

**Preston City Mission**  
**Registered number: 327566**

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Report and Accounts  
31 December 2023

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**Company Information**

**Trustees**

Mr Philip Martin Seagrave  
Mr Victor Birket  
Mr Ian Macdonald Dickson  
Mr Geoffrey Littlefair  
Mr Christopher William Redpath  
Mr George Jackson

**Address**

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**Independent Examiner**

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**Trustees' report**

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2022 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

**Structure, governance and management**

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed and registered with the Charities Commission on 2 October 1987, which was amended by a supplemental deed on 12 September 2004 (change of name).

The Trustees who served during the year were

Mr Philip Martin Seagrave  
Mr Victor Birket  
Mr Ian Macdonald Dickson  
Mr Geoffrey Littlefair  
Mr Christopher William Redpath  
Mr George Jackson

**Organisation and appointment and training of trustees**

The Charity is managed by the board of trustees who meet monthly on a formal basis and they also spend a considerable amount of time on a daily/weekly basis managing and developing the charity and its activities.

Any member of the Charity has the right to be elected as a trustee. Nominations must be proposed by a member and seconded by another before the Annual General Meeting. If more nominations are received than needed, then a ballot is conducted, with those receiving the most votes being duly elected.

The board of trustees consists of six members. Once elected, each member serves for five years and shall retire at the fifth Annual General Meeting, following their election, but shall however remain eligible for re-election.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**Objectives and activities**

The Charity's objectives are to advance the religion of Christianity in Great Britain and elsewhere, generally, in accordance with the constitution.

Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

**Achievements and performance** The Charity continued its Christian activities during the year. The past year has again seen the Charity making substantial positive strides by:

**Financial review**

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of £2,000 held in cash at any one time The Trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current

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activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The Charity's main source of income is giving, this is made up of unrestricted donations. Our cash reserves are held in money market and deposit accounts. The interest earned is considered by the Trustees as a gift from the UK banking system.

### Plans for the future

In the coming year the Charity aims to continue to provide support to both the younger and older generations by providing further education for the advance of Christianity.

### Statement of trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to'

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts, and
- 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 sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2016 and the provisions of the trust deed.

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.

For and on behalf of the board of trustees.

Mr Victor Birket

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## **Independent Examiners Report**

**To the trustees of the  
Preston City Mission**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2022 (the 2022 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the Nialls Foundation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2022 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.

### **It is my responsibility to:**

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2022 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2022 Act, and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's 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 accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **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 Preston City Mission 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 accounting 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.

For and on behalf of

Williamson Croft Accountants Limited  
Accountants and Business advisors  
York House, 20 York Street  
Manchester  
M2 3BB  
4 July 2024

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**Income Statement**  
**for the year ending 31 December 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Incoming resources	2	40,599	37,545
Resources expended	3	(56,589)	(46,920)
Depreciation costs	4	_____ -	_____ -
<b>Net fund movement</b>		<b>(15,990)</b>	<b>(9,375)</b>
<b>Fund balance brought forward</b>	5	<b><u>25,270</u></b>	<b><u>34,645</u></b>
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>		<b><u>9,280</u></b>	<b><u>25,270</u></b>

PRESTON CITY MISSION  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		9,460	25,628
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due</b>			
<b>within one year</b>	5	<u>(180)</u>	<u>(360)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>9,280</u>	<u>25,268</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>9,280</u>	<u>25,268</u>
<b>Fund</b>			
Unrestricted funds	6	<u>9,280</u>	<u>25,268</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>9,280</u>	<u>25,268</u>

Mr Victor Birket  
Trustee

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention  
The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small Charity.  
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Charities Act 2022

<b>2. Incoming resources</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations (Incl. gift aid)	40,599	37,545

  

<b>3. Resources expended</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accountancy Fee	180	180
Telephone & Postage	1,548	1,392
Light & Heat	6,593	4,539
Stationery and printing	158	369
Gambia Mission Expenses	6,082	9,031
Gifts	5,860	2,989
Gifts to missions/speakers	13,575	9,619
Insurance and rates	448	2,143

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Mission activity costs	2,377	1,395
Sundry expenses	<u>19,768</u>	<u>15,261</u>
	<u>56,589</u>	<u>46,920</u>

<b>4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other creditors	<u>180</u>	<u>360</u>

<b>5. Funds</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>

At 1 January 2023	25,270
Movement during the year	<u>(15,990)</u>
As at 31 December 2023	<u>9,280</u>

**6. Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, and none of them were reimbursed for travelling expenses.

**7. Taxation**

Preston City Mission is a registered charity and as such its income and gains within s 505 ICTA 88 or s 256 TOGA 92 are exempt from corporation tax to the extent that they are applied to charitable objectives