



The hub church
Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM233SL
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Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2024.

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. .

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

During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre. This fulfills 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.

Local people including dance classes, Two AA groups, a camera club, a children's activity group and a U3A dance exercise group continue to hire the building.

3. Report of progress towards our aims.

Weekends are used for the contact centre for broken families and church services on Sunday. Friday nights are used for a prayer group and during the week connection groups. Local community groups use the hall in the day time and evenings when the church is not holding meetings. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 20 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance.

4/. For the past two years now we have opened the centre as a "warm space" for those who are homeless, struggling to put on their own heating or needing a warm social environment for contact with friends. We proved food and drink all day Monday and Friday.

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Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 21st January 2025.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Tax Back (Gift Aid)	8817.63	4336.06
Rental Income	9235.00	10395.00
Tuck Shop Sales	99.92	70.00
Bumble bees	1238.38	1351.38
Tithes & Offerings	37289.50	18267.92
Sundry Income (donations)	100.00	240.00
Insurance Claim	2539.53	0.00
Bank Interest	349.87	0.00
Grant for Warm Space	1060.00	0.00
	<u>60729.83</u>	<u>34660.36</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Postage, Stationery and Printing	515.26	245.24
Bumble bees	175.49	218.85
Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses	2214.06	1188.40
Cleaning Supplies/toiletries	325.97	543.01
Sundry Expenses	303.83	288.89
Licences/subscriptions	1218.28	744.00
Evangelism/Advertising	1347.61	465.39
Tuck Shop and youth	1844.30	1387.26
Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance/online	4061.35	3776.72
Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission	3128.75	1830.18
Office expenses	8.99	0.00
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Children and Youth ministry	209.65	1170.93
Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest	19821.12	14836.42
Depreciation of Equipment	2823.72	1648.19
Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees	2662.00	72.00
Centre Maintenance/Repairs	6274.87	<u>10599.02</u>
	<u>46935.25</u>	<u>39014.50</u>
NET RETAINED INCOME	<u>13794.58</u>	<u>-4354.14</u>



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 2024

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 **31/08/2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

06/01/2025

Name:

Ayoyinka Akande

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

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.