

# **OASIS CHURCH FELTHAM**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Registered Charity No. 1054392

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## CHARITY INFORMATION

### ORGANISATION

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**Registered Charity No. 1054392**

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### TRUSTEES

Richard Smith (Chairman)  
Bernard Hogben  
Elaine James  
Joel Mwangi  
Camillus Osubor

## **Trustees Annual Report - Year Ending 31 December 2020**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement of accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

### ***Governing Document***

Oasis Church Feltham was registered as a charity with the Charities Commission on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1993, and is controlled by its governing document, a Trust Deed and Constitution for an unincorporated charity.

The Trust Deed and Constitution were amended on 8 April 2014 inline with the Assembly of God's recommended specimen model document for Unincorporated status.

The Trust Deed and Constitution were again amended on 15 September 2014 to correct two typographical errors:

- It that stated the churches Financial Year ran from January to September - it has now been corrected, our financial year runs from January to December.
- The church was said to hold its AGM in September of each year - it has now been corrected, the church AGM is held in May of each year.

### ***Objects of the Charity***

The objects of the Church ("the Objects") are for the benefit of the public:

- i) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- ii) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- iii) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

### ***Organisational Structure***

Oasis Church Feltham operates autonomously under its local leadership, comprising of the Senior Minister and Elders, but is an affiliated member of the Assemblies of God of Great Britain and Ireland.

In line with its governing document, trustees are appointed to the board by the recommendation of the chairperson and by a majority vote of existing trustees.

The Trustees agree to meet at least 4 times a year to discuss and make decisions in relation to the affairs of the charity to ensure that all of its activities and achievements

provide public benefit for the community. The Church Management Team authorises the delegation of limited powers to the Core Leadership Team in order to enable smooth operation of activities. The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding which activities the Charity should undertake.

### ***Activities and Achievements for Public Benefit***

The primary objective of OASIS CHURCH FELTHAM, as set out in its Constitution, is the advancement of the Christian faith to all age groups within the local community of Feltham.

The main achievements of the Charity during the year have been the continuation of support, teaching, and outreach to all who come into contact with the Charity. The Charity continues to fulfil its ongoing objectives in advancing the Christian Faith within the local community.

### ***Sunday Services***

The church continued to sustain a healthy church attendance, averaging around 100 people, including children and young people, each week, throughout our main Sunday morning services right up until 15 March 2020, and then the first COVID lockdown began, causing us to have to suspend services for an undetermined amount of time.

Before lockdown our services were lively and enthusiastic comprising of a contemporary style of modern worship followed by preaching of the word from the Bible. We continue to be indebted to all our volunteers who make the service happen, from those in the worship band, the sound/visual/lighting team, and the hospitality team, and also our kids team who run our Sunday School during the main service.

When the COVID lockdown began, our Pastors began to film the regular Sunday sermon and upload to YouTube. This began our online presence as a church. Throughout the course of lockdown these continued and included on occasion greetings from different members of the church to try and maintain a sense of community. Over the course of lockdown, we also started to include some worship songs as part of uploaded video each week.

When the government allowed churches to gather in-person we started to meet again in August 2020. We implemented COVID measures including distancing, mask wearing, and hand-sanitiser stations. We kept the building ventilated and had shorter services. People had to book-in to attend as we limited our capacity and as a result we averaged around 40 people each Sunday. We filmed the service as well, and uploaded later in the afternoon. In October 2020 we invested in equipment to be able to livestream our service which made things much easier to allow those still isolating to feel included in our services. When the second lockdown began we went to live streaming only on a Sunday morning throughout November. We met for a few weeks throughout December, and produced a pre-recorded Christmas Day service with the help of some of our volunteers.

### ***Worship Team***

The worship team continued to support the Churches main Sunday service and we are grateful for the musicians and singers that contribute their time voluntarily to serve. Again due to COVID our rehearsals suspended and we reduced the number active on stage to ensure required social distancing was observed when we were allowed to meet in-person.

### ***Children's Department***

**Oasis Kids** (Sunday School) was running reasonably well every Sunday morning in parallel with our morning services up until the COVID lockdown. As we returned to in person Sunday services we offered in church activities for the children attending rather than a separate Kids church programme. Although it was difficult for children having to remain in the service, we felt this met COVID guidelines in the best way possible. We also found that with the staggered return of some volunteers meant we lacked the appropriate volunteers to run the programme anyway. At Christmas we enlisted the help of a children's ministry called Duggie Dug Dug to produce a Christmas video tailored for our church which we made available on our YouTube channel as an alternative to our usual Carol Service. This incorporated some of our families and volunteers in the production.

### ***Youth Department***

Oasis Youth continued to run until the COVID lockdown in March every Friday night with our weekly term-time event called Pulse, for young people in school years 7 to 12 (ages 11-17). The group averaged around 10-15 young people each week. Some from families outside of the main church congregation.

Sadly we had to suspend the Youth Programme for the rest of the year following the initial lockdown because of the perceived infection risks. Some contact was maintained online, but many of young people struggled with connecting this way.

### ***Seniors Group***

The Elderberries mid-afternoon seniors group serves the elderly members of our church and the wider community by providing a place to meet together for a light lunch, quiz, and singing. The afternoon remained relatively popular, but numbers had reduced as it started back up in January 2020. However, again with the COVID lockdown, the group was suspended, but contact was maintained with some of the group via telephone and also letters written by one of the team leaders.

### ***Life Groups***

These run as an opportunity for those who are part of the church community to meet together to build friendship and bring encouragement and support for one another. This provides a measure of pastoral care and helps people in the church feel connected. It is also a great opportunity to study the Christian faith at a deeper level, and pray together for a variety of issues and needs.

We had planned to try and launch more groups over the course of the year but this became difficult due to the COVID lockdown. We moved to some mid-week Zoom meetings and tried to encourage those in our church to join our online Communion service and times of prayer, and these times included a Bible devotional as well. Many struggled with Zoom though as it was dependent on peoples broadband connections and personal ability to access the necessary tech and devices, but we persevered over the course of the year, trying to keep a sense of community amongst people. We also ran a women's event and a Young Adults meetings via zoom with varying success. The main way we were able to keep connected was via phone calls and text messages and a church WhatsApp group set up to keep people connected with prayer needs and encouragement on a daily basis.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Overview**

The charity has remained financially solvent through the generous giving of its members and supporters. As a result of COVID we stopped the mortgage overpayments as we realised that our income would reduce, but we were encouraged that many of our congregation started to give via internet banking, which has really helped to cover the churches operational costs.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees aim to set aside 6 months running costs as adequate reserves to ensure that its ongoing commitments can be fully met as a charity. We are currently running at around 3 to 4 months reserves. We continue to work towards building up the reserve levels as income from our members and supporters allow.

### **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**



**Richard Smith - Senior Minister/Trustee**

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

**Report to the trustees/members of Oasis Church, Feltham**

**Registered Charity number 1054392**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020**

**Set out on the following pages**

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2022 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 4 October 2021**

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
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**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith.

**TRUSTEES**

**Richard Smith**

**Bernard Patrick Hogben**

**Joel Maina Mwangi**

**Elaine James**

**Camillus Osubor**

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Please print name: RICHARD SMITH Date 30/10/2021

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination.

### **1. CHARITY LAW AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

### **2. SIGNING OF ACCOUNTS**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

### **3. FINAL ACCOUNT**

In preparing the final account I have endeavoured to omit all transfers between Oasis accounts.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for clarification of for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**4 October 2021**

**Oasis Church, Feltham**  
**Registered Charity: 1054392**

**Accounting Statement: Receipts & Payments**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Incoming Resources from Donors	86,689	1,103	87,792	101,751
Missions	200	0	200	673
Church Activity Receipts	2,516	0	2,516	5,591
Misc	500	0	500	80
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89,905</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>91,008</b>	<b>108,095</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Administration (support costs)	1,450	0	1,450	1,088
Establishments (support costs)	31,498	0	31,498	37,117
Church Activity Costs (charitable objects)	2,822	0	2,822	13,688
Pastoral & Ministry (charitable objects)	51,713	0	51,713	46,636
Missions (charitable objects)	3,253	0	3,253	4,598
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90,736</b>	<b>103,127</b>
		0	272	4,968

**NOTE**

All inter departmental transfers have been removed from the above figures.

The designated income has been used for the purpose for which it was donated.

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
<b>Tangible Assets</b>				
Church Premises (insurance value)	970,342	0	970,342	970,342
Contents of premises (insurance value)	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,010,342</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,010,342</b>	<b>1,010,342</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Cash at Bank</b>				
General Fund HSBC A/c no 11509225	7,405	0	7,405	4,934
Trust Deed A/c HSBC No 51202251	706	0	706	706
Money Master HSBC A/c 31206885	24,260	0	24,260	28,834
KBL Account No 512002	1,996	0	1,996	1,996
Missions A/c Lloyds TSB 0627364	1,969	0	1,969	2,022
Oasis Kids	2,131	0	2,131	1,335
Youth Account HSBC No 91224018	2,579	0	2,579	761
Tiny Tots Cash	0	0	0	425
Elderberries	987	0	987	1,145
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>42,033</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,033</b>	<b>42,158</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,052,375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,052,375</b>	<b>1,052,500</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
KBL Mortgage	49,419	0	49,419	63,483
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>49,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,419</b>	<b>63,483</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,002,956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,002,956</b>	<b>989,017</b>