

maranatha

Report to the Members 2017



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MARANATHA

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS - 2017

The Maranatha Community is a community of members and friends scattered throughout the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and overseas, including several European countries, Uganda, Malawi, India, Pakistan, the United States of America and Australia. The Life of the Community is rooted in prayer and a commitment by members to pray and work for UNITY, RENEWAL and HEALING within their local church, community and nation.

COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION

The Community is led by three Co-Leaders: Linda Stalley, Juan Fernandez-Arias & John Manwell, who met regularly during the year (usually weekly), overseen by a board of Trustees. The Co-Leaders discern God's will for our Community and set policy. They communicate with the members and friends through the Newsletters, Videos on our website and via our online communications platform facilitated by 'The City'.

Responsibility for the various aspects of Community life is carried out almost entirely by members at their own expense. None of the office holders in the Community (leaders; trustees, co-ordinators etc.), receive any financial payment for the work they do. Volunteers carry out many tasks relating to the running of local groups and assist in the Maranatha Office with the folding/collating of leaflets and the filling of envelopes to service larger mailings. Within the office premises there is a prayer room and a bookshop/coffee shop staffed by volunteers. There are three paid office-staff members.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

During 2017 we held our Annual Conference at Quinta Hall in Shropshire (February) and national gatherings in Droitwich Spa (April) and Birmingham (September). Local Groups throughout the UK continued to meet monthly, with the Prayer Cells meeting weekly. Newsletters were sent to all the members and friends in February and August through the post and via email, with more frequent emails sent to members who have requested this.

Weekend Retreats were conducted on the subjects - *'Proclaiming God's Might & Power from one generation to another'*, *'Deep Calls to Deep'*, *'Sharing Laughter, Sharing Life'* and *'Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus'*. There was also a pilgrimage to Ireland, a training course on healing and three contemplative retreats based on the 'Light Out of Darkness' teaching.

Throughout the year the Community has responded to requests for help from individuals, either at Maranatha gatherings (national and local), through contact with the Maranatha Office, or through 'The Ark' - a home of prayer and healing owned and run by two Community members. Healing Ministry is an integral part of the life of the Community and is available at all Maranatha gatherings. The Community has many volunteers who are trained in Christian healing ministry and is committed to praying for the healing of individuals, irrespective of religion, nationality or tradition. There is substantial evidence that the ministry is effective. The Community is also a member of Christian Healing UK, an informal affiliation of Christian healing ministries.

The Community produces many publications and resources including teaching notes on Christian doctrine and practice, prayer resources and a variety of audio and video productions giving teaching and testimony. Most of our publications are now available for free download on the Community website.

The Community is actively involved in gatherings of Church Leaders in Manchester and other cities. In June this year, members of the Community in Manchester took the lead in organising a walk of Christian witness, "We are ONE", through the city centre from Salford Cathedral to Manchester Cathedral.

Maranatha is represented at the National Gatherings of Christian Healing UK, the Charismatic Leaders Conference, the National Prayer Leaders Conference, and Prayers for Parliament. We continue to actively endeavour to strengthen our links with Church Leaders and Christian groups across the nation. Good relations are sought with all denominations of the Christian church; this is part of our calling as we pray for our nation and the unity of the church.

The Community works with other Christian organizations such as the Christian Institute, the Bible Society, Christian Concern, CARE and the Focolare Movement. The Community also has contact with other organizations who are concerned for the persecuted church - Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Open Doors and Barnabas.

COMMUNITY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Our Annual Gathering in February 2017, was marked by a tangible oneness in Christ. The Lord invited us to pursue a deeper oneness with Him and with one another. We waited and listened expectantly for a revelation of the 'new thing', for which God has been preparing and shaping us over the past three years. He surprised us, calling us to 'lay down' the Maranatha Community, as an old wineskin. We did this with thanksgiving and tears, praising God for the abundance of good fruit produced through this precious Community.

Through 2017 we have been working through what this 'laying down' means, stopping two of our three regular gatherings in Manchester, and not planning any national gatherings, weekends or retreats for 2018. With eager anticipation we continue to watch and pray as one people - little brothers and sisters of Jesus - as we wait to see what the Lord will do.

We are extremely grateful for all the resources we have - especially for people and for finance - and we remain acutely aware of our need to be good stewards at all times.

COMMUNITY FINANCE

As planned, during the course of 2017 resources expended exceeded income by £35,297. In 2013 the Community received a one-off donation of £100,000 in addition to regular income and the Community has been using this money as planned. Staff costs are the biggest single expenditure item and the deficit of £35,297 has been reduced from the £50,000 deficit the previous year because our Communications & Development Manager left to take up another post with another charity, and was not replaced, reducing the paid staff from 4 to 3.

It has always been the policy not to require a membership fee but simply to rely on donations and on any surpluses which are generated by various publications and sales. We have neither endowment nor access to grant funding. Neither is it our policy to send out frequent appeal letters, although we might on occasions draw attention to a particular need. Fundamentally, we commit the whole of Maranatha's needs and activities to frequent prayer. At the end of 2017 a balance of £113,403 was carried forward.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trust, in consultation with the Leadership Team, actively ensures that the objectives of the charity and the charity's mission are pursued in accordance with good stewardship, due diligence and all relevant legal requirements. The Trustees share joint responsibility for the finances of the Community, overseeing the work of the Office Manager who manages all the finances on behalf of the Trust. Detailed financial reports are reviewed on a quarterly basis and the annual budget is set at the beginning of each year. In addition, the Trustees ensure that all funds not immediately required are invested properly in accordance with their investment powers.

The Trustees have a rolling agenda which covers such diverse matters as identifying any need for additional resources, maintenance of property, review of leases, staffing issues, reviewing technology and monitoring the various activities which are undertaken by the Community (bookshop, publishing, retreats etc.).

May 2018



The MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity No 327627

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

The word Maranatha is a prayer meaning

Come Lord Jesus

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INFORMATION for the YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Trustees during the year: Michael Kendrick (Chairman)
Lynda Greaves (Secretary)
Peter Langley (Treasurer until September 2017)
Clive Richardson
John Tame (resigned November 2017)
Derek Potter (resigned November 2017)
Kevin McKenna (from November 2017)
John Mercer (from November 2017)

Community Co Leaders: Linda Stalley
Juan-Carlos Fernandez-Arias
John Manwell

Office & Finance Manager: Charles Parker

Address: Maranatha Community, 102 Irlam Road, Flixton, Manchester, M41 6JT.

Constitution: The Charity is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 23 November 1987, varied by a Deed of Variation dated 11 May 1988.

Objects: The Object of the Charity is to promote the Christian religion in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and overseas.

Bankers: Charities Aid Foundation,
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
464 Wilbraham Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 9AR

CCLA Investment Management Ltd,
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

Independent

Examiner: Mr Alan Ramsey FCA, 21 Eastway, Flixton, Manchester, M41 8SG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the TRUSTEES of
The MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
Registered Charity No 327627

I have pleasure in reporting on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2017 set out on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("The 2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



6th March 2018

Alan Ramsey FCA
21 Eastway
Flixton
Manchester M41 8SG

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds Note 9 £	Restricted Funds Note 8 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income		56,585	-	2,410	58,995	69,657
Gift Aid Claims		10,011	-	330	10,341	13,005
Legacy Income		-	-	-	-	-
Spiritual Gatherings	2	31,959	-	-	31,959	22,972
Sales and Community Activities	4	14,735	-	-	14,735	18,257
Bank Interest Received		330	-	-	330	718
Local Groups		-	-	-	-	270
Other Income		200	-	-	200	559
Total Incoming Resources		113,820	-	2,740	116,560	125,438
Resources Expended						
Costs of generating Funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Costs of Spiritual Gatherings	3	34,911	-	-	34,911	23,580
Costs of Sales and Community Activities	5	9,736	-	-	9,736	13,009
Charitable Activities	6	102,617	2,182	-	104,799	132,063
Mission		-	-	2,161	2,161	4,931
Governance	7	250	-	-	250	250
Total Resources Expended		147,514	2,182	2,161	151,857	173,833
Net Incoming Resources for the Year	-	33,694	- 2,182	579	- 35,297	- 48,397
Balances brought forward		141,506	5,793	1,401	148,700	197,097
Balances carried forward		107,812	3,611	1,980	113,403	148,700

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017	2016
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		4,139	5,300
Stocks		10,007	9,266
Cash at Bank and in hand		104,090	141,502
		<u>118,236</u>	<u>156,068</u>
<i>less Creditors</i>		4,833	7,368
		<u>113,403</u>	<u>148,700</u>
NET ASSETS			
 FUNDS			
Restricted	8	1,980	1,401
Designated Funds	9	3,611	5,793
Unrestricted		107,812	141,506
		<u>113,403</u>	<u>148,700</u>

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf


Michael Kendrick

24th March 2018.

Independent examination carried out by Mr Alan Ramsey FCA


Alan Ramsey

6th March 2018.

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2017

1.1 Basis of preparation

These Accounts are prepared on the historic cost basis and in conformity with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) 2015, having been produced taking into account the guidelines in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for the FRSSE 2015. They have been prepared on an accruals basis which means that Receipts and Payments have been adjusted for prepayments and accruals, debtors and creditors at year-end: this basis is consistent with that of previous years.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which have not been allocated or designated for any other purpose, and which are therefore available for use at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of any of its work.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside for particular purposes. They would otherwise form part of General Funds.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed at the time of the gift, and include Gift Aid Tax recoverable where appropriate.

1.3 Incoming Resources

These are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities (the SoFA) when Maranatha becomes entitled to the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when liabilities are incurred or constructive obligations arise which result in the payment being unavoidable. It is Maranatha's practice to ensure that all invoices are paid by their due date.

1.5 Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources. No future income or expenditure is anticipated in the accounts.

1.6 VAT

Maranatha is not registered for VAT nor is it able to recover VAT suffered on expenditure which it makes.

1.7 Website Development

Expenditure on Website Development is written off as incurred.

1.8 Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure on tangible fixed assets which cost less than £2,000 are written off as incurred. There are presently no tangible fixed assets held with an individual value of over £2,000.

1.9 Staff and Volunteers

At the start of the year two full-time office staff and two part-time office staff were employed. During the year one of the full-time staff members was seconded to another charity (Caritas Salford) where he remains, so at the end of the year one full-time and two part-time staff remain on contract. In these accounts NI and tax have been included along with the salary costs. Maranatha has also benefited from the work carried out by many volunteers. In addition to all who support financially on a monthly or other basis, it is estimated that more than 10 volunteers contribute in a host of other practical ways. No financial value has been ascribed in these accounts to this support, but most grateful thanks are expressed to all.

1.10 Trustees

None of the Trustees, or people connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Charity or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year or previous year.

No Trustee claimed travel expenses during the year (nor the previous year).

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 continued

	2017	2016
2 Spiritual Gatherings		
Weekends & Retreats	26,620	21,175
Ireland Pilgrimage	2,241	-
Meetings	1,690	1,797
	<u>30,551</u>	<u>22,972</u>
We are ONE walk of witness	1,407	-
	<u>31,959</u>	<u>22,972</u>
3 Costs of Spiritual Gatherings		
Weekends & Retreats	26,257	21,407
Ireland Pilgrimage	2,211	-
Meetings	1,604	2,173
	<u>30,072</u>	<u>23,580</u>
We are ONE walk of witness	4,839	-
	<u>34,911</u>	<u>23,580</u>
4 Sales and Community Activities		
Bookshop	12,594	15,735
Taste and See Community Café	2,141	2,522
	<u>14,735</u>	<u>18,257</u>
5 Costs of Sales and Community Activities		
Bookshop	8,774	11,903
Taste and See Community Café	962	1,106
	<u>9,736</u>	<u>13,009</u>
The Big Question	-	-
	<u>9,736</u>	<u>13,009</u>
6 Charitable Expenditure		
Wages & NI	57,730	81,333
Volunteers	718	692
Rent	10,280	10,280
Rates	915	1,087
Insurance	3,280	2,741
Repairs	2,707	1,387
Office Utilities	3,712	3,195
Misc Equipment	677	1,705
Telephone	1,716	1,422
Postage	11,062	12,434
Printing and Stationery, etc.	4,557	8,468
Travel	1,844	3,179
Subscriptions	181	145
Sundries	619	761
Interest and Charges	1,029	889
IT & Website development and maintenance	1,590	2,344
Support for other Ministries	-	-
	<u>102,617</u>	<u>132,064</u>

**Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2017 continued**

7 Costs of Generating Funds and Governance

Maranatha does very little active fundraising but relies on the regular generosity of its members and friends. Similarly, tasks of Governance are carried out by the Trustees and other volunteers, at no cost to the Community. The cost of Governance in the Accounts is the charge for the Independent Examination of these Accounts.

	Balance 31 Dec 2016	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31 Dec 2017
8 Restricted Funds				
N Ireland	-			-
Ark	61	1,990	2,026	25
Malawi / Uganda	79	-	79	-
Young Peoples Fund	1,261	-	56	1,205
Douglas Anderson Fund	-	750	-	750
	<u>1,401</u>	<u>2,740</u>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>1,980</u>
9 Designated Funds				
Allyn Benedict fund	4,019	-	1,875	2,144
The Big Question & Life or Death docs	1,142	-	-	1,142
Funds held by local groups	631	-	306	325
	<u>5,793</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,182</u>	<u>3,611</u>

10 Lease Commitments

The Community has two property leases for the offices. Each lease is open-ended and may be terminated with three month's notice. Notice may be given at any time.

The annual cost of the leases is £10,280 (2016 was £10,280)

Maranatha also has 4 Operating Leases:

- Photocopier / Printer - annual commitment of £2,034 (2016 was £2,505)
- Franking Machine - annual commitment of £2,395 (2016 was £2,497)
- Telephone System - annual commitment of £900 (new in 2017)
- Credit Card terminal - annual commitment of £500 (2016 was £600)