

OASIS CHURCH FELTHAM

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31st December 2022

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 2022

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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

2022 was a year of returning to a greater degree of normality and a stabilisation of church attendance to a weekly average of 54. This is a steady improvement from 2021, with less fluctuations on a week by week basis. It's been great to welcome some new people to our church who have integrated well into the life of our church family.

On 3 July 2022 we had our first Compassion Sunday since the pandemic, and it was a great opportunity to have Compassion UK come and present the work they do through Child Sponsorship, supporting children to break free from poverty, and know the truth of Jesus. Through the event we had several people sign up to sponsor a child, which was brilliant and increase the number of children supported by the church family to 10 children including 2 directly by the Oasis Church. The work of Compassion is a vital part of our Missional Vision to bring relief, education, and communication of the gospel to overseas.

Throughout the Summer, Pastor Richard & Katie had a 3 month sabbatical, which led to the Core Leadership team taking the lead seeing some from the congregation and visiting speakers ministering through this time. This culminated in a Harvest Lunch following the service on Sunday 9 October where our attendance peaked at 82, including 13 visitors who had been invited. This was a special day for the church as it was wonderful to feast together for the first time since the pandemic.

Christmas was special as we held a traditional carol service on Sunday 18 December. Our attendance was 65 and was a great outreach opportunity. Following the service Pies and Custard was served as part of our refreshments. It was a great way to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

On Christmas Day we held a smaller gathering at the church to hold a Communion Service together before people went on to spend the day with family and relatives.

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 volunteered their time and talents. It is a great blessing for the church to be able to gather people in worship of God.

Children's Department

Oasis Kids (Sunday School) to function each week, 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 has remained steady but is still low, and finding volunteers has been difficult, but we continue this important work in support of the church family. There was break over the Summer as this facilitates family holidays both for our leaders and for the families in the church being away at different times over the summer.

Youth Department

Pulse (Youth Group) continued over the course of 2022. Attendance by young people still remains very low and sporadic, possibly due to other clubs that run, and also still a significant drop in the number of teenagers within the church. However, despite struggles with Fridays nights, a good group of young people did attend Youth Camp at Cefn Lea with Lighthouse Church from Spalding.

Community Group

The Hive (Community Coffee Morning) focuses on giving a friendly space for people of all ages to meet together in an informal setting. Launched in September of 2021 to provide a place for people to chat, and engage in activities, 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. Take up from people in the community has not been significant as yet, but there is a core of people from the church who come and enjoy the time together.

Alpha

The Core Leadership ran a 10 week Alpha programme in September 2022. Alpha is a recognised course run by churches in the UK and around the world. It's aim is to teach the fundamentals of the Christian Faith and be an evangelistic tool. We had a great attendance of around 12 to 22 people each week. It really helped those attending get a good grounding in understanding and living out the Christian faith.

Life Groups & Prayer Group

In-person mid-week prayer meetings continued for the main part throughout 2022 until the Alpha course in September ran. The Wednesday morning Life Group only ran up until the beginning of Summer, but had a hiatus through the remainder of the year, largely due to Pastor Richard and Katie being on Sabbatical.

Young Adults

Young Adults runs every 2 weeks on a Tuesday, and is very similar to a Life Group but is aimed at those aged 18-30. It has been a great opportunity for them to discuss and learn about the Christian faith, as well as providing some times of social gatherings as well, usually centred around food.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview

The charity has remained financially solvent through the generous giving of its members and supporters, despite running at a deficit in 2022, the main issue has been a drop in church attendance since the pandemic, and the effects of the economic crisis in the UK with energy bills and cost of living. Our mortgage payments are on track and will complete the term of our mortgage in 2.5 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 £29,104 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, and it is encouraging that it has risen, despite a loss this year, but that is mainly due to the surplus of 2021 being absorbed into the 2022 financial year.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Richard Smith - Senior Minister/Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

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 2022

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: 20 October 2023

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance
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.

TRUSTEES

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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 OCTOBER 2023

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

20 October 2023

Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Incoming Resources from Donors	77,201	0	77,201	93,108
Missions	4,075	0	4,075	0
Church Activity Receipts	2,899	0	2,899	193
Misc	349	0	349	1,253
Investment Income	2	0	2	0
TOTAL	84,526	0	84,526	94,554
EXPENDITURE				
Administration (support costs)	1,981	0	1,981	1,719
Establishments (support costs)	27,081	0	27,081	26,434
Church Activity Costs (charitable objects)	6,535	0	6,535	3,840
Pastoral & Ministry (charitable objects)	54,366	0	54,366	51,407
Missions (charitable objects)	6,605	0	6,605	1,200
TOTAL	96,568	0	96,568	84,600
		0	(12,042)	9,954

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 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
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	2,134	0	2,134	14,352
Trust Deed A/c HSBC No 51202251	646	0	646	706
Money Master HSBC A/c 31206885	29,104	0	29,104	26,663
KBL Account No 512002	1,998	0	1,998	1,996
Missions A/c Lloyds TSB 0627364	2,059	0	2,059	3,769
Oasis Kids	3,111	0	3,111	2,500
Youth Account HSBC No 91224018	1,222	0	1,222	1,343
Tiny Tots Cash	0	0	0	0
Elderberries	0	0	0	987
Total Current Assets	40,274	0	40,274	52,316
Total Assets	1,050,616	0	1,050,616	1,062,658
Liabilities				
KBL Mortgage	29,903	0	29,903	39,623
Total Liabilities	29,903	0	29,903	39,623
Net Assets	1,020,713	0	1,020,713	1,023,035