

First Church of Christ Scientist

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

		2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	10,864	10,864	23,944
Investment income	5	285	285	970
Other income	6	2,178	2,178	3,408
Total income		<u>13,327</u>	<u>13,327</u>	<u>28,322</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	23,201	23,201	23,763
Total expenditure		<u>23,201</u>	<u>23,201</u>	<u>23,763</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(9,874)</u>	<u>(9,874)</u>	<u>4,559</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		557,756	557,756	553,197
Total funds carried forward		<u>547,882</u>	<u>547,882</u>	<u>557,756</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	14		358,711	365,146
Current assets				
Stocks	15	1,026		1,246
Cash at bank and in hand		188,145		191,364
		<u>189,171</u>		<u>192,610</u>
Net current assets			<u>189,171</u>	<u>192,610</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>547,882</u>	<u>557,756</u>
Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted funds:				
Aid fund		1,000		1,000
Maintenance fund		28,310		28,310
Other unrestricted income funds		518,572		528,446
Total unrestricted funds		<u>547,882</u>		<u>557,756</u>
Total charity funds	16		<u>547,882</u>	<u>557,756</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 21 May 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

D. Walker.

Mr D Walker
Trustee

Daniel W. Boyd

Mr M Boyd
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Unit 2, Leslie Office Building, 393 Holywood Road, Belfast, BT4 2LS.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings - 10% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations				
Church collections	4,577	4,577	4,680	4,680
Donations - Gift Aid	4,260	4,260	4,385	4,385
Income Tax Refund on Gift Aid	1,102	1,102	1,208	1,208
Donations - General	126	126	184	184
Legacies				
Legacies	799	799	13,487	13,487
	<u>10,864</u>	<u>10,864</u>	<u>23,944</u>	<u>23,944</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable - General fund	285	285	970	970

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Sales of literature etc	2,178	<u>2,178</u>	3,408	<u>3,408</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Library Fund	2,588	<u>2,588</u>	5,414	5,414
Support costs	20,613	<u>20,613</u>	18,349	18,349
	<u>23,201</u>	<u>23,201</u>	<u>23,763</u>	<u>23,763</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Fund	–	20,613	<u>20,613</u>	18,349
Library Fund	2,588	–	<u>2,588</u>	5,414
	<u>2,588</u>	<u>20,613</u>	<u>23,201</u>	<u>23,763</u>

9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Premises	8,387	<u>8,387</u>	5,031
Communications and IT	917	<u>917</u>	1,069
Finance costs	69	<u>69</u>	78
Governance costs	1,806	<u>1,806</u>	1,488
Support costs - Other costs type 1	9,434	<u>9,434</u>	10,683
	<u>20,613</u>	<u>20,613</u>	<u>18,349</u>

10. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>6,435</u>	<u>6,435</u>

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11. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,806</u>	<u>1,488</u>

12. Staff costs

No salaries or wages have been paid during the year.

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No Trustees were in receipt of Honorarium payments during the year.

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>350,457</u>	<u>60,841</u>	<u>411,298</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	–	46,152	46,152
Charge for the year	–	6,435	6,435
At 31 March 2024	<u>–</u>	<u>52,587</u>	<u>52,587</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	<u>350,457</u>	<u>8,254</u>	<u>358,711</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>350,457</u>	<u>14,689</u>	<u>365,146</u>

15. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,246</u>

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16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	525,663	8,026	(18,718)	514,971
Sunday School account	369	–	–	369
Lecture Fund account	209	2,123	(2,123)	209
Library Account	2,205	3,178	(2,360)	3,023
Aid Fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Maintenance Account	28,310	–	–	28,310
	<u>557,756</u>	<u>13,327</u>	<u>(23,201)</u>	<u>547,882</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	519,259	24,914	(18,510)	525,663
Sunday School account	369	–	–	369
Lecture Fund account	209	–	–	209
Library Account	4,050	3,408	(5,253)	2,205
Aid Fund	1,000	–	–	1,000
Maintenance Account	28,310	–	–	28,310
	<u>553,197</u>	<u>28,322</u>	<u>(23,763)</u>	<u>557,756</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	358,711	358,711
Current assets	189,171	189,171
Net assets	<u>547,882</u>	<u>547,882</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	365,146	365,146
Current assets	192,610	192,610
Net assets	<u>557,756</u>	<u>557,756</u>

18. Financial instruments

For financial instruments measured at fair value, the basis for determining fair value must be disclosed. When a valuation technique is used, the assumptions applied in determining fair value for each class of financial assets or financial liabilities must be disclosed. If a reliable measure of fair value is no longer available for ordinary or preference shares measured at fair value through profit or loss, this must also be disclosed.