



Christian Outreach Centre

The hub church

Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM233SL
07788612398

Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2023.

1. Trustees. Mr A Hickman, Mr J Baxter and Miss Evelyn Ibekeh-Olasegha served for the whole year.

2. Purpose of the Charity. Throughout the report period, this charity has continued to promote the Christian Faith in Bishop's Stortford and other regions of the UK

We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention.

3. Report of progress towards our aims.

During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This continues to fulfill a great need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary.

The facilities also host local people including two AA groups, a camera club, a children's activity group and the U3A dance/exercise classes.

Friday nights are used for a prayer group and during the week connection groups. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 20 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance.

Sunday mornings have continued to host the whole congregation meeting for worship and bible teaching when we also welcome in the homeless for friendship and coffee.

This year we added a new project for the poor and homeless. During the months of November 2022 through to March 2023 we provided a warm hall from 9-5 with free drinks, breakfast and lunches. All day Monday and all day Friday.

A new cabin was also purchased to provide extra space for youth work at the rear of the centre.

This year the congregation has seen new families joining.

Signed: Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 17th April 2024.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
School Income (now closed)	0.00	1145.78
Tax Back (Gift Aid)	4336.06	5660.16
Rental Income	10395.00	9702.58
Tuck Shop Sales	70.00	60.00
Bumble bees	1351.38	1872.84
Tithes & Offerings - last year extra for renata 2400	18267.92	19360.85
Sundry Income (donations)	240.00	795.93
Insurance Claim	0.00	19916.45
Total Income	<u>34660.36</u>	<u>58514.59</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Postage, Stationery and Printing	245.24	95.00
Bumble bees	218.85	251.18
Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses	1188.40	854.00
School Wages	0.00	1586.37
Cleaning Supplies/toiletries	543.01	0.00
Sundry Expenses	288.99	1941.39
Licences/subscriptions	744.00	803.00
Evangelism/Advertising	465.39	627.35
Tuck Shop and youth	1387.26	0.00
Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/online	3776.72	3579.92
Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission	1830.18	3649.49
Office expenses	0.00	0.00
Petty Cash	0.00	6400.00
Children and Youth ministry	1170.93	36.59
Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest	14836.42	8140.36
Depreciation of Equipment	1648.19	1659.35
Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees	72.00	72.00
Centre Maintenance/Repairs	10599.02	7265.44
	<u>39014.60</u>	<u>36961.44</u>
NET RETAINED INCOME	<u>-4354.24</u>	<u>21553.15</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1049175

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

A. M. Akande

Date:

16/04/2024

Name:

Ayoyinka Akande

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCA (Fellow – Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales)

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15 Millcroft, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2BP

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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