



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

Charity name: South-East London Christadelphian Ecclesia

Charity registration number: 1057080

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian religion according to the Statement of Faith of the Dawn Christadelphian Fellowship. Facilitating collective worship and other activities for the benefit of its members including Sunday schools, and Bible studies. Organising preaching activities including Bible talks and seminars.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Throughout the year we have held weekly Sunday morning services at the Lee Bible Study Centre, in conjunction with "Zoom" for those members unable to attend in person.</p> <p>Our principal activities for the benefit and interest of the public were weekly Bible talks, seminars, and Bible study classes.</p> <p>We continued with our free distribution of the bi-monthly magazine 'Light on a New World' to our subscribers in the London area. It includes a number of topics on Bible related subjects. The magazine also offers a free Bible correspondence course and gives readers the opportunity to submit questions in relation to the articles published.</p> <p>We have maintained a website that lists our activities. This is updated regularly to include details of future Bible talks, seminars etc.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have read and paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in carrying out their activities and are satisfied that the Charity confers a public benefit.

Additional information

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making.	Para 1.38	The Charity has a policy of providing welfare assistance to members and their families in need subject to agreement by the trustees. The Charity also makes donations to members of the wider Dawn Christadelphian fellowship and their families in need both in the UK and overseas.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Para 1.38	The Charity has no paid ministry. All activities are carried out by volunteers including the trustees and other members of the Charity together with assistance from members of the wider Dawn Christadelphian fellowship.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Sunday evening Bible talks We continue to preach the Gospel in our locality and via "Zoom" to a much wider audience both in the UK and overseas. The programme for our Sunday evening Bible talks is changed annually with a view to maintaining and increasing attendance by Bible Students.</p> <p>Bible study classes We hold regular study classes on Wednesday evenings at the Lee Bible Study Centre which include a wide variety of Bible based subjects and these have been supported by our members and interested friends. The use of "Zoom" has enabled us to join with other groups in the Dawn Christadelphian Fellowship and share our limited resources more effectively.</p> <p>Seminars A number of Bible students benefited from attending our spring and autumn 2022 series of mid-week seminars.</p> <p>Overseas financial assistance During the year we have given financial assistance to overseas members of the Dawn Christadelphian community and their families in India, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>We have also made donations to a fund for Jews in Israel who are in need of financial support.</p> <p>Beth Ezra care home We have also given financial and other support to Beth Ezra, a Christadelphian care home in Purley, Surrey.</p>

		<p>Lee Bible Study Centre</p> <p>Although the building is over 100 years old, we endeavour to maintain it in a good state of repair. This year we incurred expenditure on repairs to the roof, guttering and boundary fencing. We have also purchased a quantity of folding chairs.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Fundraising activities		<p>A large part of our regular funding (49%) is derived from weekly Sunday bag collections. In addition, we received Gift Aid donations (17%) and other donations (27%). We also received Gift Aid tax refunds covering the tax years 2021/22 and 2022/23 of £5,850. A one-off legacy of £8,000 was received from the estate of a deceased member.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity has maintained a healthy financial position throughout the year and had sufficient reserves on 30 September 2023 to meet its ongoing commitments for the foreseeable future.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity's unrestricted Reserves are divided between the General Fund and the Building Fund. The Charity's policy which is reviewed annually, is to maintain minimum reserves of £9,000 on the General Fund. Any shortfall on the Building Fund will be made good by transfer from the General Fund.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The General Fund Reserve totalled £32,451 on 30 September 2023. This includes £11,184 held in the Building Fund which has been increased by a transfer of £75 per week from the General fund to cover regular maintenance of Linden Hall and future unseen repairs.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	Funds surplus to immediate requirements are invested in short-term bank deposits.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Elected by members to serve for two years

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is managed by a Committee of trustees supported by its members. The Charity is a member of a world-wide Christian fellowship called "The Dawn Christadelphians".
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South-East London Christadelphian Ecclesia
Other name the charity uses	Lee Bible Study Centre
Registered charity number	1057080
Charity's principal address	Linden Hall 15 Eltham Road London SE12 8ES


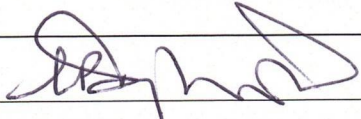
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	C P Dryland	Treasurer		The members
2	D J Evans	Assistant Secretary		The members
3	J G Giles	Secretary		The members
4	I J Lowe			The members
5	J M Rowland			The members

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Justin Graham Giles	Colin Peter Dryland
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	4 / 2 / 24	



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Charity Name

South East London Christadelphian Ecclesia

No (if any)

1057080

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

Period start date

01/10/2022

To

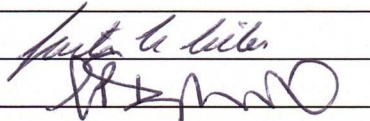
Period end date

30/09/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Collections for General Fund	561	-	-	561	631
Collections for Other Funds	-	9,443	-	9,443	9,144
Gift Aid donations	367	3,378	-	3,745	4,503
Other donations	971	4,580	-	5,551	3,918
Gift Aid - tax refund	526	5,324	-	5,850	-
Legacy	8,000	-	-	8,000	-
Miscellaneous income	376	-	-	376	250
Interest on deposits	555	-	-	555	227
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,356	22,725	-	34,081	18,673
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,356	22,725	-	34,081	18,673
A3 Payments					
Preaching activities	1,566	-	-	1,566	485
Fraternal meeting	604	-	-	604	641
Linden Hall expenses	6,427	-	-	6,427	3,013
Travelling expenses	565	-	-	565	110
Welfare	1,225	-	-	1,225	319
Miscellaneous expenses	700	-	-	700	805
Transfers to other funds	-	23,616	-	23,616	17,189
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,087	23,616	-	34,703	22,562
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment purchases	1,147	-	-	1,147	2,378
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,147	-	-	1,147	2,378
Total payments	12,234	23,616	-	35,850	24,940
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 878	- 891	-	- 1,769	- 6,267
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,329	1,196	-	34,525	40,792
Cash funds this year end	32,451	305	-	32,756	34,525

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	2,677	305	-
	Redwood Bank deposit accounts	29,774	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	32,451	305	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Land & Buildings		-	-
	Lee Bible Study Centre		-	-
	Linden Hall		-	-
	15 Eltham Road		-	-
	London SE12 8ES		-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			J G Giles C P Dryland	4/2/24 4/2/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

South East London Christadelphian Ecclesia

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1057080

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

5/2/2024

Name:

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).
