

Colchester City Church AOG
27-31 Straight Road
Colchester
CO3 9BY

Trustees Annual Report for Period 2024

Aim of the Church

Colchester City Church is a registered charity (number 120441) and a part of the AOG movement in the UK and is located at 27-31 Straight Road Colchester.

The church is managed and administered by a church council and a small leadership team. Some members of the church council are also the composition of the board of Trustees. These people were specifically chosen from the congregation as suitable for this position for their good standing and suitable abilities.

The aim of the leadership and council is to actively promote the pastoral, evangelical and social purposes of the church.

The church has a full time pastor Mr Sean McIntyre together with his wife Joyce. The Pastor is the chairman of the board of trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of Colchester City Church is the growth, sustenance and nurturing of a healthy and vibrant community that is both an asset to the community at large and a valuable resource to all its members.

The practice and promotion of spiritual and practical matters in regards to the welfare, leadership and general encouragement of all the members of the church comprises the primary objective and activity of the church. This is also extended to all visitors who attend.

These objectives are achieved in the main through its regular activities which are offered in the church, which encompass fellowship, corporate worship and teaching.

The church's activities are put into practice via our regular services and a variety of less formal meetings that take place during the week. It is during these regular meetings that the core values of the church are expressed and promoted wherever appropriate.

Every member of the church is encouraged and enabled to express their individual beliefs in the medium of worship, teaching, prayer and faith based activities during our meetings.

The church maintains a strong commitment to pastoral care of its members and anyone else it comes into contact with through practical support, advice and the promotion of lifestyles that reflect goodwill, care and the advancement of faith. The church has a deep commitment to cultural diversity and providing the wider community with information and education about the Christian faith.

The church continues to maintain a valuable contribution to missionary work across the world through an ongoing commitment of financial support and prayer.

After serving the community from its previous location in Straight Road, Lexden, since 1948, the church relocated to its current, central premises in 2024, significantly enhancing its accessibility and community reach. Because this is done as a charity lease with no rent, it is a very economical move.

Since the appointment of the current minister, Sean McIntyre, in 2018, the church has experienced consistent organic growth, steadily transforming into a thriving and diverse congregation. Crucially, the overwhelming majority of our members are migrants to the UK.

This unique demographic makeup has not only shaped our identity but has also instilled in us a deep, lived concern for the wellbeing, integration, and holistic support of the wider migrant, asylum seeker, and refugee communities in Colchester. Working with this community is now a key, central component of our mission. In 2025 and beyond, the church is planning to explore strategic partnerships in this demographic area.

Performance

The church has had an increase in the visitors at the church on Sundays and this continues to grow. Although there isn't an online service option we have WhatsApp groups for various demographics such as youth, women, young adults as well as a general members group and a channel for people who are not members but want to connect with us more. Plans to begin livestreaming continue to be in place but have been put on temporary hold while pursuing more pressing priorities for our community work.

Church Site

The church is currently maintained by the Pastor as well as any volunteers from the visitors to offer a helping hand.

Pastoral Care

During 2024 the church continued to provide pastoral care by visiting those members who were unable to attend in-person due to age or illness. The Pastor also began to carry out one to one meetings with individual members to help mentor them in personal growth and to hear individual concerns about the development of the church. New discipleship programmes are being put in place to facilitate the integration of new members.. We have improved our tracking and follow-up of visitors and those wishing to know more about Christianity with the adoption of a church management solution called ChurchSuite.

Missions

The church is committed to Christian mission initiatives in Congo and Kenya. We have financially supported a missionary team in Congo through an organisation call CAM and also the work of Barnabas Outreach trust, an organisation that carries out missionary trips to Kenya and supports local churches in that region. We had a mission in Kenya at the end of 2024, which was used to deepen ties with Barnabas East Africa Church. Ministry was hampered due to the death of a local pastor in Mombasa. It was however, an opportunity to encourage the local congregation and strengthen ties with the church leadership there.

Administrative Information

Colchester City Church is part of the Assemblies of God and is situated in the district of Lexden and Stanway in Colchester.

The address is 27-31 Straight Road, Colchester, Essex CO3 9BY

Financial Report for the Activities of Colchester City Church

The financial period ending 31st December 2024 reported a decrease in the income of the church in comparison with the last financial period. This is mostly because in 2024 the church did not receive a legacy as it did in 2023.

The church made a big move to a new venue in town (as mentioned above) which has hopes of attracting more people as it is more centrally located. This move did cost the church financially

which is why our finances dropped as repairs and builds needed to be made to the new building as well as rubbish clearing.

Overall for this period, there was around a 65.99% decrease in the amount of cash held in banks. After the expenses of the new venue we also continued to invest in making giving easier with the use of card machines at the church to make giving more accessible to all in hopes that this drop in finances is temporary.

Fortunately we did have an increase in giving in 2024 and we hope this continues to improve with the new venue and more accessible giving.

COLCHESTER CITY CHURCH

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Charity Trustees

Sean McIntyre
Joyce McIntyre
Martin Manning
Jasmin Diaz (resigned in year)
Rosemary Kalu (appointed 9th July 2024)

Independent Examiner

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COLCHESTER CITY CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations						
- offertory		34,594			34,594	32,714
- gift aid		6,778			6,778	7,147
- legacy received					0	10,123
- premises hire		2,400			2,400	2,540
		43,772	0	0	43,772	52,524
Interest received		19			19	18
Amazon credits					0	18
Total Receipts		43,791	0	0	43,791	52,560
Payments						
Pastoral support and payroll costs	1	27,501			27,501	24,102
Activities relating to the work of the church	2	3,809			3,809	3,040
Gifts and Donations	3	37			37	100
Utility and insurance costs	4	4,494			4,494	5,187
Repairs and Maintenance	5	5,288			5,288	223
Equipment and accessories	6	5,610			5,610	1,614
Management and administration costs	7	8,777			8,777	4,824
Total Payments		55,516	0	0	55,516	39,090

Net of Receipts/ (Payments)	(11,725)	0	0	(11,725)	13,470
Transfers between funds	6,174	(693)	(5,481)	0	0
Cash Funds b/f 1st January 2024	9,896	1,605	6,265	17,766	4,296
Cash Funds c/f 31st December 2024	4,345	912	784	6,041	17,766

COLCHESTER CITY CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 2024

Registered Charity Number – 1054335

Address:

27 Straight Road

Colchester

CO3 9BY

COLCHESTER CITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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	2024	2023
	£	£
1. Pastoral support and payroll costs		
Pastor's salary + pension costs	27,501	24,102
Visiting speaker fees	0	0
	<u>27,501</u>	<u>24,102</u>
2. Activities relating to the work of the church		
Pulpit supplies	28	32
Mission support	1,500	1,440
Books	308	494
Catering	195	233
Travel expenses	275	226
Accommodation and subsistence	884	0
Training	351	0
Sundry	25	58
Advertising/ Leaflets	60	0
Fund day expenses	123	179
Conferences	0	318
AOG Minister's fee	60	60
	<u>3,809</u>	<u>3,040</u>
3. Gifts and Donations		
Gifts and donations	37	100
	<u>37</u>	<u>100</u>
4. Utility and Insurance costs		
Heat and light	1,680	2,740
Phone and internet costs	1,228	1,142
Water charges	201	0

	Insurance	<u>1,385</u>	<u>1,305</u>
		<u>4,494</u>	<u>5,187</u>
5.	Repairs and Maintenance		
	New Venue Building costs	4,420	0
	Extinguisher maintenance	84	60
	Rubbish clearance	200	0
	Boiler service and repairs	489	150
	Other repairs and maintenance	<u>95</u>	<u>13</u>
		<u>5,288</u>	<u>223</u>
6.	Equipment and Accessories		
	Equipment and accessories	2,757	1,614
	Fire extinguishers	461	0
	New venue fixtures	<u>2,392</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>5,610</u>	<u>1,614</u>
7.	Management and Administration costs		
	Admin salaries	3,490	1,860
	Payments to AOG Head Office	660	660
	Payment to AOG Property Trust	200	100
	Accountancy and independent exam fees	403	300
	Payroll costs	207	219
	Software costs	214	462
	Go Cardless fees	1,632	0
	Media costs	383	172
	Website maintenance costs	359	0
	Postage, printing, stationery	305	362
	Licences	<u>924</u>	<u>689</u>
		<u>8,777</u>	<u>4,824</u>

COLCHESTER CITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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	<u>31 December</u> <u>2024</u>		<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds				
Barclays current account	1,375		95	
Metro Bank current account	3,534		16,538	
Metro Bank expenses account	7		27	
Kingdom savings account	<u>1,125</u>		<u>1,106</u>	
Total Monetary Assets		<u>6,041</u>		<u>17,766</u>
 The Funds of the Charity:				
 Unrestricted Income Funds				
Unrestricted General Funds		4,345		9,896
Designated funds - Welfare Fund	370		370	
- Mission Fund	240		0	
- Administrator Fund	174		174	
- Relocation Fund	<u>0</u>		<u>5,721</u>	
		<u>784</u>		<u>6,265</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		5,129		16,161

Restricted Income Funds

Building Fund

912

1,605

Total Charity Funds6,04117,766

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Date:.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Colchester City Church
For the year ended 31st December 2024
Charity number 1054335

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

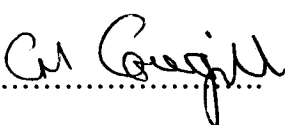
As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities 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 Charities 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 which give me cause to believe that, in any material respect, accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or that 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.

Signed: 

Date: 17/2/2025

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