



J F Egner and Manse Fund - German Church of Liverpool Trustees' Annual Report for the Period of 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

Administrative Information

Charity Details:	J F Egner and Manse Fund (German Church of Liverpool)
Registered Charity:	No 700605
Registered Address:	German Church of Liverpool, 73 Parkgate Road, Neston CH64 6QF The Church itself is situated in Bedford South, Liverpool L7 7BX
Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity:	Ms Christine Barry, safeguarding officer Ms Joy Buchanan Dr Sebastian Dembski Mr Rainer Goertz Dr Brigitte Jurack, health and safety officer Dr Dorothea Muecke-Herzberg, treasurer Dr Ulrich Pfeiffer Dr Ivo Siekmann, secretary Rev. Diemut Cramer (until 31.8.23)

Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing Document:	Constitution adopted 25th March 1990, Scheme 19th January 1988
How the Charity is Constituted:	Charity managed by trustees
Trustee Selection Methods:	The trustees of the charity are the members of the Church Council (CC). The Church Council consists of the pastors (with one vote) and up to 12 council members, these being elected by the church members for a three-year term of office at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:	An information pack (CC3, PB1, PB2, PB3, advancement of religion for the public benefit) is given to new trustees
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:	<p>The Church Council met 6 times this year and is responsible for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Advancing the life of the Church and observing its constitution● Keeping the Church register● Initiating the proceedings for appointing a new minister● Electing employees of the Church and arranging appropriate payment● Administering the finances and the property of the Church● Deciding on possible doubts over interpretation or application of the constitution of the Church. <p>The Church Council has the right to maintain bank accounts and invest money.</p>

The German Church of Liverpool is part of the Pfarramtsbereich (PAB, engl. pastoral region) North England and East-Midlands, consisting of German speaking congregations in Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford/Leeds/Sheffield, Nottingham/Derby/Lincoln. The PAB shares a couple of pastors. The German Church of Liverpool is also a member of the Synod of German speaking lutheran, reformed and united congregations in Great Britain.

Aim and Purposes

The German Church of Liverpool is the central meeting place for the members of the German-speaking Lutheran Church and aims for the maintenance and fostering of the Lutheran and Protestant Tradition, the German Language and Culture.

The members of the Church Council (CC) of the German Church of Liverpool who are also the trustees of the J F Egener and Manse Fund are responsible together with the pastors, Diemut Cramer and Olaf Burghard (until 31.8.23), for the advancement of Christian Faith consonant with the doctrines in paragraphs 2-4 of the constitution of the German Church of Liverpool, and in particular the provision and maintenance of a church in Liverpool for the public worship and furtherance of other charitable work in connection therewith.

Objectives and Activities

Today's Church Work focuses on German speaking seniors, families and children in the wider Merseyside area and beyond by providing a welcoming place where all are invited to learn and practise faith and parish community life in an open, diverse and ecumenical context, and to provide a cultural home from home.

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit, in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion published by the Charity Commission, in exercising their powers or duties and taken it into account for planning activities and events in the year. In this context German Church of Liverpool

- Provides a place of worship
- Offers worship, prayer and study
- Provides pastoral care
- Offers retreats
- Engages in outreach work

For this purpose, it is vital that we maintain the church building and integrated community hall.

Achievements and Performance

Recruitment of a new pastor

An important activity of the first half of this year was the recruitment of a successor for our long-serving pastors, Diemut Cramer and Olaf Burghardt, who returned to Germany in autumn after they had reached the end of their term. After a selection process where the candidate, Rev. Christa Hunziger, introduced herself to the congregations of the PAB and interviews with church members in all congregations, she was elected with a large majority. We had the opportunity to thank Diemut and Olaf at a farewell party for all congregations of the PAB in Manchester and at our summer fete in Liverpool. Because Christa Hunziger's original start date in September was delayed, the trustees had to take over more responsibilities for the services in the second half of the year. Fortunately, Christa Hunziger will now be able to start as the new pastor of the PAB in spring 2024.

Place of Worship

The building of the German Church of Liverpool provides a place of worship for our own congregation as well as several other congregations.

Apart from fortnightly services and regular events that we organise in and around the church, the PAB has established additional virtual meetings which include regular online services, bible study sessions, brief morning meditations in the week before Easter as well as our living Advent calendar. These events have increased the interaction between members of the different congregations and have instilled a greater sense of community.

Our church also provides room for two other congregations as well as some local groups such as a choir and the Russian-speaking society, and the German honorary consul's surgeries

Worship, Prayer and Study

Normally, there are two services held per month which are led by our couple of pastors in accordance with their travel rota in the PAB. Once a month the Church offers a children's service which is becoming more popular. This arrangement allows the more senior members of the congregation a more quiet and reflective environment for worship, while still providing lively surroundings for children that encourage their participation. We mark special holidays throughout the year with specific family services in order to offer families the possibility to worship together. This service format helps to attract families without strong bonds to the Church and offers an opportunity to take part.

In addition to the services, a seniors' group meets once a month with the pastor for discussion and Bible study and the pastors teach confirmation classes as well as adult baptism candidates.

Our services are open to all, irrespective of denomination. Currently we have 84 registered (74 paid up fully) members in 42 households, of which 21 are 18 years or younger.

Pastoral Care

In a Church as widely-spread as the German Church, the most important meeting point between Pastor and members, CC and members is the Sunday service in Church and the 'social'. The Pastors keep in touch via email, letters and telephone and personal meetings in between. Home visits as well as visits in hospital and care homes are part of pastoral care and counselling.

The 'social': We hold a church coffee and cake before or after the Sunday services. These get-togethers offer the elderly members especially an occasion to socialise with other German speakers. Considering that the members of the German Church are scattered across the Merseyside and Wirral area, these are valuable encounters.

Retreats

The German Church of Liverpool regularly organises weekend retreats with three other German Churches in Manchester, Yorkshire and East Midlands: a family retreat in the Summer and a singing retreat and a church retreat in Autumn. The family retreat in Thornthwaite could take place again this year and was well-attended by families from all PAB congregations. The singing and church retreat were combined and took place in October in Fulneck.

Mission and Outreach

We demonstrate our faith by helping those in need. As per decision by the AGM we raised 10% of the advent bazaar receipts for the Family Refugee Support Project project and donated the Christmas Eve collection to Christian Aid.

Our PAB-wide magazine is distributed quarterly to all members of the congregation (by email or in paper) and is also available in the church. The magazine keeps our parishioners informed of the important matters affecting our Church and articles that help develop our knowledge and trust in Jesus. Regular emails supplement this with current or urgent information.

We support one German-speaking children and family group which normally meets monthly in our hall or garden. In addition we provide a focal point for the wider German-speaking community in Merseyside and beyond with a German summer party and our German Christmas fair and irregular German cultural events, like talks, concerts or walking tours. Our St. Martin lantern parade has been especially popular and well-attended in the last years. Our Christmas fair which is

celebrated with an advent cafe is the largest event in our event calendar - a Christmas fair in combination with an Advent cafe in the church. In recent years we organised cultural events after our afternoon Sunday services ("Kultursonntage") for a wider audience than regular visitors to our church. In the last year, the German Church contributed to the new Liverpool European Festival, an event organised by a wide range of organisations, which is planned to take place annually. Via events like these, the German church also gives German-speaking people who move to the Liverpool region opportunities for getting in touch with the German community.

We rent out our building to community and neighbourhood groups, two churches and a choir on a regular or irregular basis and therefore provide a place to meet for the neighbourhood and wider community.

PAB and Synod

The German Church of Liverpool is part of the PAB (pastoral region) North England and East-Midlands which is the overarching administrative entity for sharing common resources, e.g. the pastors' work, salary, car. The treasurer and another trustee represented the German Church of Liverpool at the annual PAB council meeting in February.

The German Church Liverpool is a member of the German-speaking Synod of Lutheran, reformed and united congregations in Great-Britain. Brigitte Jurack represented the German Church of Liverpool as elected synod representative at the annual Synod meeting which took place via Zoom this year. She was elected by the Synod's Assembly in April as Trustee on the Synod Council. We have therefore good links between our congregation and the wider structure of the church.

Ecumenical Relationships

The German Church of Liverpool itself welcomes people of all denominations in all parts of worship and parish life. We also have a longstanding relationship with the Nordic Church and the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. This year the Nordic church invited us to celebrate the Reformation Day service together with them and our church contributed to the Remembrance Sunday service in the Anglican cathedral. Openness to ecumenical and interreligious affairs and exchange belongs to the core principle of the German Church and is reflected in letting our Church as a place of worship to two other congregations.

In addition we are a member church of Churches Together in Merseyside which supports and encourages churches from a wide range of traditions to work together in unity.

Volunteers

Many members of our church actively contribute to our social activities, a large group of volunteers prepares home-made cakes for our church cafe and provides cake donations for our social events like the Christmas bazaar. Fundraising events such as the Christmas bazaar rely heavily on volunteers' time and work before and during these events.

Volunteers also actively help with the maintenance of our church - volunteers take over building caretaker duties and gardening duties. A group of volunteers met several times this year for garden maintenance and tree trimming.

Financial Review

(note, rounded figures are given here, exact figures are given in the financial report)

State of the Charity's Finances

The end of year result shows a surplus of £5,577, or £8,090 including investment value increases. This was helped greatly by another year with a healthy rental income due to a new renter and film crews renting the church building again, an increase in donations, fundraising and grant income, and higher interest rates, and higher investment valuations. Financially beneficial was further that the synod fee was reduced to £8,917, 65% of the expected amount, due to the delay in the start date of the new minister that is now forecast to be May 2024 and no salary was due between September and December 2023.

We successfully applied to the Kaiser Wilhelm II (KWII) fund (a philanthropic family charitable trust that supports individuals of German origin living in social or economic hardship via organisations working with these target groups) for extra funding for German cultural and language projects and for the support of the social work of the German Church of Liverpool and we received £1,226. In addition we applied to the Duchy of Lancaster benevolent fund for funding the replacement of the existing toilets to make them mobility impaired friendly and received 1,000. We also applied to the Council of Lutheran Churches for a grant to offset unexpected electricity costs for which we received £1,094. And, lastly, we applied to the Liverpool European Festival for support of the activities carried out within the framework of the Liverpool European Festival as the German contribution and received £336. We are very grateful to all funding bodies.

Our receipts through membership subscription stayed almost the same with £5,057.

Collections and donations incl. GASDS increased to £3,950, with donations more than doubling while collects reduced by 13% which can be attributed to the lack of a minister leading the services since summer. Online shopping giving (Easyfundraising, Amazon Smile, DONR) increased by 240% to £186. The Gift Aid claim this year stayed almost the same as last year's with £1,676 as the sum of subscriptions, collections and donations roughly stayed the same in the previous tax year, which is different to our financial year.

Rental income was almost the same as last year's record figure with £11,227. Fundraising receipts increased this year again, by a healthy 68% and amounted to £3,714. This reflects that we were able to hold the St. Martin lantern parade, an Advent cafe and bazaar, plus a Sommerfest for the first time since the pandemic.

Our share (24%) of the pastoral region (PAA) receipts amounts to £2,405 and includes our share of the sale of the minister's car after the departure of our previous ministers.

Receipts through interest have almost tripled compared to last year and amount to £1,767. This is due to higher interest rates. Though, the interest rises still do not balance out the capital loss through inflation. Our investments weathered the markets in 2023 quite well, and reversed last year's negative re-evaluation with a plus of £2,576. This is spread across the restricted COIF sinking fund and our long term growth COIF fund.

We had receipts of £160 in total of various kinds which came from genealogy searches and small sales.

The outgoing costs of the German Church of Liverpool decreased by 11% compared to last year with £28,225. The main causes for this are the reduction of the synod fee down to 65% to £8,917, but this was partially offset by again increased energy costs which have risen by 51% and stand at £3669 (including the water bill). The electricity bill depends to a large extent on the number of tenants, but the increased electricity cost is reflected in a higher hall hire fee.

Our share of the pastoral region (PAB) payments is £6,925. This includes the substantial refurbishment of the Manse of which our share amounts to £4,320.

Building and garden related costs excluding utilities (insurance, services, repairs and cleaning) amount to another large expense with £5,466 in total. Building and liability Insurance was £1,8978 which is up by 5%. Regular building services (emergency lighting, fire-alarm and fire-extinguisher services, including subsequent remedial work) and repairs amounted to £751. Further payments in relation to the building include cleaning of £355, pest control callout of £197, consumables of £26 and light bulb for £22. All garden services have been conducted by volunteers and did not incur any expenditure.

This brings the year end result to a total of £98,698 of which £94,495 is outside of restricted funds. £25,771 are held in current accounts, £237 are held in the PAB current account, £5,630 are held in the savings account, £500 are held in NS&I income bonds (0.35%-2.32%), £20,000 are held in a 95d notice account and £25,000 are held in a 1 year bond, £17,355 are held in the COIF long term growth fund. The restricted COIF sinking fund amounts to £4,203.

Restricted Funds

The COIF sinking fund of £4,302 is restricted as laid out in the Scheme of 1988.

Designated Funds

The following designated funds were allocated for particular purposes: building preservation £30,000, hall refurbishment and landscaping £7,846 left at the end of the year, building maintenance £3,000, pastors' salary reserve fund of £16,200 (the Liverpool share of £60000 pastors' salary reserves), the Liverpool share of the pastors' 2021 salary of £11,960, pastor's car fund of £3,000, and the Liverpool share of PAA account of £237. In addition to this £500 were allocated to tenants' rent and key deposits. The sum of all designated funds is £72,743.

Reserves policy

It is the goal of the trustees to hold between 3 and 6 months of core costs in reserve. This equates to £8000-£16,000. The amount of designated funds and restricted funds is £76,946. This results in a reserve of £21,751 at the end of the year which falls above this aim.

Transfers

Several transfers between accounts were made in line with regular transactions as well as the investment policy.

It has not been our policy to capitalise our fixed assets:

1. Our church building (including hall) is insured for the sum of £799,636
2. Contents are insured for £34,964.
3. All risks (silver ware) are insured for £20,511.
4. Liverpool share (24%) of pastors' car (Ford Fiesta)
5. 60% share of the manse and the land upon which it stands in Manchester.

Attachments

Please find attached

- The Financial Report for the period 1/1/2023 -31/12/2023
- The examiners statement

Gratitude is due to Dorothea Ross-Simpson for examining the accounts this year.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

Signed: Dr. Brigitte Jurack

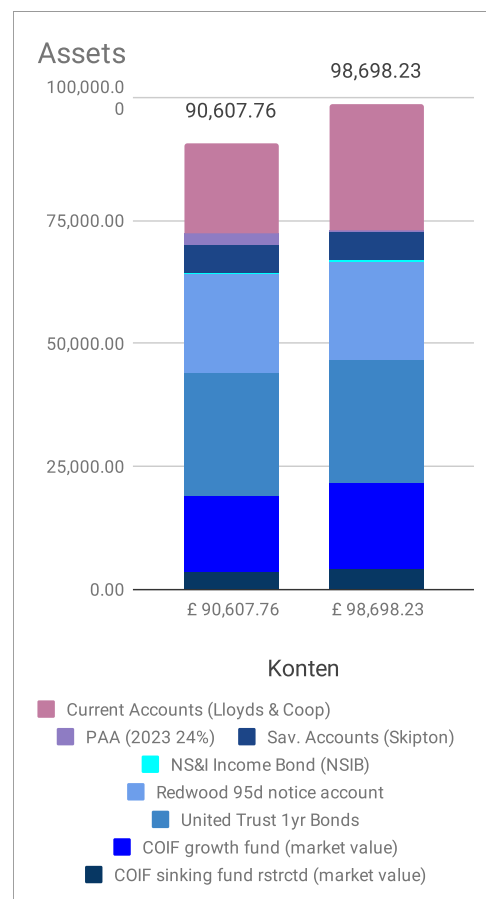
Financial Report for Period 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023

GERMAN CHURCH OF LIVERPOOL

DEUTSCHE KIRCHE LIVERPOOL
(Registered Charity No 700605)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of 31.12.2023

	2022	2023
Assets Total:	£ 90,607.76	£ 98,698.23
Current Accounts (Lloyds & Coop)	18,301.07	£25,771.94
PAA (2023 24%)	2,356.40	237.04
Sav. Accounts (Skipton)	5,468.29	5,630.58
NS&I Income Bond (NSIB)	500.00	500.00
Redwood 95d notice account	20,000.00	20,000.00
United Trust 1yr Bonds	25,000.00	25,000.00
COIF growth fund (market value)	15,246.43	17,355.06
COIF sinking fund rstrctd (market value)	3,735.57	4,203.61
Liabilities:	Nil	Nil
Restricted Funds:	3,735.57	4,203.61
COIF sinking fund	3,735.57	4,203.61
Designated Funds:	£ 75,542.40	£ 72,743.04
Building preservation	30,000.00	30,000.00
Building maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Hall window replacement	1,996.00	1,996.00
Hall cupboards	3,500.00	3,500.00
Hall painting	1,000.00	350.00
Landscaping	2,000.00	2,000.00
Pastors' salary reserve (1yr bond)	16,200.00	16,200.00
Synod/Pastors' salary	11,960.00	11,960.00
Pastors' car	3,000.00	3,000.00
PAA (23%->24%)	2,356.40	237.04
Rent deposit AoG/NewHopeChurch	200.00	200.00
Rent deposit WI	30.00	0.00
Key deposit Door Church	100.00	100.00
Key deposit M O'Toole	50.00	50.00
Key & Rent dep. Indigo Vibes	150.00	150.00



Fixed Assets:

Note: It has not been our policy to capitalise our fixed assets

1. Our building is insured for the sum of £799,636
2. Contents are insured for £34,964.
3. All risks (silver ware) are insured for £20,511.
4. Liverpool share of pastors car (Ford Fiesta).
5. 60% share of manse and land upon which it stands.

Reserves: £11,329.79 £21,751.58

Difference to previous year £8,090.47

Examiner:

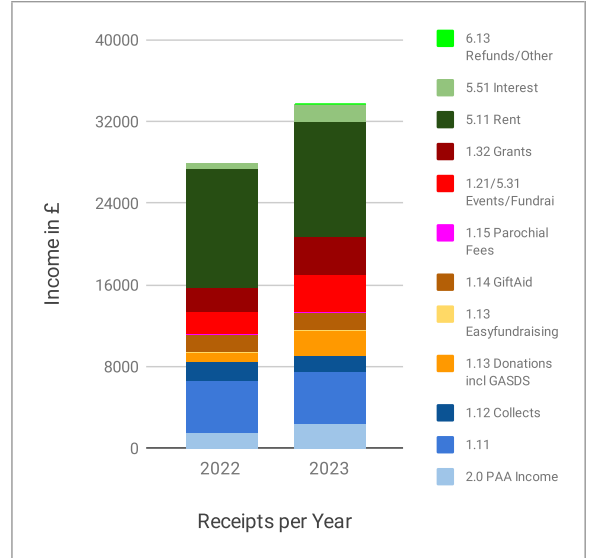
Signed: _____
Dorothea Ross-Simpson

Date: _____ 19 March 2024

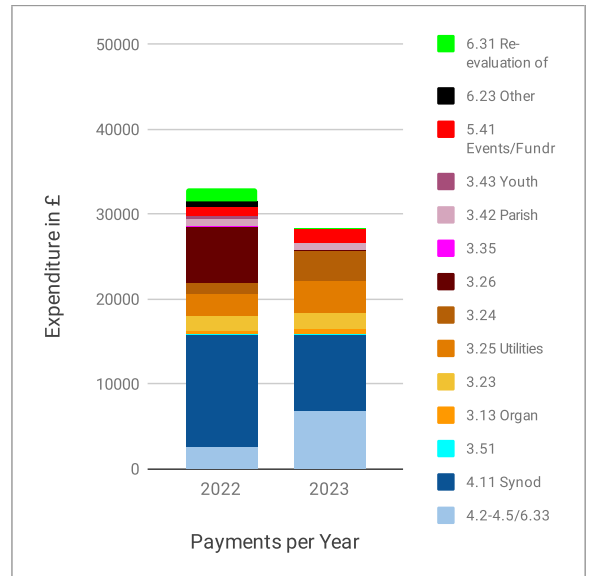
GERMAN CHURCH OF LIVERPOOL

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

	2022	2023
Total Receipts	£ 27,971.12	£ 33,802.90
2.0 PAA Income (Liverpool share)	1,541.28	2,405.64
1.11 Subscriptions	5,100.50	5,057.00
1.12 Collects	1,848.14	1,600.83
1.13 Donations incl GASDS	906.61	2,350.47
1.13 Easyfundraising/Smile/Text2Give	132.86	186.05
1.14 GiftAid	1,631.54	1,676.91
1.15 Parochial Fees	0.00	0.00
1.21/5.31 Events/Fundraising	2,207.33	3,714.80
1.32 Grants	2,407.00	3,656.50
5.11 Rent	11,562.00	11,227.00
5.51 Interest	597.12	1,767.70
6.13 Refunds/Other	36.74	160.00
<i>not counting towards receipts and payments accounts:</i>		
6.31 Re-evaluation of Funds	0.00	2,576.67
Forwarding Donations to Charities	0.00	415.60
Total Increases (incl frw.don & re-eval funds)	£27,971.12	£36,795.17



	2022	2023
Total Payments	£ 31,563.50	£ 28,225.27
4.2-4.5/6.33 PAA Expenditure (Liv shr)	2,577.97	6,925.00 *
4.11 Synod Fee	13,225.00	8,916.77
3.51 Membership Fees	83.00	83.00
3.13 Organ	375.00	543.60
3.23 Insurance	1,808.83	1,897.21
3.25 Utilities	2,432.64	3,669.94
3.24 Building/Maintenance/Cleaning	1,351.81	3,569.79
3.26 Acquisitions	6,754.00	313.90
3.35 Office/Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00
3.42 Parish Work	776.69	794.57
3.43 Youth Work	400.00	0.00
5.41 Events/Fundraising	1,098.07	1,511.49
6.23 Other	680.49	0.00
<i>not counting towards receipts and payments accounts:</i>		
6.31 Re-evaluation of Funds	1,397.73	0.00
Forwarding Donations to Charities	433.88	479.43
Total Reductions (incl forw. don & re-eval)	£33,395.11	£28,704.70



* includes Manse refurbishment, see particulars

Deficit/Surplus:	-£3,592.38	£5,577.63
-------------------------	-------------------	------------------

Deficit/Surplus: (incl. frw.don & re-eval)	-£5,423.99	£8,090.47
---	-------------------	------------------

Receipts Particulars:

1.13 Donations	2,309.46
<i>Amazon Smile</i>	34.09
*	110.40
*	192.51
*	285.00
<i>Easyfundraising</i>	151.96
<i>Gemeinde Kempen/Viersen</i>	141.00
<i>Givey</i>	125.00
*	1,269.50
5.11 Rent	11,227.00
<i>Adept Photography</i>	40.00
<i>Door Church</i>	5,445.00
<i>Honorarkonsulin</i>	1,375.00
<i>IBN Liverpool</i>	2,712.00
<i>Indigo Vibe</i>	1,025.00
<i>RussSoc</i>	60.00
<i>Spielgruppe</i>	70.00
<i>WP The Gathering</i>	500.00
1.21/5.13 Events/Activites	3,714.80
<i>Basar</i>	2,396.22
<i>Filmtreff</i>	88.50
<i>St. Martin</i>	293.55
<i>Sommerfest</i>	892.31
<i>Vortrag</i>	44.22
6.13 Other	160.00
<i>Givey</i>	90.00
<i>Sales</i>	70.00
PAA	
<i>Car Sale</i>	840.00
Forwarding Donations (Charities)	415.60
<i>Heilig Abend 2022</i>	221.20
<i>Heilig Abend</i>	194.40

Payments Particulars:

3.24 Building Repairs/Maintenance	3,569.79
<i>Cleaning</i>	435.00
<i>Servicing</i>	1,037.54
<i>New toilets</i>	1,360.00
<i>Hall painting</i>	650.00
<i>Housekeeping utilities</i>	45.37
<i>New padlock</i>	41.88
5.41 Events/Activities	1,511.49
<i>Basar</i>	435.41
<i>Sommerfest</i>	1,007.53
<i>St. Martin</i>	68.55
3.42 Parish Work	794.57
<i>gifts</i>	225
<i>Parking permits</i>	120
<i>stand-in minister</i>	110
<i>Member support</i>	200
<i>Osterfrühstück</i>	121.57
<i>DBS checks</i>	18
3.43 Youth Work	0
3.26 Acquisitions	313.90
<i>lights hall</i>	313.9
3.35 Office/Travel	0
3.13. Organ	
<i>Repair</i>	243.6
PAA	
<i>Manse Refurbishments</i>	4,320.00
Forwarding Donations (Charities)	479.43
<i>Christian Aid GiftAid 2022</i>	55.30
<i>Christian Aid 2023 collect</i>	194.40
<i>Basar Family Refugee Project</i>	229.73

GERMAN CHURCH OF LIVERPOOL

Budget 2024

Receipts	2023	2023 actual	2024
1.11 Subscriptions	5500	5,057.00	5500
1.12 Collects	1500	1,600.83	1600
1.13 Donations incl GASDS	1000	2,350.47	2000
1.13 Easyfundraising/Smile/Text2Give	100	186.05	135
1.14 GiftAid	1600	1,676.91	1700
1.15 Parochial Fees	0	0.00	0
1.21/5.31 Events/Fundraising	2500	3,714.80	3500
1.32 Grants	4000	3,656.50	2000
5.11 Rent	9000	11,227.00	11000
5.51 Interest	1500	1,767.70	2000
6.13 Refunds/Other	289	160.00	600
2.0 PAA Income (Liverpool share)	1500	2,405.64	2000
TOTAL	£28,489	£33,803	£32,035
6.31 Re-evaluation of Funds	0	2,576.67	0
Forwarding Donations to Charities	200	415.60	405
	£28,689	£36,795	

Payments	2023	2023 actual	2024
4.2-4.5/6.33 PAA Expenditure (Liv shre)	5000	6,925.00	2500
4.11 Synod Fee [^]	13800	8,916.77	15000
3.51 Membership Fees	85	83.00	85
3.13 Organ	500	543.60	500
3.23 Insurance	1900	1,897.21	1950
3.25 Utilities	3500	3,669.94	3200
3.24 Building/Maintenance/Cleaning	1000	2,559.79	1000
3.26 Acquisitions	500	313.90	500
3.35 Office/Travel Expenses	100	0.00	100
3.42 Parish Work	500	794.57	500
3.43 Youth Work	200	0.00	200
5.41 Events/Fundraising	1000	1,511.49	1000
6.23 Other	£0	0.00	0
Hall cupboards	3500	0	3500
Hall painting	1000	650	0
Landscaping	2000	0	2000
Other refurbishment	2000	360	0
TOTAL	£36,585	£28,225	£32,035
6.31 Re-evaluation of Funds	0	0	0
forwarding Donations to Charities	600	479	405
	£37,185	£28,705	

[^]2023% £57500



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of On accounts for the year ended Set out on pages	<small>Charity Name</small> J F Egner and Manse Fund - German Church of Liverpool		
	31 December 2023	Charity no (if any)	700605
	1-2 <small>11-2(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023 **DD / MM / YYYY**.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date: 19/03/2024
	Name: Dorothea Ross-Simpson	

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	n/a
---	-----

Address:	97 Millstone Lane, Nantwich, CW55PH

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

not applicable, none to highlight.