

SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

Trustees Report for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

The Shekinah Christian Church Penzance Trust (Shekinah Christian Church) is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 1059804. The Charity address is The Shekinah Centre, Penzance, Cornwall.

The charity trustees during the period were:

Nigel Clark – Treasurer
Elizabeth (Lib) Fleming
Amanda Turner
Crispian Blackbourn
Simon Longworth-Riggs - Chair

The original trustees were appointed at the formation of the charity and new trustees have been appointed by a resolution of the trustees.

The objects of the charity are to:

- A) advance the Christian faith in Penzance, Cornwall and other parts of the UK or the world.
- B) relieve persons who are in hardship or need, and who are aged or sick in Penzance, Cornwall and other parts of the UK or the world.
- C) promote and fulfil other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in Penzance, Cornwall and other parts of the UK or the world.

The charity is mostly dependent on contributions from its church partners to pay expenses, although amounts are received through Gift Aid refunds and also income from the various groups who access The Shekinah Centre, a building leased for the purpose of hosting church services and community events.

The charity is staffed by:

- one full time worker, who has overall responsibility in providing leadership and pastoral care for the members of the church;
- one part time worker employed to manage the centre and provide administrative support;
- one part time cleaner.

During the period of operation the Trustees have endeavoured to improve the support of the workers and will continue to do so as funds allow.

During the year the church continued to meet in The Shekinah Centre on a regular basis for teaching, worship and fellowship. The charity has paid for improvements to the internal décor of the building and The Trustees are committed to working with the

landlord to ensure the Centre is maintained in good order and that remedial works are carried out in a timely way.

The lease on the centre expired in March 2015 and the Trustees have continued to use the building in agreement with the landlord. The charity is in ongoing negotiation with the landlord regarding potential purchase of the building.

Members of the church, that are able, give varying levels of finance which in turn guides the levels of activities of the charity. However, the Designated Fund, where 10% of all unrestricted income is transferred to, has allowed the church to support local community projects, missions work overseas and other aid projects. The fund is supplemented by specific offerings in response to needs identified by the trustees, and also individual gifts.

A commitment to the Hope Project means that finance is focused firstly on this project before considering other areas of support.

In addition, a bank account processes payments in respect of the Hope Project. This project seeks to provide household items for needy people moving into accommodation, as well as the homeless who are being housed in the West Penwith area. In addition to money from the Designated Fund, the project is financed by gifts from individuals and various fundraising activities.

Simon Longworth-Riggs
Chair of Trustees

19th December 2023

Registered Charity Number 1059804

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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KRISTIN CAROL SIMMONS
ACCA 1299292

Signature: 

Date: 21/12/23

SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN CHURCH PENZANCE TRUST

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

MONETARY ASSETS

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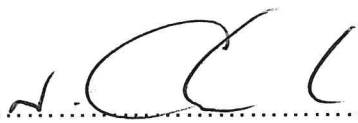
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Approved by the Trustees on


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12.1.24
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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- Cash	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
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	£253,771	£232,275
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Pension Policy Premiums	3,509	3,473
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Mileage	898	700
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Administration, Stationery and Literature	1,046	942
Refreshments	1,099	575
Website	1,213	1,532
Rent of Rooms etc.	17,004	17,004
Cleaning	492	217
Telephone	688	650
Leaders Expenses	556	195
Independent Examiners Fee	432	432
Children's Work and Youth Group	831	472
Welcome Bags	421	---
Speaker Expenses	---	1,214
Sundry Expenses	3,854	3,039
Technical	446	345
Utilities	2,716	2,812
Insurance	486	257
Centre Maintenance	2,200	1,465
Pastoral Expenses	439	288
Resources	86	75
Fun Day	2,703	--
Covid Compliance	---	53
	<u>107,165</u>	<u>93,130</u>

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- Cont/d -

<u>PAYMENTS (Cont/d)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Capital Expenditure</u>		
Head Set	---	529
Mac Cable	---	79
Dishwasher	---	3,300
iMac	---	1,249
Sail Flags	115	---
Bluetooth Speaker	129	---
	<u>244</u>	<u>5,157</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	107,409	98,287

Closing Balances	- Bank Accounts	146,062		133,688
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Saturday Gang	174		100
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		3,914	3,690
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Compassion	834		672
Ground Level	960		960
Stand By Me	<u>120</u>		<u>945</u>
		1,914	2,577

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Care International Tonga	---	500	
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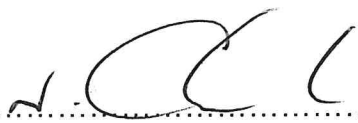
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