



Portsmouth Christian Fellowship Annual Report for Year Ending 31st December 2023

The Drayton Centre has been the main meeting place for the Church again this year, for the Church service every Sunday morning and for other celebratory events and meals. The service continues to be live streamed every Sunday morning. The AGM for Year Ending 2022 was held at the Drayton Centre after the morning Service on 8th October 2023. George Aldridge continued to lead as Chair of the Executive Committee and as Elder and Pastor until 31st July 2023 when he stood down from these positions. Samuel Ball was appointed and welcomed as the new Pastor on 13th November 2023. Dave Aldridge, Treasurer, Maggie Small, Secretary, David Cole, Caroline Bradshaw, Robbie Porter and Nonso Okeckukwu continue to serve on the Executive Committee. They agreed as Trustees that they would accept and share the practical and spiritual responsibilities for PCF during the transition period, with David Cole & Dave Aldridge acting as temporary chair of the charity. The monthly business and prayer meetings increased during the year as 'Way Forward' and members meetings for the 38 members were held to enable planning and voting on moving forward for the fellowship after July. South Road Church was the venue for most of these meetings.

After much discussion, prayer meetings and questionnaire to complete, a sub-committee team was set up and they worked together diligently to produce the PCF Vision, Mission & Core Values Statement. Once completed, it was agreed by all members to advertise for a Pastor, and from the applications received it was planned for the Executive Team to interview the only suitable one, Samuel Ball. After a very successful interview and further meetings with Sam and his wife Gemma, sharing at members meetings and preaching at a Sunday service, Sam was appointed as Pastor and Chair of the Charity, and appropriate contracts and documents were processed, agreed and signed.

Throughout this intense and busy year, the regular meetings and activities have continued to be held in the city. Alpha courses were at George & Christine's house and Ladies Bible Study with Christine fortnightly on zoom. Jenny Edney and ladies met together monthly for the 'Hands & hearts' ladies craft group. Sunday lunch club was on the third Sunday each month for those who wanted to meet after the morning service and enjoy time together over a pub lunch. People met at Betsy Webb's house for the Discipleship course and the team of 'Befrienders' for the Hope into Action house got more involved with meeting and helping the tenants in the house. Also, serving in the community, George & Robbie Porter continued to visit the ANA Treatment Centre in the week to encourage the clients. More clients attend the Sunday services now and it is a privilege to see God working in their lives. Also another area of growth that brought joy was to see the expanding Kidz Church led by Dave & Stephanie. The numbers attending have grown to 30 on the books and although not all attend together each week, eventually we may require a bigger building. Some events the children enjoyed were, a Light Party in October, family service led by Ishmael, and their Christmas Party.

On 25th July, PCF held a retirement event for a celebration party for George & Christine with buffet dinner and entertainment from the Christian comedian Steve Legg. It was attended by most Fellowship members and invited guests of George & Christine. The final Sunday morning service with George & Christine was on Sunday 30th July 2023, and they invited guests and folk connected to ANA over the years to come to the service. There were prayers, thanks and a gift from a collection within the church for them and a meal made by Melita to share together after. The Leadership Team oversaw the running and life of PCF until November. An induction service was held for Sam & Gemma on Sunday 19th November with formal induction prayers led by Dave, communion and refreshments afterwards for their guests and the congregation. On December 10th, a larger group from PCF went to the Churchillian Pub for a Christmas lunch together after the service.



The preaching during the year was mainly from George & Christine with various inputs from Nonso Okeckukwu, Reg Bradshaw, David Cole & Getch Agegn Alemu with others from the congregation stepping in to preach during the transition period. Also, some of the others invited to speak were Steve Macfarlane and Steve & Hilary Woods. From November, Sam preached and led worship and services. Also Christmas Carol Services and the Christmas Day at ANA where those who were able to, visited for a Carol Service and to bless the clients and give them gifts. We continued to give a percentage of the income to the Missions we support. Much appreciation and grateful thanks go to all those who work hard to faithfully support and look after PCF, week in and week out. Now, after 30 years of George & Christine's dedication, love and leadership, we look forward to 'Chapter 2' with Sam & Gemma. It is an exciting time for us, as God says in Isaiah 43 verse 19, 'Behold I am doing a new thing.'

Maggie Small .

Maggie Small, Secretary

Income and Expenditure Account
1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023

Income			£		£
	Offerings				33,416.38
	Interest				
	Church Income				33,416.38
	Gift Aid				
	Total Church Income				33,416.38
Expenses					
	Venue Hire		10,284.75		
	Office Rental		415.94		
	Hire Other				
	Salaries	11,175.46			
	Tax / NHI	2,005.00			
	Mileage	229.60	13,410.06		
	Equipment		1,059.45		
	Insurance		544.11		
	Missions		1,180.00		
	Printing				
	Books / Literature		33.58		
	Advertising		879.54		
	Stationery				
	Church Phone		805.80		
	Music		564.52		
	Youth Work		1,050.65		
	Evangelism		800.36		
	Catering		891.63		
	Needs / Helps		1,779.71		
	Benevolent Gifts		750.00		
	Designated Gifts		360.00		
	Transfer to Missions				
	Misc		825.96		
			35,636.06		
	Less Recovery Of Expenses				
	Designated Gifts				
	Recovered Costs				
	Evangelism				
	Other		-335.00		
	Net Expenditure		35,301.06		35,301.06
	Income Less Net Expenditure				-1,884.68
	Balance B/F 01/01/223				109,016.31
	Loan Repayment				0.00
	To Instant Access Account				0.00
	From Instant Access Account				
	To High Interest Account				0.00
	Balance C/F 31/12/23				107,131.63

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Summary of Accounts

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

		Income & Expenditure Account	Missions Account	Scottish Widows Instant Access Account	Total
Account Balances 31/12/22		109,016.31		65,994.46	175,010.77
Income		33,416.38			33,416.38
Expenditure		-35,301.06			-35,301.06
Interest				742.47	742.47
Loan Repayments					0.00
Transfers					0.00
Account Balances		107,131.63	0.00	66,736.93	173,868.56
Add Back Cheques Not Cashed	Cheque Number				
		107,131.63	0.00	66,736.93	173,868.56
Bank Statements 31/12/23		0.00	107,131.63	66,736.93	173,868.56

PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Report of the Independent Examiner

This report on the financial statements of the Portsmouth Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31 December 2023 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: 8TH October 2024