

PRECIOUS SEED  
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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## PRECIOUS SEED

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. 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 2022, expenditure exceeded income by £30,443 (2021 - £13,634).

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, E-books and other digital resources, including the completion of the website refresh.

The trustees are aware of the guidance of the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and have acted accordingly.

We have supported requests for the translation and further use of our materials in Romania, Albania, India, Brazil, and Cuba. Publications have been provided free of charge to support Christian Workers in India. Extra magazines are, as always, donated to Christians in Africa.

Publishing support has continued for a prison chaplain as he makes a copy of his book available to prisons in the UK and abroad.

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.

#### FUTURE PLANS

The ongoing work of publishing the magazine and new book titles along with the development of the Website, and other digital resources will continue in so far as finances allow. With rising printing and distribution costs, a review of costs was completed during the year to be implemented at the beginning of 2023.

#### 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.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### 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  
M Buckeridge  
J Scarsbrook  
A Jack  
K Totton  
S Sherwin  
S G Baker  
B R Clatworthy  
J Black  
F A Proudlock  
T O Merriman  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

M Buckeridge - Trustee

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 2022.

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: 20 June 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		42,381	60,471
Charitable activities			
Publication sales		7,090	7,436
Decapolis Press		4,999	3,379
Investment income	3	206	1,056
Other income		-	32
Total		<u>54,676</u>	<u>72,374</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Publication sales		9,693	10,542
Magazine printing and distribution costs		69,990	68,741
Decapolis Press		3,534	4,859
Other		1,902	1,866
Total		<u>85,119</u>	<u>86,008</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(30,443)	(13,634)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		127,923	141,557
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>97,480</u></u>	<u><u>127,923</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted fund £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	1	365
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	7	9,393	6,484
Debtors	8	2,517	3,119
Cash at bank and in hand		90,326	122,427
		<u>102,236</u>	<u>132,030</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,757)	(4,472)
		<u>97,479</u>	<u>127,558</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>97,480</u>	<u>127,923</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>97,480</u>	<u>127,923</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>97,480</u>	<u>127,923</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>97,480</u>	<u>127,923</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>97,480</u>	<u>127,923</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

J W Bennett - Trustee

M Buckeridge - Trustee

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.

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.

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

Debtors and creditors

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

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	206	1,056
	<u>206</u>	<u>1,056</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	60,471
Charitable activities	
Publication sales	7,436
Decapolis Press	3,379
Investment income	1,056
Other income	32
Total	<u>72,374</u>
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Publication sales	10,542
Magazine printing and distribution costs	68,741
Decapolis Press	4,859
Other	1,866
Total	<u>86,008</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(13,634)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	141,557
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>127,923</u></u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	1,792
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 September 2021	1,427
Charge for year	364
At 31 August 2022	1,791
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2022	1
At 31 August 2021	365

7. STOCKS

	2022 £	2021 £
Stocks	9,393	6,484

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	1,749	2,452
Prepayments	768	667
	2,517	3,119

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	4,757	4,472

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	127,923	(30,443)	97,480
TOTAL FUNDS	127,923	(30,443)	97,480

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,676	(85,119)	(30,443)
TOTAL FUNDS	54,676	(85,119)	(30,443)

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## 10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,557	(13,634)	127,923
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>141,557</u>	<u>(13,634)</u>	<u>127,923</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,374	(86,008)	(13,634)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,374</u>	<u>(86,008)</u>	<u>(13,634)</u>

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

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	141,557	(44,077)	97,480
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>141,557</u>	<u>(44,077)</u>	<u>97,480</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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	127,050	(171,127)	(44,077)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>127,050</u>	<u>(171,127)</u>	<u>(44,077)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year a Trustee personally paid for computer security software at a cost of £7, in the previous year Mr. S Sherwin, a Trustee of the charity, personally paid for the costs of the App at a cost of £540. These amounts have been included within donations.

12. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The independent examination fee included in the accounts inclusive of VAT is £1,980 (2021 - £1,878).

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	42,381	60,471
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	206	1,056
Charitable activities		
Publications	7,090	7,436
Publications - Decapolis Press	4,999	3,379
	<u>12,089</u>	<u>10,815</u>
Other income		
Other	-	32
	<u>54,676</u>	<u>72,374</u>
Total incoming resources		
	54,676	72,374
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Charitable activities		
Magazine expenditure	69,309	67,930
Publications expenditure	9,189	9,866
Publications expenditure - Decapolis Press	3,534	4,859
Computer equipment	365	547
	<u>82,397</u>	<u>83,202</u>
Other		
Administration	1,902	1,866
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	820	940
	<u>85,119</u>	<u>86,008</u>
Total resources expended		
	85,119	86,008
Net expenditure	<u>(30,443)</u>	<u>(13,634)</u>