

GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



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**CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

TRUSTEES:

Bishop Mark Davies
Rev'd Dr Andrew J Lunn
Bishop John Arnold
Monsignor Paul Smith
Rev'd Glayne Worgan
Rev'd Joanna Farnworth (resigned 15 January 2022)
Mrs Janet Warr BA (resigned 15 January 2022)
Rev'd Mike read (appointed 15 January 2022)

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The accounts have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Objects and activities

The objectives and aims of Greater Manchester Churches Together (the Charity) are the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty and advancement of education within the principal area of activity of the Greater Manchester Metropolitan County.

The Charity continues to sustain and support ecumenical developments at local, parish, borough and regional levels through ongoing involvement in local ecumenical partnerships, including Churches Together Groups and meetings with Church Leaders. The Charity actively promotes the coming together of Christian religious organisations within Greater Manchester and by improved understanding and greater cooperation the aim is to help those organisations and their members in their day to day activities and longer term development.

Through the above objectives and activities the Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty under S17 of the Charities Act 2011 and they confirm that they have also complied with the requirements of S4 of that Act to have regard to public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

A new Ecumenical Facilitator was appointed earlier this year after a good process. Since her appointment in March, she has continued to engage with churches together groups and unity projects across the Greater Manchester area.

This has included attending Forum, the biannual national gathering of Churches Together in England, as well as continuing to meet with the established network of Local and regional Ecumenical officers.

Plans for the 2022 Assembly are also underway with this year's theme focusing on Movement for Recovery and ways in which the Churches can engage with the Cost of Living Crisis post Covid.

The meetings of the Presidents' group have continued, taking place in February, June and November and have provided an opportunity for the church leaders to share news and discuss vision for the Charity

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT - continued
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Financial review

The results for the year under review are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 6.

The Trustees prepared a budget in 2021 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2022 and with the exception of some unforeseen exceptions and some timing differences the results are broadly inline therewith. Subscriptions from member denominations of £26,830 for 2022 were due in year (2021: £19,990). The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2022 were £37,795 (2021: £33,524) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2022 is set out in the Balance Sheet on page 5.

Reserves Policy

It is not the intention of the GMCT to accumulate undesignated reserves. Monies given to GMCT are to be used for the fulfilment of our stated purpose. GMCT will seek to hold in its general reserves at least 50% of its likely annual expenditure.

There was a higher than expected surplus in the year due to staffing vacancies.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity was governed by an original constitution adopted on 28 September 1973. This was replaced by a further constitution (the 2012 Constitution) which was adopted by the Charity's Annual Assembly (AGM) on 30 October 2012. The 2012 Constitution was further amended on 15 January 2013 and a copy is available to interested parties on request or online.

The Charity is governed by members at each Annual Assembly and between times by the Trustees as listed on page 1.

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: + Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date 2nd June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 8. My work has been undertaken so that I might carry out an Independent Examination of the accounts in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year ended 31 December 2022 under section 144(2) of the Act and that an Independent Examination is appropriate.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date

2/6/25

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	31/12/22 £	31/12/21 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	875	89
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		8,730	-
Prepayments and Accrued Income		7,563	702
Cash at bank		13,078	23,730
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		38,374	33,435
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Pension Creditor		173	-
Accruals		1,281	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,454	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		36,920	33,435
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£ 37,795	£ 33,524
FINANCED BY:			
Unrestricted fund:			
General		37,795	33,524
		£ 37,795	£ 33,524

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: +Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date 2nd June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		<u>31/12/22</u>	<u>31/12/21</u>
		£	£
	Note		
Incoming resources:			
Income from charitable activities	2	26,830	19,990
Other income	3	1,614	1,256
Investment income	4	150	2
Total incoming resources		<u>28,594</u>	<u>21,248</u>
Resources used:			
Charitable activities	5	23,063	20,217
Governance costs	6	1,260	40
Total resources used		<u>24,323</u>	<u>20,257</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		4,271	991
Fund balances brought forward		33,524	32,533
Fund balances carried forward		<u>37,795</u>	<u>33,524</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS
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	31/12/22	31/12/21
	£	£
Note		
1 Tangible fixed assets		
Cost		
As at 01 January 2022	3,238	3,238
Additions	1,000	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>4,238</u>	<u>3,238</u>
Depreciation		
As at 01 January 2022	3,149	3,061
Charge for year	214	88
As at 31 December 2022	<u>3,363</u>	<u>3,149</u>
Net book values		
As at 31 December 2022	<u>875</u>	<u>89</u>
Tangible fixed assets primarily consists of office and computer equipment. Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at 25% on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over its estimated economic useful life.		
2 Income from charitable activities		
Contributions from member denominations	26,830	19,990
Donations received	-	-
	<u>26,830</u>	<u>19,990</u>
Contributions from member denominations are recognised in the accounts when due, all other income is included on a receivable basis insofar as the amounts are quantifiable and the likelihood of receipt is sufficiently reliable.		
3 Other income		
Employment allowance	1,614	1,256
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>1,256</u>
4 Investment income		
Bank interest	62	1
Income from investments	88	1
	<u>150</u>	<u>2</u>
Total incoming resources	£ <u>28,594</u>	£ <u>21,248</u>

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	<u>31/12/22</u>	<u>31/12/21</u>
	£	£
Note		
5 Charitable activities		
Employment costs	21,271	17,094
Office expenses	-	33
Dues and subscriptions	262	850
Insurance	682	665
Charitable Donations	250	100
Other meeting costs	240	427
Travel and subsistence	-	-
Advertising and promotions	-	700
Website and internet expenses	-	134
Bank charges	144	126
Depreciation charge for the year	214	88
	<u>23,063</u>	<u>20,217</u>
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.		
6 Governance costs		
Professional fees	1,260	40
	<u>1,260</u>	<u>40</u>
Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management any trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.		
Total resources used	£ <u>24,323</u>	£ <u>20,257</u>

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.