



PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

Portsmouth Christian Fellowship continues to meet in the Drayton Centre every Sunday morning and sometimes during the week for various events. The Sunday morning services are live streamed on Facebook for people who are unable to attend in person. George Aldridge is Elder and Pastor of the Fellowship and Chair of the Executive Committee. Also serving on the Committee are Dave Aldridge (Treasurer), Caroline Bradshaw and Maggie Small (Secretary), with David Cole voted on at the A.G.M. on 18 September 2022. There are now 26 members.

The Fellowship has grown throughout the year with new families attending which has increased the number of children in the Kidz church to 20. Dave and Stephanie who lead the children's work in the Lower Hall said more space will be needed if they all happen to come every week. The Ladies Bible study group led by Christine on Zoom continued to meet and grow together every fortnight. The ladies in the Hands and Hearts group met every month in South Road church sharing tea and biscuits together whilst crocheting or knitting. The Recovery Course led by George and Caroline finished in June at Wymering Church and one started in September at the Church of the Good Shepherd. A new Discipleship course led by Christine Price started in Betsy Webb's house on September 13th and ran for 11 weeks finishing with a Chinese meal together on the last week. George and Christine ran Alpha courses during the year and some Saturdays Pauline was with Getch as they spoke to people outside the shops and handed out leaflets. Cosham High Street was the venue for joining with local churches for a Good Friday service and also for carol singing together in December.

Another evangelistic event was held at the Church of the Resurrection on 26 November when the singer Jonathon Vierra came with his band for an enjoyable evening of testimony and music. Also on June 19 there was an event in the afternoon for the children when Duggy Dug Dug came to the Drayton Centre with an entertaining science show. As a halloween alternative a Light party was held at the Drayton Centre for the children on 29 October. December as always was a busy month with two Hope Explored meetings at the Drayton Centre on the 6th and 13th. On Sunday 11th a Carol service was held in the afternoon with Bryn Howarth and was well attended. A small group went to Nightingale Court for the annual visit to sing carols on the 15th. We held our family Christmas service on the 18th and on Christmas Day a group went to the A.N.A. Treatment Centre for our usual Christmas service and giving of gifts to the clients

Throughout the year many of the A.N.A. clients have attended Sunday services and our visits to them on a Thursday continue. Another opportunity for our links with the community is opening up for us to be involved with a Hope into Action project. A house has been purchased for homeless people and through the charity Hope into Action the congregation can be involved in supporting this ministry. The first training day was on 20 September and quite a few people are interested in committing to this. On our 28 year anniversary the harvest offering was for food or cash donations which were given to our local Food Bank. After this service many folk stayed to enjoy a 'bring and share' meal together. We gave to our usual Missions again this year and also maintain giving at school holidays to support single parent families in the congregation.

We have had a few guest speakers during the year but mainly the preaching and teaching on a Sunday has been from George and sometimes Christine. At the A.G.M. George announced that he would be standing down as Pastor and Chair of the Executive Committee in July 2023 so it was decided to hold regular 'Way Forward' prayer meetings, the first one in November.



We now look forward with anticipation for new things happening next year with God leading us, because as Paul says in Philippians 4 v 19 & 20, 'and my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever (through the endless eternities of the eternities). Amen. (Amplified version)

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Maggie Small, Secretary.

Income and Expenditure Account
1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022

Income			£		£
	Offerings				25,264.44
	Interest				
	Church Income				25,264.44
	Gift Aid				
	Total Church Income				25,264.44
Expenses					
	Venue Hire		6,516.00		
	Office Rental		1,091.04		
	Hire Other				
	Salaries	12,031.06			
	Tax / NHI	3,007.40			
	Mileage	328.00	15,366.46		
	Equipment		829.55		
	Insurance		556.72		
	Missions		1,910.00		
	Printing				
	Books / Literature				
	Advertising				
	Stationery				
	Church Phone		799.38		
	Music		1,099.70		
	Youth Work		1,452.52		
	Evangelism		3,824.00		
	Catering		428.46		
	Needs / Helps		620.00		
	Benevolent Gifts				
	Designated Gifts				
	Transfer to Missions				
	Misc		216.96		
			34,710.79		
	Less Recovery Of Expenses				
	Designated Gifts				
	Recovered Costs				
	Evangelism		-469.08		
	Other				
	Net Expenditure		34,241.71		34,241.71
	Income Less Net Expenditure				-8,977.27
	Balance B/F 01/01/222				117,993.58
	Loan Repayment				0.00
	To Instant Access Account				0.00
	From Instant Access Account				
	To High Interest Account				0.00
	Balance C/F 31/12/22				109,016.31

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Summary of Accounts

1st January 2022 - 31st December 2022

		Income & Expenditure Account	Missions Account	Scottish Widows Instant Access Account	Total
Account Balances 31/12/21		117,993.58		65,865.16	183,858.74
Income		25,264.44			25,264.44
Expenditure		-34,241.71			-34,241.71
Interest				129.30	129.30
Loan Repayments					0.00
Transfers					0.00
Account Balances		109,016.31	0.00	65,994.46	175,010.77
Add Back Cheques Not Cashed	Cheque Number				
		109,016.31	0.00	65,994.46	175,010.77
Bank Statements 31/12/22		0.00	109,016.31	65,994.46	175,010.77

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Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Report of the Independent Examiner

This report on the financial statements of the Portsmouth Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2022 is in respect of an examination under S.144 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and you consider that an audit is not required for this year under S.144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act). It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act), and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The 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 considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Charities Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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: *Stephen Williams*

Name: **Stephen A Williams FCA**

Date: **13TH October 2023**