

PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

Portsmouth Christian Fellowship started the year meeting in the Drayton Centre every Sunday morning and sometimes during the week for various events, until the country went into 'lock down' on 23 March due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

George Aldridge continues as Elder and Pastor of the Fellowship and Chair of the Executive Committee. Also serving on the Committee are Dave Aldridge (Treasurer), Pauline Vind and Maggie Small (Secretary). The membership stands at 24. The A.G.M. due in May was postponed and unable to be held as gatherings were not allowed. A Zoom meeting was held on 25 November to update members.

Thankfully due to technology the Fellowship was able to keep going throughout the year. The Sunday morning service was live streamed on Facebook and through Zoom each week with other people joining us. There were times of worship on Facebook on a Sunday morning and in the week. A Zoom time of prayer and fellowship was held every Wednesday evening. In September a fortnightly Thursday morning Ladies Bible study started on Zoom and Alpha courses were held during the week on Zoom. The Executive meetings were held monthly on Zoom and folk kept in touch by telephone and email. For the children, a lesson was prepared by various leaders and activity packs were posted out to them each week. Then they were able to join in on a Messenger call together each Sunday morning. There were also Citywide Zoom prayer meetings held during the year.

At the start of the year, we were able to meet as normal and the usual activities and regular meetings kept us busy. On Sunday 19 January we welcomed Ishmael back for a family morning service and the Recovery Course relaunched on 14 January. Prayer meetings took place across the city and preparations for the J. John Just One event to be held in April. On Friday 14 February, Tony Pearce spoke at a P.W.M.I. meeting at South Road Church. The last social event before 'lock down' was a Curry Night at the Mowchak Restaurant on 11 March.

Sundays in July and August folk met together for picnics and fellowship in Drayton Park as the rules allowed. The Drayton Centre was unable to be used for meetings due to the roof and ceilings were being repaired but in July equipment was setup ready for when it can be used. In December a recording was made from various people singing carols and used in the Christmas service. To reach out to the local area 5000 Christmas cards were purchased and sent out with a leaflet about Alpha courses inside.

Although we were unprepared for the virus it has been a successful year possibly reaching a wider audience with the technology available. Clients from the A.N.A. Treatment Centre were happy to join in the Sunday morning Zoom service and Christmas services. We continued giving to our designated charities and other works including making the final payment to the Church in Uganda as photos showed the building work progressing.

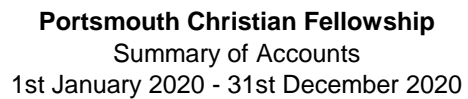
Our 26th year as a Fellowship was so different but we thank God for His faithfulness to us and keep looking to Him continually for His protection, provision and peace in these uncertain times.

Maggie Small

Secretary – Portsmouth Christian Fellowship

Income and Expenditure Account
1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

Income		£	£
	Offerings		169,696.25
	Interest		
	Church Income		169,696.25
	Gift Aid		
	Total Church Income		169,696.25
Expenses			
	Venue Hire	1,720.50	
	Office Rental	1,065.54	
	Hire Other		
	Salaries	12,030.76	
	Tax / NHI	3,079.44	
	Mileage	419.20	15,529.40
	Equipment		2,500.94
	Insurance		470.70
	Missions		14,810.00
	Printing		
	Books / Literature		169.58
	Advertising		
	Stationery		
	Church Phone		619.69
	Music		
	Youth Work		570.99
	Evangelism		290.46
	Catering		
	Needs / Helps		
	Benevolent Gifts		8,100.00
	Designated Gifts		2,042.00
	Transfer to Missions		
	Misc		1,873.63
			49,763.43
	Less Recovery Of Expenses		
	Designated Gifts		-115.00
	Recovered Costs		
	Evangelism		
	Other		
	Net Expenditure	49,648.43	49,648.43
	Income Less Net Expenditure		120,047.82
	Balance B/F 01/01/20		5,434.05
	Loan Repayment		0.00
	To Instant Access Account		0.00
	From Instant Access Account		
	To High Interest Account		0.00
	Balance C/F 01/01/21		125,481.87

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