

# **OASIS CHURCH FELTHAM**

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Registered Charity No. 1054392

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## CHARITY INFORMATION

### ORGANISATION

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## **TRUSTEES**

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

## **Trustees Annual Report - Year Ending 31 December 2023**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statement of accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### ***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 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.

This year we have also been able to significantly upgrade our visual resources with a new wide screen projector and screen. This has equipped us to facilitate a missions conference for AoG, and also and hosting several movie nights. We have also hosted a Missional Academy with Your Mission. We have also upgraded the WiFi connectivity in the church to allow our community to have good connectivity to internet services during our services. Use of the IOS and Android Bible App within church is extremely popular.

### ***Sunday Services***

2023 has been a great year where we have seen new people joining the church with an average weekly attendance of 57, peaking at 87 for a child dedication service.

We started the year, since our first Sunday fell on New Year's Day, with Brunch rather than having a regular service. There was a great atmosphere of conversation as we ate a cooked breakfast together. We ended the brunch with a moving devotional at the end.

Throughout February we focussed prayer with 21 days of prayer and fasting to pray for the year ahead and the issues facing our country and the world at large.

On 23 July we had a baptism service with a number people being baptised as they declared their faith in Jesus.

It was great to welcome Teen Challenge, in October, to share about the work they do with addicts and hear testimonies about those who have recovered and how their faith in Christ is changed their life for the better. A real encouragement for our congregation to hear how God is working.

We heard about the work of Wycliffe Bible translators in November, helping to translate the Bible into native languages with their mission to make the Word of God accessible to all people groups around the world. An opportunity for them to raise awareness and support from those within our congregation.

Christmas was special as we tried to do something special each weekend through December starting with Christingle, then a film called 'Why the Nativity?', and then our traditional carol service on Sunday 17 December. Since Christmas Eve was on Sunday we had the Sunday service, but did not hold a Christmas Day service.

### ***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 volunteer 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) is has a growing number of children attending each Sunday and we are presently maintaining two classes to cater for both key stage one and two and to a lesser extent with the aid of parents for early years. We continued to try and recruit volunteers which continues to be difficult. We break over the

Summer as this facilitates family holidays for both our leaders and families within the church.

#### *Youth Department*

**Pulse (Youth Group)** continued over the first half of 2023. Our Youth Pastor stepped down from July and so we have been unable to run a Friday Night Youth after the Summer break.

#### *Community Group*

**The Hive (Community Coffee Morning)** continues to run every Friday morning between 10 am and 12 pm with a good core of people attending. Occasionally they will have a lunch together as well which has been a great bonus for those attending.

#### *Life Groups & Prayer Group*

We broke up 2023 with a season of Life Groups running and then Prayer Group running, using the school half-terms and end-of-terms to change over. The Wednesday morning Life Group continue to run throughout the whole year only take breaks on school breaks and over the Summer.

#### *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. They continue to run very well often having some social times together, usually with food, as well at times of Bible Study and discussion.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Overview**

The charity has remained financially solvent through the generous giving of its members and supporters. We continue to pay off the church mortgage including over payment to reduce the loan term, and thus reduce interest 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 build 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

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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 2023

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: 15 October 2024**

Luke Silver HNC Business & Finance  
Accountancy Practitioner

25 Ellicombe Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 6DQ

**OASIS CHURCH****Report of the Trustees and the Church Council****For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023****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 31/10/2024



**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**

**15 October 2024**

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

**Accounting Statement: Receipts & Payments**  
**Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Incoming Resources from Donors	86,875	0	86,875	77,201
Missions	356	0	356	4,075
Church Activity Receipts	0	0	0	2,899
Misc	0	0	0	349
Investment Income	22	0	22	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,253</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87,253</b>	<b>84,526</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Administration (support costs)	1,851	0	1,851	1,981
Establishments (support costs)	33,248	0	33,248	27,081
Church Activity Costs (charitable objects)	3,395	0	3,395	6,535
Pastoral & Ministry (charitable objects)	52,963	0	52,963	54,366
Missions (charitable objects)	3,396	0	3,396	6,605
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94,853</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94,853</b>	<b>96,568</b>
		0	(7,600)	(12,042)

**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 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<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	7,254	0	7,254	2,134
Trust Deed A/c HSBC No 51202251	611	0	611	646
Money Master HSBC A/c 31206885	21,861	0	21,861	29,104
KBL Account No 512002	2,020	0	2,020	1,998
Missions A/c Lloyds TSB 0627364	2,174	0	2,174	2,059
Oasis Kids	1,708	0	1,708	3,111
Youth Account HSBC No 91224018	0	0	0	1,222
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>35,628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,628</b>	<b>40,274</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,045,970</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,045,970</b>	<b>1,050,616</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
KBL Mortgage	18,340	0	18,340	29,903
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,340</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,340</b>	<b>29,903</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>1,027,630</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,027,630</b>	<b>1,020,713</b>

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