

A UK equity fund for charities looking for a good level of income and long term capital growth.

The fund invests using Epworth's Christian ethical framework.

## Investment objective

The Fund seeks to provide a level of income and capital growth greater than that of the FTSE All Share by investing ethically in the shares of UK companies.

## Christian ethical investment

We aim to ensure that our portfolios are consistent with the Christian faith. We are stewards of our investors' capital and seek to use our influence to improve ethical standards by engaging with the management of the businesses we invest in.

The Fund will seek to establish a diversified portfolio of sustainable companies to capture exposure to all significant sectors of the market. Within our Christian ethical framework, we have very strict and transparent tolerances. Our tolerances are available on our website and ensure we avoid investment in companies whose business is wholly or mainly involved in alcohol, armaments, gambling, pornography, tar sands, thermal coal and tobacco.

We will also engage with companies where exclusion from the portfolio is not appropriate but where either there is minor exposure to the avoided sectors or other ethical issues such as environmental performance, corporate governance and social justice that need to be addressed. We take our investors' concerns regarding climate change seriously and encourage our companies to provide transparency on their greenhouse gas emissions and to reduce their carbon intensity.

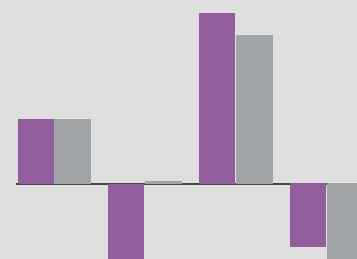
The Fund Manager will vote direct shareholdings in line with the overall ethical policy wherever practicable.

## Performance\*

To 31 December 2023	1 year %	3 years % p.a.	Since 30.04.19 % p.a.
● Fund	7.9	5.8	3.4
● Benchmark <sup>†</sup>	7.9	8.6	4.5



Year to 31 December	2023 %	2022 %	2021 %	2020 %
● Fund	7.9	-9.4	21.0	-7.6
● Benchmark <sup>†</sup>	7.9	0.3	18.3	-9.8



Fund performance is net of fees. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. <sup>†</sup>FTSE All Share Index.

## Historic yield per annum

	Net* %
31 December 2023 (estimated)	3.30

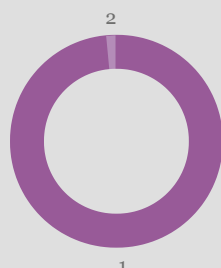
\* After fees which are paid from capital

## Unit value

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31 December 2023 (Income units)	165.01
31 December 2023 (Accumulation units)	187.68

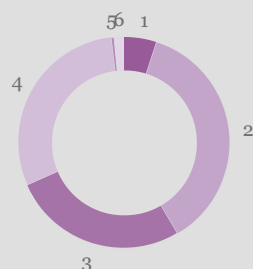
## Spread of investments

31 December 2023	Fund %
1 UK	98.4
2 Cash	1.6



## Spread of investments by sector

31 December 2023	Fund %
1 Resources	5.0
2 Cyclicals	36.5
3 Non-cyclicals	26.8
4 Financials	29.7
5 Exchange traded funds	0.4
6 Cash	1.6



## Carbon footprint analysis Fund vs FTSE All-Share

31 December 2023

**27% lower**

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## Fund details

Fund type	Charity Authorised Investment Fund
ISIN	GBooBJBT2C42 (Income) GBooBJBT2D58 (Accumulation)
Launch date	30 April 2019
Valuation dates	Daily
Dealing dates	Daily
Ex-distribution dates	31 Oct, 31 Jan, 30 Apr, 31 Jul
Income allocation dates	By 31 Dec, 31 Mar, 30 Jun, 30 Sep
Initial charge	None
Dilution levy	0.20%
Management fee	0.55% p.a.
Ongoing Charges Figure (full year 2023)	0.80% p.a.
Minimum investment	£1,000
Fund size at 31 December 2023	£85.0m
Benchmark	FTSE All Share Index

## Top 10 holdings

31 December 2023	Fund %
AstraZeneca	5.9
HSBC Holdings	5.9
Unilever	5.4
Relx PLC	4.6
Rio Tinto	3.6
GSK PLC	3.2
Ashtead Group	2.6
London Stock Exchange Group	2.4
Reckitt Benckiser	2.3
National Grid PLC	2.2

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