

Registered Charity Number : 803140

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2024





**FOCUS ON ISRAEL  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**FOCUS ON ISRAEL  
TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Introduction**

As we stepped into the year 2024, Focus on Israel (F.O.I) encountered a series of significant changes and unforeseen challenges that had a profound impact on our ability to carry out normal operations. It was a year marked by disruption, but also by resilience, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our mission.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to our Board of Trustees and all our supporters, both individuals and groups, who have stood with us during these trying times. Your support, counsel, and encouragement have been invaluable. It is thanks to your collective response that we believe we have continued to uphold our foundational aim: to serve the public and to offer meaningful, value-added services that reflect our core purpose.

**Israel**

One of the most significant challenges we faced this past year was the devastating escalation of violence between Israel and Hamas. The outbreak and continuation of this conflict dramatically curtailed our activities in Israel. Safety concerns, travel restrictions, and the closure or disruption of essential services meant that all of our interactions and efforts in the region had to be shifted to online communication.

We are especially thankful to Jim (surname protected) who generously volunteered his time helping us maintain continuity and stability under extremely difficult circumstances. His willingness to step in when needed was a great value to all of us.

Despite our repeated attempts to travel to Israel and continue on-the-ground efforts, many of our scheduled flights were cancelled due to the unstable situation. The inability to be physically present in the region has been deeply frustrating, not just on a logistical level, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

Our hearts remain heavy as we witness the ongoing suffering caused by the conflict. Our thoughts and prayers are daily with all those who have been, and continue to be, negatively affected. We long for the day when peace can be restored, and hostilities will cease. In the meantime, we remain alert and prepared to contribute in whatever ways we can.

Looking ahead, we anticipate that there will be a growing need for humanitarian assistance, psychological support, and trauma counselling, particularly for those who have endured displacement, injury, or the loss of loved ones. We are currently exploring how best we can respond to these emerging needs and hope to play a positive, meaningful role in supporting those in need, wherever we are able to be of service.

## **Impact on Ministry and Tours**

A significant portion of our ministry involves leading educational and devotional tours to Israel, experiences that are not only spiritually enriching but also foundational to our engagement model and funding mechanisms. Unfortunately, the suspension of these tours has had a substantial impact on our organisation.

Without the ability to facilitate in-person visits, our regular channels for building support, engaging new partners, and generating revenue were all significantly hindered. These setbacks have affected us on multiple levels: relational, operational, and financial.

Nevertheless, it has been encouraging to see that interest in visiting and volunteering in Israel remains strong. We continue to receive messages from individuals eager to travel and serve, as soon as it becomes safe and permissible to do so. This persistent enthusiasm fuels our hope. We continue to pray for a swift and lasting peace, and for the day when we can safely return to the land and resume the vital work we have long been committed to.

## **Public Engagement, Antisemitism Awareness, and Educational Publishing in 2024**

The outbreak of the most recent conflict in the Middle East has once again thrust the relationship between Israel and the Palestinian people into the global spotlight. As is often the case in times of war and unrest, opinions have been sharply divided. Amid the emotional weight and intensity of public discourse, many individuals found themselves confused, uncertain about how to respond, and lacking the historical and contextual knowledge needed to form an informed opinion. This confusion was compounded by the overwhelming flood of conflicting narratives and so-called “truth claims” circulating across media platforms.

In this climate of heightened tension and misinformation, FOI experienced a notable increase in public enquiries. People from various sectors, began reaching out to us, asking for resources that could provide an authentic, historically grounded perspective on the roots of the conflict and the motivations that fuel ongoing hostilities.

At the same time, it became increasingly apparent that the conflict had triggered a global surge in antisemitic sentiment and behaviour, something which was felt not only abroad but acutely here in the United Kingdom. Reports of antisemitic incidents were rising, and many in the Christian community were struggling to understand the theological, moral, and social dimensions of this disturbing trend.

In response to these growing concerns, and as a direct extension of our ongoing Antisemitism Project, the Board commissioned Mark Baker to undertake the task of producing a resource that would speak clearly and accessibly into this moment of confusion and concern. The aim was to create a short but substantial book that would provide readers with a reliable, easy-to-understand overview of the historical background to the conflict, along with a thoughtful reflection on the Church’s theological response.

The result was *The Conflict Book*, which was published in April 2024. Designed to be both informative and pastoral, the book offers essential historical context alongside spiritual

insights that help readers engage with the issue not only intellectually but also faithfully. Feedback was positive, with many noting how helpful it had been in clarifying complex issues and equipping them to respond with both conviction and compassion.

Thanks to the generous financial support of a committed patron, and with the endorsement of Elim's National Leadership, free copies of the book were distributed to all ministers and lay-leaders at the National Conference held in May 2024. This ensured that key influencers and church leaders across the country were equipped to guide their congregations and communities through what is often a morally and spiritually challenging topic.

### **Continuing Work on the Antisemitism Project**

Following the successful launch of *The Conflict Book*, Mark Baker returned his focus to the broader Antisemitism Project.

After further deliberation and consultation, it was agreed that the most effective and impactful format would be to produce a trilogy of books. Each volume would explore a specific historical era in the complex and often painful story of Christian–Jewish relations. This trilogy would not only trace the development of antisemitism across different centuries but also help readers understand the theological, cultural, and political forces that shaped those periods, and, in many cases, still influence thinking today.

With the concept approved, Mark produced a short promotional document outlining the vision and structure of the trilogy. He has since begun work on the first volume, which will cover the earliest stages of the Church's history and its evolving relationship with the Jewish people.

The goal is for the first book in the series to be completed and made available by December 2025. However, the publication timeline remains dependent on various factors, including research, proofing, design and publishing logistics.

Nonetheless, we are hopeful and prayerful that this trilogy will serve as a valuable educational tool for many years to come, empowering readers to better understand the roots of antisemitism, reflect on the Church's role in history, and respond in ways that promote truth, justice, and reconciliation.

### **Leadership Transitions and Team Developments in 2024**

The beginning of 2024 was marked by a profound loss for FOI with the sudden passing of our beloved Chair, Rev. Mervyn Tilley. Mervyn's leadership, wisdom, and unwavering dedication left a lasting impact on our ministry and all who had the privilege of working with him. His absence has been deeply felt by the entire FOI community, and we continue to honour his memory through the ongoing work he was so passionate about.

In the wake of this unexpected loss, the Board moved swiftly and prayerfully to appoint new leadership. In January 2024, Rev. Robin Baker was elected as Chair of FOI. Robin has stepped into this role with remarkable efficiency, providing steady guidance during a

challenging and transitional period. His leadership has been instrumental in helping the organisation stay focused and forward-looking.

To support the increasing administrative needs of both FOI and the Antisemitism Project, the Board approved the appointment of Bianca De Oliveira on a part-time basis. Her input have already proven invaluable. By taking on many of the day-to-day administrative responsibilities, Bianca's assistance has allowed both Robin and Mark to concentrate more fully on other essential aspects of the ministry.

In addition to these key staffing developments, the Board was pleased to welcome Jane Deane as a new member in 2024. Jane is no stranger to the work of FOI, having previously served as part of our Tour team. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a heart for people, particularly in the areas of pastoral care, intercessory prayer, and social support. Her compassionate presence and spiritual enrich our team dynamics and deepen the ministry's relational focus.

Together, these personnel changes reflect both the challenges and the opportunities that 2024 has brought. We are grateful for the ways in which God continues to provide capable and committed individuals to help carry the work forward, and we remain confident that, even in times of transition, the mission and heart of FOI will endure and flourish.

### **Governance Update – New Charity Constitution**

In parallel with these challenges, 2024 was also a year of administrative progress and transition. Following the advice of the Charity Commission, a new charity constitution has been formally agreed upon and adopted. This development, while necessary and beneficial for the long-term oversight of the organisation, required the establishment of a new legal entity under current Charity Commission guidelines.

As a result, we have entered a brief transition period to ensure that all administrative and financial elements are shifted smoothly from the existing charity structure to the new one. We are pleased to report that the majority of these changes have now been completed.

Accordingly, this annual and financial report marks the final formal submission for the current charity (registration number: 803140). Looking ahead to 2025, the new charity (registration number: 1206240) will take over fully for both administrative and financial purposes.

This transition represents not just a bureaucratic adjustment, but a fresh chapter in the life of F.O.I, one that positions us for renewed effectiveness, adaptability, and growth in the years to come.

### **Conclusion**

While 2024 has not been without hardship, it has also been a year of learning, strengthening, and refocusing. We are reminded once again that our work, though often met with unexpected challenges, remains deeply needed and deeply valued.

To everyone who has supported us this year, we are extremely grateful. Their prayers, donations, encouragement, and partnership in our mission have kept us going. With the expertise and commitment of all the board members, we remain hopeful, determined, and ready to respond, wherever the need is greatest, and whenever the door reopens.

We continue to watch, work, and pray, trusting that better days lie ahead.

This report was approved by the trustee and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev. Robin Baker  
Trustee

Date : 06 June 2025

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Income and Expenditure</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	38,917	39,843
Charitable activities	3	-	10,047
Other trading activities	4	3,286	1,599
Investments	5	385	185
<b>Total</b>		<b>42,588</b>	<b>51,674</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	6	2,679	4,267
Charitable activities	7	15,956	11,037
Other	9	32,787	30,097
<b>Total</b>		<b>51,421</b>	<b>45,401</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(8,833)</b>	<b>6,273</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(8,833)</b>	<b>6,273</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Total funds brought forward		43,908	37,635
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>35,075</b>	<b>43,908</b>

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL  
BALANCE SHEET**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

<b>Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	10	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets:			
Cash at bank and in hand	11	35,375	44,158
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>35,375</b>	<b>44,158</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	300	250
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>35,075</b>	<b>43,908</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<u><b>35,075</b></u>	<u><b>43,908</b></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds	13	35,075	43,908
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><b>35,075</b></u>	<u><b>43,908</b></u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 06 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev. Robin Baker  
Trustee  
Date : 06 June 2025

**FOCUS ON ISRAEL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These 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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

**1.2 Going concern**

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

**2. Income from Donations and Legacies**

Analysis	Total funds	Total funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donation and gifts	8,247	7,825
Gift Aid	261	255
Grants	30,000	30,000
Stewardship	409	1,763
	<u>38,917</u>	<u>39,843</u>

### 3. Income from Charitable Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Conference bookings	-	7,047
Tours	-	3,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,047</u>

### 4. Income from Other Trading Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Books, Videos, Tapes	3,286	1,599
	<u>3,286</u>	<u>1,599</u>

### 5. Income from Investments

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Interest income	385	185
	<u>385</u>	<u>185</u>

### 6. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Books, Videos, Tapes	-	1,041
Support Costs	2,679	3,226
	<u>2,679</u>	<u>4,267</u>

## 7. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
<b>Analysis</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Conferences	-	7,508
Bank charges	32	53
Charity management & administration	9,388	-
Advertising and marketing	3,557	-
Support Costs	2,979	3,476
	<u>15,956</u>	<u>11,037</u>

## 8. Support Costs

	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
<b>Analysis</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Internet and computing	2,123	679
Insurance	278	385
Comm/AGM/Travel	1,115	3,303
Professional fees	905	-
Subscriptions	698	473
Printing, postage and stationery	238	1,434
Advertising and marketing	-	178
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Independent examiners fees	300	250
	<u>5,657</u>	<u>6,702</u>

## 9. Other Expenditure

	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
<b>Analysis</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Consultancy cost	32,787	29,494
Computer equipment depreciation	-	603
	<u>32,787</u>	<u>30,097</u>

## 10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>10.1 Cost or valuation</b>	
At 01 January 2024	2,413
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,413</u>
<b>10.2 Depreciation and impairments</b>	
At 01 January 2024	2,413
Charge for the year	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,413</u>
<b>10.3 Net book value</b>	
At 01 January 2024	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>

## 11. Cash at bank and in hand

<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>35,375</u>	<u>44,158</u>
	<u>35,375</u>	<u>44,158</u>

## 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

<b>Analysis</b>	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	<b>Total funds 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<u>300</u>	<u>250</u>
	<u>300</u>	<u>250</u>

### 13. Charity funds

#### 13.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

<b>Fund names</b>	<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>	43,908	42,588	(51,421)	35,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,908</b>	<b>42,588</b>	<b>(51,421)</b>	<b>35,075</b>

#### 13.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

<b>Fund names</b>	<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
<b>General Fund</b>	37,635	51,674	(45,401)	43,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,635</b>	<b>51,674</b>	<b>(45,401)</b>	<b>43,908</b>