

**GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**



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**CHARITY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**TRUSTEES:** Bishop Mark Davies  
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees present their report with the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**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**

This past year has continued to be, for Greater Manchester Churches Together, a period of transition and change as we continued to face the challenges and opportunities of the post covid/lockdown world.

The trustees continued to meet online despite various setbacks due to illness and IT.

We looked at the opportunities that are emerging for our work across Greater Manchester in reconnecting with denominations and Local Ecumenical Partnerships; the Presidents' group and the Denomination Ecumenical Officers'.

We were delighted to welcome guests to a number of our meetings including representatives from the Movement for Recovery, Festival Manchester and Manchester Industrial Mission. We look forward to continuing fruitful work with these and others working across the county.

**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 2022 for the ensuing year to 31 December 2023 and the results are broadly inline therewith with the loss in year a timing issue and expected to recover in 2024. Subscriptions from member denominations of £23,385 for 2023 were collected (2022: £26,830) with a small decrease to collection of some 2021 fees in 2022. Fees for members were held at 2022 levels The Charity's reserves as at 31 December 2023 were £33,204 (2022: £37,795) and these are considered sufficient to ensure the Charity's continuing activities.

The Charity's detailed financial position as at 31 December 2023 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:  Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and Trustee

Date: 2nd June 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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 2023 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 June 2025

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		31/12/23	31/12/22
	Note	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	1	625	875
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Investments		9,003	9,003
Trade Debtors		16,310	8,730
Prepayments and Accrued Income		678	7,563
Cash at bank		8,549	13,078
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>34,540</u>	<u>38,374</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Pension Creditor		202	173
Accruals		1,282	1,281
HMRC Payroll		477	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,961</u>	<u>1,454</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		32,579	36,920
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted fund:</b>			
General		33,204	37,795
		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed by:

Signed: Mark Davies Bishop Mark Davies - Chair and TrusteeDate 2nd June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		<u>31/12/23</u>	<u>31/12/22</u>
		£	£
	Note		
<b>Incoming resources:</b>			
Income from charitable activities	2	23,385	26,830
Other income	3	1,921	1,614
Investment income	4	410	150
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>25,716</u>	<u>28,594</u>
<b>Resources used:</b>			
Charitable activities	5	28,944	23,063
Governance costs	6	1,363	1,260
<b>Total resources used</b>		<u>30,307</u>	<u>24,323</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>		(4,591)	4,271
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		37,795	33,524
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<u>33,204</u>	<u>37,795</u>

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	31/12/23	31/12/22
	£	£
<b>Note</b>		
<b>1 Tangible fixed assets</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
As at 01 January 2022	4,238	3,238
Additions		1,000
As at 31 December 2022	<u>4,238</u>	<u>4,238</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
As at 01 January 2022	3,363	3,149
Charge for year	250	214
As at 31 December 2022	<u>3,613</u>	<u>3,363</u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
As at 31 December 2022	<u>625</u>	<u>875</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.		
<b>2 Income from charitable activities</b>		
Contributions from member denominations	23,385	26,830
	<u>23,385</u>	<u>26,830</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.		
<b>3 Other income</b>		
Employment allowance	1,921	1,614
	<u>1,921</u>	<u>1,614</u>
<b>4 Investment income</b>		
Bank interest	23	62
Income from investments	387	88
	<u>410</u>	<u>150</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	£ <u>25,716</u>	£ <u>28,594</u>

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	<u>31/12/23</u>	<u>31/12/22</u>
	£	£
<b>Note</b>		
<b>5 Charitable activities</b>		
Employment costs	26,316	21,271
Dues and subscriptions	1,482	262
Insurance	685	682
Charitable Donations	-	250
Other meeting costs	106	240
Bank charges	105	144
Depreciation charge for the year	250	214
	<u>28,944</u>	<u>23,063</u>
Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.		
<b>6 Governance costs</b>		
Professional fees	1,363	1,260
	<u>1,363</u>	<u>1,260</u>
Governance costs include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including strategic management, trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.		
<b>Total resources used</b>	£ <u>30,307</u>	£ <u>24,323</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.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.