

OASIS CHURCH FELTHAM

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31st December 2021

Registered Charity No. 1054392

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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Bernard Hogben
Elaine James
Joel Mwangi
Camillus Osubor

Trustees Annual Report - Year Ending 31 December 2021

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021.

Governing Document

Oasis Church Feltham was registered as a charity with the Charities Commission on 1st 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 stated that 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 has seen significant adaptations to meet the changing needs of the COVID pandemic. We have had to reimagine and redefine every aspect of Oasis Church to continue to have a connected feel especially while we were in the various degrees of lockdown restrictions. We monitored closely the governments recommendations to ensure that we met, to the best of our capabilities, the continually changing requirements particularly over the early part of 2021. During lockdown over January 2021, in person services were suspended, but we continued to live-stream our Sunday services hosting a live chat for those meeting online. We continued live-streaming concurrently with our morning service when we returned to in-person services throughout the remainder of 2021.

Over 2021 although some normality to meeting in-person had returned, including a time of socialising over refreshments after the service, we have seen a definite decline in attendance, particularly over the early part of the year. There had been some upturn as we came through the summer months and into autumn, but numbers were most definitely still significantly reduced from pre-pandemic levels. Some continued to utilise the online services, and we also see that some have reduced the frequency of attendance from weekly, to once or twice a month. COVID has caused us to adapt much of what we have been able to do as a church. Over the course of 2021 we have seen a steady attendance moving towards an average of 40-50. We have utilised different systems to ensure we keep connected. We have seen growth in our children ministry that continues to be reestablished, after losing some of our volunteer base and changes to attendance dynamics. Although it's been wonderful to have Communion as part of our main service, once a month, we continued to host an online mid-week service, for those who were still wanting to isolate throughout the beginning of 2021. These online services continued weekly until the end of July.

Even after the distancing-restrictions were relaxed, we endeavoured to maintain some level for those who were still apprehensive about meeting together. Over the course of the year, people have become more relaxed, and it is good to see people integrating well together again.

An absolute highlight of 2021 was being able to our first in-person Christmas Carol service. This was well attended by church members and visitors, around 70 people in total. We were able to serve traditional Christmas refreshments after the service. A great end to what has been a challenging year for so many people.

Worship Team

The worship team continues to provide great support for our main Sunday service and we are grateful for the Musicians and singers who have adapted to every change, willing to commit to this ministry to serve their time and talents as volunteers. We have once again been able to bring back many of the team who stepped back during the COVID restrictions and we are building this ministry in new ways using different techniques and technologies to bring out the best we are able to offer.

Children's Department

Oasis Kids (Sunday School) was able to function every week, once again, with two classes catering for both key stage one and two and to a lesser extent with the aid of parents for early years. The attendance for Oasis Kids dropped significantly as a result to the change of routines of lockdown, however we are beginning to see this increase once again.

Youth Department

Pulse (Youth Group) resumed over the Summer of 2021. The initial launch got off to a good start, but as Autumn School term resumed numbers began to tail off due to some attending other clubs (like cubs and scouts), and the logistics of some families moving out of the area. It is recognised that connections into the community of Feltham need to be re-established. The group meets on Friday nights for children and young people between school years 6-11 (age 11 to 16's) and runs various games and activities. One of the core values of the group is to teach about the Christian Faith.

Community Group

Elderberries (Seniors Group) has not returned in its original pre-pandemic format. Due to a loss of volunteers and the format becoming quite dated, it was replaced with 'The Hive' Community Coffee Morning. Some of those that attended in the past started to attend this new group.

The Hive (Community Coffee Morning) focuses on giving a friendly space for people of all ages to meet together in an informal setting. It was launched in September of 2021 to provide a place for people to chat, and engage in activities such as games and craft as desired. It's aimed at people who need a place where they can engage with others and find friendship and support in a safe-space. The Hive runs on Friday mornings between 10 am and 12 pm as a drop-in. The main aim is to combat loneliness amongst those in the community that may feel isolated for various reasons.

Life Groups & Prayer Group

As COVID restrictions were continuing to lift throughout 2021, we relaunched in-person mid-week prayer meetings. These continued throughout the Summer until we began to re-introduce Life Groups in September after COVID restrictions were fully lifted.

The church signed up to Rightnow Media, and video subscription service to provide resources for the whole of the church. The resource allows individuals to create an online account and utilise the resources available. It also provides a valuable resource for Life Groups so that groups can watch the resource together and then discuss and learn together. We broke up September through to Christmas with 2 lots of 6-week blocks for the groups to run. In between those blocks, we reinstated prayer group. We were able to launch 2 groups initially and they ran very well.

In June of 2021, the Young Adults Life Group was relaunched too, kicking off with the Prayer Course before gathering for other other activities at different times.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The charity has remained financially solvent through the generous giving of its members and supporters. Our mortgage payments are on track and will complete the term of our mortgage in 3.5 years. Much of our congregation continue to support the church through direct and standing order payments directly into the church main account which continues to allow the main overhead operational costs to be met.

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. Presently our reserves stand at £26,663, which amounts to between 3 and 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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

Receipts and Payments Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of Oasis Church, Feltham

Registered Charity number 1054392

On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 2011 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: 25 October 2022

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Accountancy Practitioner

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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.

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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

Please print name: RICHARD SMITH Date 31/10/2022

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

25 October 2022

Accounting Statement: Receipts & Payments
Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Incoming Resources from Donors	93,108	0	93,108	87,792
Missions	0	0	0	200
Church Activity Receipts	193	0	193	2,516
Misc	1,253	0	1,253	500
Investment Income	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	94,554	0	94,554	91,008
EXPENDITURE				
Administration (support costs)	1,719	0	1,719	1,450
Establishments (support costs)	26,434	0	26,434	31,498
Church Activity Costs (charitable objects)	3,840	0	3,840	2,822
Pastoral & Ministry (charitable objects)	51,407	0	51,407	51,713
Missions (charitable objects)	1,200	0	1,200	3,253
TOTAL	84,600	0	84,600	90,736
		0	9,954	272

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.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the
Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets				
Church Premises (insurance value)	970,342	0	970,342	970,342
Contents of premises (insurance value)	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Total	1,010,342	0	1,010,342	1,010,342
Current Assets				
Cash at Bank				
General Fund HSBC A/c no 11509225	14,352	0	14,352	7,405
Trust Deed A/c HSBC No 51202251	706	0	706	706
Money Master HSBC A/c 31206885	26,663	0	26,663	24,260
KBL Account No 512002	1,996	0	1,996	1,996
Missions A/c Lloyds TSB 0627364	3,769	0	3,769	1,969
Oasis Kids	2,500	0	2,500	2,131
Youth Account HSBC No 91224018	1,343	0	1,343	2,579
 Tiny Tots Cash	 0	 0	 0	 0
Elderberries	987	0	987	987
Total Current Assets	52,316	0	52,316	42,033
Total Assets	1,062,658	0	1,062,658	1,052,375
Liabilities				
KBL Mortgage	39,623	0	39,623	49,419
Total Liabilities	39,623	0	39,623	49,419
Net Assets	1,023,035	0	1,023,035	1,002,956