

PRESTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

The Church committee consists of the Chairman and four elected members and held regular meetings during the financial year.

The committee makes decisions on the running of the church. The church focuses on serving the local Chinese, Mandarin speaking Chinese families from China, outreach evangelism to takeaways, and make donations to various Christian Organisations.

This year continues to be a year of changes, many Hong Kong BNOs have made the church their home for worship. The congregation has grown, almost double the size. With the growth, there are challenges and we are thankful the newcomers have participated in daily worships as well as Sunday teachers.

Sunday school

Sunday school classes for some children 11 to 13 continued on Saturdays and held through Whatsapp online and we thank the Sunday school teacher for her dedication. This continued to be well received by both parents and Sunday school children. The number of Sunday school children has increased and we are thankful for newcomers help.

Bible study Groups

We now have a prayer meeting group and 3 Bible study groups. We continue to use Zoom as a preferred platform outreaching to a larger membership. The establishment of a weekly group 16.9 to serve the Hong Kong members is extremely welcomed and participants enjoyed the sharing not only of the gospel but also daily needs.

Donations

We continue to make donations to various Christian organisations this financial year.

Pastor Leadership

The pastoral partnership with COCM ended on 31 March 2023 and during the year the church ceased to have a Pastor. We are pleased that Pastor Yuen continue to provide preaching and Bible studies to the congregation on an as needed basis. The Sunday preaching is supplemented with external guest pastors and our own brothers. It is the aim to seek a suitable Pastor to lead the church.

The Committee had been working hard to amend/ update the church constitution and elected brother Zimin Wu as the church Elder. We look forward to his guidance and help to shape the future of the church.

Under the revised constitution, the committee has now been renamed as the Deacon board.

Church Advisors

Elder Eric Chan from Liverpool Chinese Gospel Church was reappointed as one of two church advisors and we thank him for his valuable support and advice. We also thank Rev Gary Wong from Manchester Chinese Christian Church, our second Advisor and we look forward to his guidance in ministering and administration of the church.

Financial status

There have been no major changes to the investment portfolio. There is sufficient cash reserves in the current bank account for the ongoing banking requirements.

Future

The church looks to the future with optimism and continue to maintain its enthusiasm in helping to spread the gospel to the Chinese community in Preston, Blackpool, Morecambe and Blackburn.

Mr KK Gypsy Lam Secretary to the Church

Ms Vicky Cheng Chairman to the Church

Date 1 July 2024

PRESTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 March 2024****INCOME**

	£	
Sunday offering	14177	
Monthly offering	15407	
IR Charities repayments	950	
GADS charities repayments	2000	
Other Income	1112	
Bank Interest	133	
TOTAL	33779	33779

EXPENDITURE

ANNUAL GIFTS;		
COCM LONDON	550	
Herald Europe	500	
Chinese Christian Mission USA	665	
Shower of Blessing	577	
Creation TV Ministry	1155	
Sub TOTAL	3447	3447

OTHER EXPENDITURES

Rents	3340	
Gift to Speakers	9700	
Other expenditures	2189	
Insurance	181	
Sub TOTAL	15410	15410

TOTAL	18857	18857
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INCOME LESS EXPENDITURE		14922
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NatWest Bank Current acc	2036	
NatWest deposit acc	11256	
Reserves and fixed deposits	219927	
Total assets at 31.3.2024	233219	

Certified Correct

Treasurer: Wai Kee Leung

Assistant Treasurer: Joce Wan

Auditor: Zimin Wu

01-Nov-24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Preston Chinese Christian Church Trust

Charity Registration No. 1086431

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2024**, which are set out below;

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 2011 Act; and

- ☐ to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Name: Mr Zimin Wu

Relevant professional qualification or body: PhD

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Date: 1st November 2024