

## TRUSTEES REPORT 2022

E F Brown (Chair) – C Brown (Treasurer) – R Atkin - L C Power – S J Robinson – A Tickle

**Charity no 1079714**

### **General Management**

The trustees continue to be closely involved in the affairs and management of the church. They met formally five times during the year.

The Trustees have focused their efforts as follows:

Safeguarding and staff matters

Engagement with the South Cheltenham Council – Co-opted by Vicar as required

Representatives at the BMO Visitor's Council of Reference Meeting – co-opted by the vicar

Working together with Emmanuel Church – sealing our partnership for the next 5 years.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Rebecca Atkin to our board of trustees.

All the trustees have completed 'Safeguarding' training provided by the Gloucester Diocese.

We continue to work together with Emmanuel Church, meeting in the Emmanuel building and sharing our vicar and their facilities. This arrangement has now been extended for five years; our vicar Sarah has been licensed as vicar of Emmanuel Church in addition to being our vicar.

We continue to be an integral part of the South Cheltenham Team and enjoy an excellent working relationship with the leaders and members of the other churches in our area.

### **Finance**

The treasurer attends trustee meetings and keeps the trustees up to date on all financial matters.

Giving was much the same as the previous year, but overall income at £79212 was higher (£1300)

due mainly to designated giving for Ukraine following the start of the war. We sent £2000 to the DEC Ukraine appeal. Expenses were almost identical at £74233 giving a balance on 31st December 2022 of £29383.11

We continue to have been pay the Diocese £500 less per month to cover Sarah's salary. By changing the reserves policy, we have been able to make a number of extra payments to the Diocese to bring CNC up to date with its commitment as at the end of December 2022. The trustees and treasurer will review things regularly with a view to returning to paying the diocese the required monthly amount as soon as we can but in the meantime the adhoc payments ensure we are not running up any debt to the Diocese.

As a matter of good financial governance, CNC aims to have reserves of at least £20,000. In addition, we have over £9400 in the Building Fund.

The trustees are regularly looking at expenditure and are working on a more formal budget going forward.

The annual accounts for 2022 have been independently examined and approved by the Trustees.

The church has a policy of giving away 10% of our annual income to other charitable causes that come within the objects of the Trust.

## **Ethiopia**

We have finished supporting Ethiopia as a separate wing of our charitable work; the account was closed off and the final sum of £1836 was sent to a similar charity supporting Christian work in Ethiopia.

## **Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that the general guidance on public benefit given by the Charity Commission has been duly considered and that the charity has complied with its duty to have due regard to public benefit. In particular this is seen in several activities:-

- We continue to financially support a local family organisation called 'Family Space'. It provides many services for disadvantaged families and works in partnership with Cheltenham YMCA. Two of our members also work regularly for them.
- We made monetary donations and food to local food banks including the Mayor's charity.
- We made monetary donations to local charities; for example: mental health and young people's charities plus Street Pastors. One of our members also volunteers with our local Christians against Poverty group.
- Three members of the church take a regular part in the work of the "Street Pastors" in Cheltenham. This involves being out on the streets on week-end nights to care for many young people to get them home safely. This had to be suspended due to the pandemic but started up in the Summer.
- A "marriage preparation course" has not been run this year but it is envisioned that we will run one such course each year. It was open to all but mainly for those with little or no church background.
- An 'Alpha' course for those seeking to learn more about the Christian faith was held in the autumn via Zoom. It was open to all but mainly for those with little or no church background.
- The church services, children's work and other meetings are open to all and enable individuals and families to have a greater sense of well being and be in community with one another.
- Various Networks have commenced such as a cycling, hiking and more are starting up in the future which are open to all and the main aim is to reach non-church members.
- Together with Emmanuel we run events such as a weekly toddler group which are open to all.
- We hold occasional social events for local 20s and 30s; this is open to all.
- We run popular youth groups both during Sunday mornings and on a weekday evening. These are open to all. On a Sunday morning it is for ages 11-18 and on a weekday there are two - one for 11-15 and one for 16-19s.
- At Christmas, we ran outreach services at a local school and at Church for all; additionally, we sang carols at a local pub.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'fBrown'. The 'f' is lowercase and the 'Brown' is in a cursive script.

Mrs E F Brown  
(Chair of Trustees)

# CHELTENHAM NETWORK CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF FINANCES YEAR ENDED 31.12.2022

BALANCE AT 31.12.2021 £24,404.33 note 1

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
NON GIFT AID	2699.00		4895.00
GIFT AID	53905.00		50145.00
TAX RECLAIMED	13692.50	note 2	13525.00
BANK INTEREST	176.57		72.87
CHARITIES AID DONATION	3240.00		3940.00
NETWORKS	1514.19		
DESIGNATED GIFTING	3448.98		
SUNDRIES	536.00		370.00

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### PAYMENTS

EVENTS	0.00		86.49
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	8142.00		8156.80
CONFERENCES/TRAINING	0.00		0.00
EQUIPMENT	333.14		118.52
MISSION/NETWORKS	2034.00		460.00
DONATIONS - GENERAL	4170.00		6270.00
ETHIOPIA	1836.19		480.00
YOUTH WORK	4761.13		6994.55
OFFICE COSTS	1770.36		145.61
MUSIC & VIDEO LICENSE	284.09		269.17
RENT	0.00		150.00
INSURANCE	330.48		329.51
SUNDRIES	258.32		1205.15
PARISH SHARE	46960.00		49500.00
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## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

**1. Represented by:**

Current Account CAF	£1,115.87
Virgin Money	£8,288.46
Shawbrook Bank	£15,000.00
	<b>£24,404.33</b>

**2. Tax reclaimable in due course at 31.12.2022 Gen.fund £1,153.75**

**3. The following accounts are also held :**

		31.12.21	receipts	31.12.22
a) Building Fund account	CAF	£1,416.02	£5.42	£1,421.44
	S'brook	£8,000.00	0.00	£8,000.00

**4. DONATIONS ARE SHOWN BELOW**

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LAKESIDE FOODBANK	£250 FAMILY SPACE	£1,200
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**5. The book value of assets at 31. 12. 2022 was £535**  
**Insurance value was £6,227**

**I have examined the books,vouchers & bank statements of Cheltenham Network Church in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 & certify that the statements of finances are true & accurate records of the accounts for the year ending 31st December,2022**

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**D.PALMER**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**C.R.HUGHES**  
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