



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023 Period start date To 31st December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Brighton Alliance Church

Charity registration number: 1080485

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Promote the Christian faith within the local Chinese community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Offering weekly Sunday worship, Bible study groups, Sunday school, Youth fellowship, Baptism ceremonies, events celebrating Chinese festivals to encourage participation of the local community.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have read and will have regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when carrying out activities when relevant.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Gathering for Sunday worship and Bible study – building Christian faith and values of members whilst improving bonding and group support within the congregation.</p> <p>Raising Fellowship between BAC and local University students, running joint activities to welcome and support new students from Hong Kong & China to Brighton to enhance their experience.</p> <p>Outreaching to local Chinese communities via gatherings at the church for Chinese festivals such as Dragon Boat, New Year, Mid-Autumn along with our BAC Church anniversary. Thus, help build up the sense of the belonging of the various ethnic groups within the local community and as part of UK society as a whole.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Comfortably solvent with funds to cover budgeted needs whilst saving for longer term goals.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Building and Pastoral Funds held for own future premises & Pastor. General Fund - hold for day to day running costs - c2yrs after COVID19 lockdown experience.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Building all £92,925; Pastoral all £22,375; General £28,000 within total £60,600
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The majority of BAC funding comes from weekly Sunday offerings along with monthly and periodic online personal offerings from the congregation.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Written Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	When BAC members are appointed to the Management Committee - see below - they also agree to taken on the responsibilities of being a trustee of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The BAC is governed by a Management Committee in line with our constitution. Members are appointed at the BAC Annual General Meeting for a usual period of two years from within the congregation and voted for by regular members of the congregation.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The BAC is an Associate Member of the Chinese Alliance Churches Union (CACU) which offers guidance and support as well opportunities to interact with other congregations within the UK and beyond.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Brighton Alliance Church (BAC)
Other name the charity uses	formerly Brighton Chinese Christian Church (prior Sep 2022)
Registered charity number	1080485
Charity's principal address	c/o Mrs Gloria L Y Porter (Treasurer) 54 Ring Road Lancing West Sussex BN15 0QE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gloria L Y Porter	Treasurer		Congregation at AGM
2	Kwok Fai Wong	Pastor		Congregation at AGM
3	Mei Po Mabel Tong	Secretary		Congregation at AGM
4	Suk Ching Tong			Congregation at AGM
5	Wing Sze Cheung		01 Oct 2023 ongoing	Congregation at AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

n/a

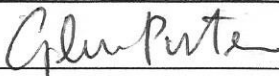
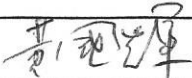
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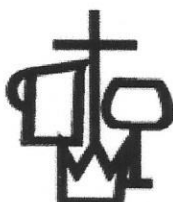
Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gloria Lin Ying Porter	Kwok Fai Wong
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Pastor

Date 



Brighton Alliance Church

(Charity Register no.1080485)

2023 Financial Report

Capital	Opening Balance-Jan	Closing Balance-Dec
General Fund	47159.47	60591.07
Building Fund	92929.82	92929.82
Pastoral Fund	21301.62	22389.12
	161390.91	175910.01
Closing Balance		175910.01
Opening Balance		161390.91
		14519.10
	PLUS 31st Dec monies to bank in new year 2024	249.42
		14768.52
Income: General Fund	inc £249.42 not yet banked	26835.66
Gift Aid		664.71
Barclays Apologies		75.00
Funds(Interest)		1087.50
	Total:	28662.87
Total Income:	inc £249.42 not yet banked	28662.87
Total Expenditure:		13894.35
	Church fund growth:	14768.52

NB Chq 101097 dated 30th Oct 2022 £100 bfwf Expense from 2022 not presented at bank, due to age no longer valid and not included in 2023 figures.

Approved & Signed:

Treasurer:

Pastor:

Date:

6/10/2024

BRIGHTON ALLIANCE CHURCH

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the financial statements of Brighton Alliance Church for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"), and to consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006, does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine accounts under section 43 of the Act, as amended, to follow procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees 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

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Act.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Olaoluwa Baikie 15th October 2024
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