

Report of the Trustees for 2020

The Charity continues to undertake its charitable objective.

The year began with a balance of £17,849 (previous year £20,578) and ended with a balance of £45,998 (previous year £17,849). There were 5 (previous year 4) regular donors providing £579 (previous year £564) average per month by standing order during the year. During the year 20 (previous year 6) one-off payments totaling £30,839 (previous year £1,087) were received.

Total Income £37,784 (previous year £7,857).
 Including regular donations of £6,945 (last year £6,770)

Total Expenditure £10,734 (last year £10,586)

Each payment, by the fund, was made in relation to a different set of circumstances. To ensure financial gifts were appropriate, the Trustees sought advice from clergy and church staff when necessary. Some requests for help also came via the Christ Church Frontline Team (Debt Advice). The trust continued to apply the approach set out in the expanded Object and Purpose adopted by the Trustees in January 2016. (Attached)

There have been a number of relatively large individual grants and some situations, which required more than one payment. Grants have been provided for a number of circumstances including lost employment, business failure, health and other causes of financial hardship particularly through the pandemic. A particular feature is the concentration of gifts around Christmas, to help with the pressures around that time.

The Trustees were pleased to be able to provide financial assistance through 27 (previous year 19) grants during the year.

Simon Cansdale as the Vicar, alongside Rod James, Judith Armstrong (Retired October 2020) and Louisa Stone (appointed October 2020) as Church Wardens and Paul and Carolyn Breakwell as administrative Trustees.

There is no doubt that the Trust's interventions are of great assistance to those whose need is brought to its attention. The Trustees are very grateful for the generosity of both regular givers and those who gave one-off gifts.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Christ Church Early Church Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Christ Church Early Church Fund (the Fund) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Fund you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Fund as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date:

06/10/2021

For and on behalf of the Trustees



Paul Breakwell

Trustees:

Rev. Simon Cansdale - Vicar and Chair

Mrs. Louisa Stone

Mr. Rod James

Mrs. Carolyn Breakwell

Mr. Paul Breakwell

The Christ Church Early Church Fund (ECF)

The ECF was set up in May 1994 with this Object:

“To provide financial support to needy members of Christ Church Winchester.”

The Trustees are conscious of their duty to fulfil the Object of the Trust responsibly and carefully. They agreed at their meeting of 25 January 2016 to provide an amplification of how the Trust's Object is interpreted two decades after its inception. The following is a guide to how the Trustees fulfil the Trust's Object.

The 'needy' are found in many different circumstances. The Trustees consider those in need as a result of financial, physical, spiritual, psychological and/or social problems to be eligible for consideration for support.

The pattern of worship, attendance and ministry at Christ Church has evolved over time. The Trustees' definition of 'members' includes people who receive pastoral care and ministry from Christ Church through activities such as Lunch Club, prison and hospital work, student outreach and Messy Church amongst others, in addition to those who are on the Electoral Roll.

The Trustees rely on Christ Church's clergy to advise them before making offers of financial help.