

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1054404

Trustees' Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Charity details

Registered Charity Number

1054404

Address

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Trustees

David Food
KV Cherian
Leticia Hermoso De Abreu

Independent examiner

Douglas Quinton
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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Runnymede Christian Fellowship is a registered charity (no. 1054404) and is governed by a constitution adopted on 18 November 1993.

Trustees

The charity trustees throughout the year to 31 March 2024 and as at 31 March 2024 were:

David Food
KV Cherian
Leticia Hermoso De Abreu

Structure, governance and management

New trustees are selected by the leaders of the Runnymede Christian Fellowship who are then ratified by members of the Fellowship.

Objectives

The object of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and foretelling of the gospel of God.

Financial review

The charity's activities during the year were financed by gifts and donations received, related tax refunds, and facility services, which totalled £35,222 (2023: £34,385).

It is the policy of the trust not to retain significant reserves but to distribute income when appropriate recipients are identified.

Achievements and performance

Donations to selected individuals and organisations which are promoting the Christian faith in this country and abroad, amounted to £3,813 (2023: £4,149).

Fixed assets are used to generate income for the Fellowship and to help further the Christian faith within Staines and the local area.

Achievements and performance continued

Building upon the previous year's foundation laying, this year has been a year of establishing systems and processes and finding premises ready for the growth that has already started. The Virginia Lodge building is owned by Runnymede Borough Council, close to Egham Railway Station. It continues to be our base for ministry and our point of access for the Community, making the Church more accessible and visible to the Community. However, we have already identified a local venue to move to in the Autumn of 2024 to facilitate the next two seasons of growth.

The Church, its trustees and its leaders have focussed on the Church being more relevant, accessible and visible online and face-to-face; we are a blended Church with a real mixture of people, events and styles as we meet face-to-face and online. As a result, we have continued to invest in our growing global impact not only in Runnymede but in Surrey and beyond, a greater expression of Christ in our Digital Community and the physical Community we live in. We continue to grow the membership remotely and face-to-face, increasing in other regions beyond Surrey, bringing an increasing diversity to our meetings (now consisting of over 20 different nationalities).

Our connections with other Lifelinks Churches continue to grow stronger; we are working ever more closely with international links and liaising with Churches worldwide, particularly with Five Stones Impact. We also work with organisations and institutions in Egham on projects such as the Board Games Club, The Besom, and the Foodbank, as well as with local Churches for Easter and Christmas. We now find ourselves regularly on the High Street reaching out to those in the community. We see increasing levels of cooperation and fruitfulness as we reach together onto the Campus at Royal Holloway, with monthly term-time nights of worship.

Internationally, our primary areas of Mission are Uganda (through connections with Abba Fathers House), Ireland and Latin-speaking nations, and now increasingly other nations. There have been mission trips to Uganda and Belgium. Our Latin group gathers every week to facilitate a growing Spanish-speaking faith community; this will grow.

We are now preparing to take all our technology out of the building for the new Sunday Venue and are also growing our multiple worship teams; we now leverage multiple platforms to connect Facebook (500), YouTube (100), Twitter (110), Instagram (1150), LinkedIn (600), and our website (400). We continue to invest in online capabilities as we grow and reach across the globe through live streaming of services, online small groups, prayer meetings, sharing training materials, real-time translation and online sermon availability to mission partners worldwide. We are a lively international community and see new nations added to us monthly.

We see a growing impact on our local international Community, connecting with students, visitors, refugees, families, and commuters as our town's population becomes more global.

Future years are full of opportunity, with a continued intention to invest in people and the Community. We continue to upgrade and invest for future opportunities as we step into the fifth year of the leasehold of Virginia Lodge and look at releasing new ministries and activities online and in the new location, particularly in outreach, worship, and prayer.

Yours in His Service

The trustees confirm that these accounts comply with statutory requirements, the governing document and SORP - Accounting for Charities.



David Food
Trustee



Leticia Hermoso De Abreu
Trustee

17 January 2025
Date

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Independent examiner's report on the unaudited accounts to the trustees of RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I report on the accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the 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 the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of 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 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.



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17 January 2025
Date

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | |
| From voluntary sources: | | |
| Room rental | 2,629 | 3,588 |
| Gifts and donations | 26,965 | 24,410 |
| Inland Revenue - Gift Aid | 4,596 | 4,779 |
| Wages contribution | 1,032 | 1,608 |
| Account interest | 3,932 | 811 |
| Gross income | 39,154 | 35,196 |
| Payments | | |
| Charitable activity: | | |
| Gifts and donations | 3,813 | 4,149 |
| Outreach and mission | 942 | 1,696 |
| Youth and childrens work | 731 | 585 |
| Hope 42morrow | 445 | 183 |
| Worship | 2,003 | 1,636 |
| Leaders and other projects | 458 | 788 |
| Wages and personnel costs | 11,504 | 11,296 |
| | 19,896 | 20,333 |
| Building costs | | |
| Rent | 3,760 | 4,059 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 2,899 | 1,262 |
| Utilities | 3,680 | 1,878 |
| Online costs | 1,195 | - |
| Property insurance | 384 | 61 |
| | 11,918 | 7,260 |
| Management and administration: | | |
| Printing, postage and stationery | 936 | 446 |
| Website and online | 3,858 | 3,785 |
| IT and Computer equipment | 320 | 186 |
| Food and drink | 2,158 | 1,068 |
| General insurance | 961 | 793 |
| Telephone and internet | 748 | 606 |
| Sundry | 350 | 286 |
| Bank charges | 249 | 224 |
| Accountancy | 1,570 | 1,570 |
| | 11,150 | 8,964 |
| Total expenditure | 42,964 | 36,557 |
| Net (payments)/receipts for the year | (3,810) | (1,361) |
| Interest to Sheep Shed Buildings Account | (3,932) | (811) |
| Cash funds brought forward | 3,114 | 5,286 |
| Cash funds carried forward | (4,628) | 3,114 |
| Restricted Funds | 247,016 | 243,084 |

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2024

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Restricted Cash Balance | | |
| HSBC Savings Account | 79,841 | 82,291 |
| Kingdom Bank Account | 82,502 | 80,565 |
| Metro Instant Access | 81,080 | 80,228 |
| | <u>243,423</u> | <u>243,084</u> |
| Cash and bank | | |
| HSBC Main Account | 587 | 2,562 |
| HSBC Savings Account | - | 1,964 |
| Metro Main Account | 581 | 637 |
| Rental invoice debtors | 118 | - |
| HSBC Credit Cards | (767) | (577) |
| | <u>519</u> | <u>4,586</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors | 345 | 327 |
| Net Salaries | 835 | 771 |
| PAYE Q4 | 374 | 374 |
| Interest owed to restricted funds | 3,593 | |
| | <u>5,147</u> | <u>1,472</u> |
| Net Current Assets | <u>(4,628)</u> | <u>3,114</u> |
| Unrestricted funds carried forward | <u>(4,628)</u> | <u>3,114</u> |
| Restricted Funds carried forward | <u>247,016</u> | <u>243,084</u> |

We approve the accounts on pages 5 to 7 and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their compilation.



David Food
Trustee



Leticia Hermoso De Abreu
Trustee

17 January 2025
Date

RUNNYMEDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, which does not take into account accruals etc. nor movements in non-monetary assets, and in accordance with the SORP.

The accounts have also been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance "Accounting for the Smaller Charity" and comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Trustee remuneration and expenses

A trustee, D Food, received gross remuneration of £3,750 (2023: £3,750) for carrying out duties for the charity.

No other trustee or connected person received any remuneration from the charity.