity.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations in kind are included based on the cost of the service or product donated to the charity.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - at varying rates on cost

Assets are held at cost less depreciation.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price, Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Debtors and creditors**

Debtors and creditors are stated at the cost of the transaction.

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>32</u>	<u>48</u>

**4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

**5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	112,422
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Publication sales	7,662
Calendars	7,659
Investment income	48
Other income	<u>90</u>
<b>Total</b>	127,881
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Publication sales	11,255
Magazine printing and distribution costs	56,445
Calendars	14,339
Decapolis Press	477
Other	<u>1,783</u>
<b>Total</b>	84,299

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5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted  
fund  
£

NET INCOME

43,582

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward

124,436

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

168,018

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Computer  
equipment  
£

COST

At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

1,792

DEPRECIATION

At 1 September 2019

333

Charge for year

547

At 31 August 2020

880

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31 August 2020

912

At 31 August 2019

1,459

7. STOCKS

2020

2019

£

£

Stocks

3,658

3,625

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8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other debtors	444	285
Prepayments	<u>1,218</u>	<u>1,094</u>
	<u>1,662</u>	<u>1,379</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,974</u>	<u>3,346</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	168,018	(26,461)	141,557
	<u>168,018</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>	<u>141,557</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>168,018</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>	<u>141,557</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	57,229	(83,690)	(26,461)
	<u>57,229</u>	<u>(83,690)</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>57,229</u>	<u>(83,690)</u>	<u>(26,461)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.19
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	124,436	43,582	168,018
	<u>124,436</u>	<u>43,582</u>	<u>168,018</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>124,436</u>	<u>43,582</u>	<u>168,018</u>

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	127,881	(84,299)	43,582
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>127,881</u>	<u>(84,299)</u>	<u>43,582</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	124,436	17,121	141,557
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>124,436</u>	<u>17,121</u>	<u>141,557</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	185,110	(167,989)	17,121
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>185,110</u>	<u>(167,989)</u>	<u>17,121</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year Mr. S Sherwin, a Trustee of the charity, provided insurance through his own insurance brokering business at a cost £1,020 for which he made no charge to the charity. In addition, he also personally paid for the costs of the App at a cost of £540. These amounts are included within donations.

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**12. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The independent examination fee included in the accounts inclusive of VAT is £1,836 (2019 - £1,860).

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	39,998	112,422
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	32	48
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Publications	8,884	7,662
Calendars	-	7,659
Publications - Decapolis Press	<u>7,759</u>	<u>-</u>
	16,643	15,321
<b>Other income</b>		
Other	<u>556</u>	<u>90</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	57,229	127,881
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Printing and design service - calendars	-	14,339
Magazine expenditure	61,169	55,901
Publications expenditure	11,246	11,071
Publications expenditure - Decapolis Press	8,162	477
Computer equipment	<u>547</u>	<u>309</u>
	81,124	82,097
<b>Other</b>		
Administration	1,758	1,783
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	751	419
<b>Information technology</b>		
Bad debt	<u>57</u>	<u>-</u>
Total resources expended	<u>83,690</u>	<u>84,299</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(26,461)</u>	<u>43,582</u>

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