

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

Charity Name: **SOUTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Also known as: SCCC

Registered charity number: 1087945

Charity's principle address

The Chapel
Ancasta Road
Southampton
Hampshire
SO14 6SL

Name of Trustees

Dr Tat Shing Yam
Mr Ho Lee Wong
Mr Erik Hu

Governing document Constitution adopted 6 July 2001

The charity is constituted by Trust

Trustee selection method

Candidates must be 18 years of age or over and are members of the SCCC and have demonstrated over a sufficient length of time that they are faithful and spiritually mature members of the body of Christ. Existing trustees can nominate new trustees for election at the SGM or AGM.

Policies and Procedures

There is a safe-guarding policy (updated in May 2022) in place. We carried out DBS check for all Youth group / Sunday School teachers and helpers. These checks will be renewed every three years as recommended.

Ongoing review of the health and safety issues including COVID-19 policy to ensure all statutory requirements and standards are met and aligned with the UK government guidance.

Objectives of the charity

I. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Chinese, primarily but not exclusively, in Southampton and its surrounding areas.

2. To provide a spiritual home for Christians and to care for their spiritual welfare.
3. To equip Christians for service
4. To collaborate with other Christian churches or organisations.
5. To relieve those in need, hardships and distress

Church Vision

By God's grace, we will become a living and outreaching church

Highlights of 2022-23

Currently our congregation mostly comprises immigrants from Hong Kong, Chinese students from the university, some local Chinese and non-Chinese people. We have been renting from Portwood church for our Sunday afternoon service, Children Sunday School and outreach events for over twenty years. To accommodate the increasing number of Cantonese speaking people among our congregation, Cantonese Sunday morning service and Cantonese Children Sunday School has been relocated from our church centre to a much larger venue at the Richard Taunton Sixth Form College in June 2022. Youth group meetings regularly took place at church centre on alternate Sunday afternoons. Occasionally, children and youths may also have their additional activities on Saturday or weekdays at Portwood Church and church centre. During the week there are as many as twenty regular meetings such as bible studies, fellowships, cell groups and family group meetings taking place at various locations including church centre, University of Southampton, as well as brothers and Sisters own homes.

Since the pandemic we had our first church retreat at Hill House Christian Centre Otterhampton in April 2022. The theme of this retreat was 'together we build up soldiers of Gospel' and it was attended by eighty people. During this twelve month period there were two baptismal services where a total of eight brothers and sisters were baptised into our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, another fifteen brothers and sisters applied to become members of SCCC.

Weekly Wednesday online prayer meetings and online adult Sunday school courses were continued to complement various church ministries and sustain the spiritual growth of brothers and sisters in Christ. There were a total 74 brothers and sisters signed up for seven different adult Sunday School courses.

SCCC continues to care for the spiritual needs of the new immigrants from Hong Kong but also provides practical support to help them settle down in Southampton and its neighbouring areas.

Financial review

Our principal sources of funds are from members of the church. There is no outside fundraising. The key expenditures for this year include the rental cost for our Sunday meeting venue, staff salary and wages, as well as financial support to the external Christian Mission organisations and our mission partners. We also donate to other charity organisations for the relief of natural disasters and the local homeless. The

charity employs one part-time worker for the children ministry, one half-time pastoral worker in training and one full-time pastor.

The general fund includes a reserve of one year of staff salary, pensions and operating expenses to ensure that the trustees are able to respond to any unexpected changes in income and expenditure.

The charity has no deficit.

The charity has a property as Church Centre which was purchased in December 2016.

All trustees are volunteers and do not receive any remuneration or other benefits from the charity.

Prepared by

Dr Tat Shing Yam

Trustee
Chairman of SCCC Management Committee

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR FROM 1st APRIL 2022 - 31st March 2023

CHARITY COMMISSION REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087945

		2022/23	2021/22
<u>General Fund</u>	Note	£	£
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
General Fund		86,886	64,015
Bank interest		738	671
Gift Aid Tax Refund		12,687	14,566
TOTAL RECEIPTS		100,312	79,252
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Rent for church meetings		19,227	6,624
Pastor 's accommodation rental cost		9,900	9,900
Speaker Fee		3110	1,390
Salary and tax		32,354	26,241
Contribution to Workplace Pension		621	413
DBS Check		350	411
Bibles & books		395	205
Courses			634
Insurance		660	614
Music Licence		830	500
Sundry payments	1	1,798	2,579
Donation to other charities	2	500	10,500
General expenses in Church Centre	3	3,109	1,104
Children and Youth ministry	4	629	333
Outside Mission Support	5	11,400	6,380
Church events	6	2,409	2,571
TOTAL PAYMENTS		87,292	70,398
BALANCE of General Fund this period		13,020	8,854
ADD balanced fund b/f from last year 21/22		107,732	98,879
LESS transferred to Reserved Fund			
Balance of General Fund @31/03/2023		120,752	107,732

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<u>CHURCH CENTRE FUND</u>	2022/23 £		2021/22 £
Offering received			3,000
Less:			
Repair & Renewal			597
Capital Expenses for Church Centre			
BALANCE of Church Centre Fund this period	0		2,403
Add Retained fund from last year 21/22	26,683		24,280
Balance of Church Centre fund @31/03/2023	26,683	B	26,683
Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2022	50,000		50,000
Balance of Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2023	50,000	C	50,000
TOTAL FUND @31/03/2022	197,435	A+B+C	183,515

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Total income for the year	100,312		82,252
Total expenditure for the year	87,292		70,995
Total Net gain for the year	13,020		11,257
Add Balance b/f from last year 21/22	183,515	D	173,158
Balance Fund for this year 22/23	197,435		184,415

Allocation of funds @31/03/2023

General Fund	120,752	A	107,732
Church Centre Fund	26,683	B	26,683
Reserved Fund	50,000	C	50,000
TOTAL FUND	197,435		184,415

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2022/23		2021/22	
Assets				
	£		£	
Church Centre building	166,250		166,250	
Legal and survey fee	2,176		2,176	
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	7,787		7,787	
Improvement to Property	<u>39,956</u>	216,169	<u>39,956</u>	216,169
Deposit accounts	80,000		80,000	
Bank current account	120,752		104,415	
Cash in hand	<u>-</u>	197,435	<u>-</u>	184,415
		<u>413,604</u>		<u>400,584</u>
Liabilities		0		0
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
NET Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>413,604</u>		<u>400,584</u>

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ACCOUNT FROM 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023

Notes on Accounts

1	Sundry payments	Baptism gifts	£67
		Bible seminar	£231
		Communion cups	£408
		Flowers for remembrance	£220
		Morning service other costs	£652
		SAGE(Payroll system)	£101
		S C N (Southampton church network-subscription)	£120
			£1,798
2	Donations to other charities	St James Homeless	£500
3	General Expenses of Church Centre	Broadband	£251
		Cleaning	£90
		Electricity & Gas	£1,268
		Annual gas safety with boiler service and boiler repair	£246
		Waste collection	£938
		Water	£316
			£3,109
4	Children and Youth ministry	Other teaching materials	£110
		Sunday school materials	£218
		Urban Saints - teaching materials (£21 per month)	£252
		Youth group costs	£49
			£629
5	Outside Mission Support	Andrew Weighill	£600
		Carol Forbes	£1,200
		Chong Sheng Duan	£1,800
		GLO-BLESS	£300
		AFC	£2,000
		CCCHC	£500
		COCM	£4,000
		Friends International	£1,000
			£11,400
6	Church events	CCF weekend away	£478
		Church retreat	£1,323
		Enoch fellowship outing	£310
		Summer kids event	£6
		Ladies fellowship outing	£83
		MCF fellowship costs	£209
			£2,409



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SOUTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST MARCH 2023

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: *A Khan*

Date: 28/01/2024

Name: Asif Khan

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address: 26 Kent Avenue, Slough, SL1 3AA

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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