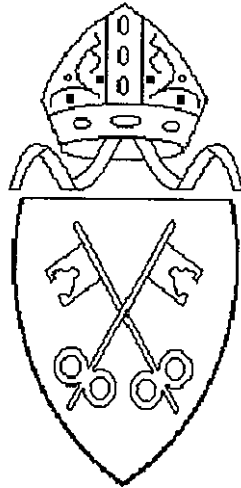


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GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN TRUST

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1996



Directors' Report

Year ended
31 December
1996/22

Principal activities

The Gloucester Diocesan Trust acts as custodian trustee for parochial and other trusts. As a result of this activity the Gloucester Diocesan Trust derives no income and holds no assets for its own benefit.

Financial results

The result for the year is shown in the Income and Expenditure account on page

Changes in the year

There have been no significant changes in the company's activities during the year.

Directors

The names of the directors, who are the members, are shown on page 3.

Directors' interests

None of the directors has received any remuneration during the year, or had any interest in a contract with the company. The Diocesan Trust is a company limited by guarantee, and has no share capital.

Directors' responsibilities in respect of the preparation of financial statements

The directors are required by company law to prepare financial statements, based on applicable accounting standards, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the result of the year.

The directors ensure that, in preparing the financial statements, suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made.

The directors are also responsible for ensuring that adequate systems of internal control are in operation for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

Audit

The company is not required to have an audit by virtue of section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985. However, the directors have requested Coopers & Lybrand to conduct a non-statutory examination of the company's books and records.

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of this report of certain special exemptions applicable to small companies provided by Part II of schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the board of directors.

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GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN TRUST

15 May 1997 2

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

Directors: The following served as directors throughout the year:

Bishop of Gloucester
Archdeacon of Gloucester (Chairman)
Archdeacon of Cheltenham
A C Balchin
W J Eykyn
A Seyers
J D Young
S M E Barton
H Harries
M White

Directors appointed during the year:

Bishop of Tewkesbury

Secretary: J P MacKechnie-Jarvis BA ACIS FSA

Registered Office: Church House, College Green
Gloucester GL1 2LY
Tel: 01452 410022

Company Number: 113076

**Registered Charity
Number:** 253017

Bankers: National Westminster Bank plc
3 Westgate Street
Gloucester GL1 2NX

**Income &
Expenditure
Account**

*Year ended
31 December 1996*

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover	2	-	-
Operating result	3	-	-

The Company has no recognised gains and losses, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

Balance Sheet

At 31 December
1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
NET ASSETS	2	-	-
RESERVES		-	-

The Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement for audit by virtue of section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985, having met the total exemption conditions set out in section 249A(3). No notice has been deposited in respect of the accounts for the current year under section 249B(2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for maintaining accounting records and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the result for the financial year. These responsibilities are set out in the directors report on page 1.

Advantage has been taken of certain exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. In the directors' opinion the company is entitled to those exemptions having met the qualifications for a small company specified in sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

*Year ended
31 December 1996*

1 Accounting policies

Presentation of financial information

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies is set out below.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption permitted for small entities by Financial Reporting Standard 1 and has not published a cash flow statement.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Assets held on trust

Assets held on behalf of parochial and other trusts by the Company acting as custodian trustee are not included in the financial statements, as the Company derives no economic benefit from those assets. Income arising from these assets is paid to the respective trusts.

Details of trust assets held are disclosed in note 4.

2 Turnover

The Gloucester Diocesan Trust acts as custodian trustee for parochial and other trusts. As a result of this activity the Gloucester Diocesan Trust derives no income and holds no assets for its own benefit.

3 Operating result

The administration of the Gloucester Diocesan Trust is financed by the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance in its capacity as the financial executive of the Gloucester Diocesan Synod. The Gloucester Diocesan Trust therefore incurs no expenses on its own account.

**Notes to the
Financial
Statements**

*Year ended
31 December 1996*

4 Assets held on trust

1996 1995

£ £

The Company holds the following assets in its capacity as custodian trustee on behalf of various parochial and other trusts, which are not included in the balance sheet:

Investments

At cost:	listed	50,713	55,721
	unlisted	2,578,935	2,613,838
	deposits	976,452	1,044,741
		<u>3,606,100</u>	<u>3,714,300</u>
At market value:	listed	74,558	80,378
	unlisted	4,497,311	4,334,783
	deposits	976,452	1,044,741
		<u>5,548,321</u>	<u>5,459,902</u>