

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

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 August 2025) 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.

Objectives of the charity

1. 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 an outreaching church

Highlights of 2024-25

2024 witnessed an exciting beginning of the second phase of our church vision – Growth – so that SCCC would become a living and an outreaching church. The growth of our church community was based on various fellowships and home groups which provided a platform for training, learning to live as one body in Christ, promoting spiritual growth and preparing for gospel sharing. There were eleven fellowships and ten home groups that met regularly at various locations, such as church centre, university campus as well as brothers' and sisters' home. As part of phase two strategy, a new Mission department was formally established in October 2024 and led by Pastor Henry to facilitate outreach and to mobilise resources and manpower for evangelism activities. There were two hobby groups, table tennis and gardening, taking place regularly to reach out to those non-believers. An alpha course on parenting children was launched at a local Chinese School and well received by the parents.

Cantonese Sunday morning service, Children Sunday School and Youth group continued to take place at the Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. On average there were about 190 people attending the morning session each Sunday. The multi-lingual afternoon service remained at Portswood Church and the average attendance was about 70 people on each Sunday afternoon. There were also Children Sunday School and Youth group in the afternoon session. However, the main language was English.

In June we were visited by a group of Christian singers from Hong Kong and with our musicians they held a successful musical evangelism meeting which were attended by over 250 people despite power outage.

SCCC had the whole church summer retreat at Pioneer Centre, Northampton in July 2024. The theme of this retreat was 'Love God deeper' and it was attended by over eighty people.

In partnership with OM (Operation Mobilisation) our first Short Mission Team of eight brothers and sisters led by Pastor Henry and Irene visited Warsaw Refugee Camp in August.

In January 2025, our staffing team were joined by two new pastors, Gavin and Karen Li, a missionary couple who were seconded to SCCC by COCM (Chinese Overseas Christian Mission). Gavin and Karen will be involved in our second generation and campus ministries.

During these twelve months period, there were two baptismal services where a total of five brothers and seven sisters were baptised into our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, another eleven 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.

SCCC continues to care for the spiritual needs of the new immigrants from Hong Kong but also provides practical support, such as a series of mental health talk and English speaking classes, 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 or donation from outside organisation. 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. The charity employs one part-time worker for the children ministry, one part-time pastoral worker in training and one full-time pastors.

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

The charity has a property as Church Centre at Ancasta Road Southampton 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

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	Note	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<u>General Fund</u>			
RECEIPTS		115,440	91,420
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Rent for church meetings		23,445	19,316
Pastor 's accommodation rental cost		-	9,900
Speaker Fee		4,050	2,863
Salary and tax		56,741	35,589
Contribution to Workplace Pension		2,111	1,767
DBS Check		600	133
Bibles & books		1,013	345
Courses		88	498
Insurance		834	740
Music Licence		391	375
Sundry payments	1	4,382	2,366
Donation to other charities	2	300	2,400
General expenses in Church Centre	3	3,417	1,935
Children and Youth ministry		441	168
Outside Mission Support	4	11,214	18,919
Church events	5	7,267	9,801
TOTAL PAYMENTS		116,294	105,522
BALANCE of General Fund this period		-854	-15,695
ADD balanced fund b/f from last year 23/24		106,650	120,752
LESS transferred to Reserved Fund			
Balance of General Fund @31/03/2025		105,796	106,650

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	2024/25		2023/24
<u>CHURCH CENTRE FUND</u>	£		£
Offering received	-		-
Less:			
Repair & Renewal	877		1,593
Capital Expenses for Church Centre			-
BALANCE of Church Centre Fund this period			-1,593
Add Retained fund from last year 23/24	25,090		26,683
Balance of Church Centre fund @31/03/2025	24,213	B	25,090
Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2025	50,000		50,000
Balance of Reserved Fund @ 31/03/2025	50,000	C	50,000
TOTAL FUND @31/03/2025	180,009	A+B+C	181,740

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Total income for the year	115,440		91,420
Total expenditure for the year	117,171		105,522
Total Net gain/loss for the year	-1731		-15,695
Add Balance b/f from last year 23/24	181,740	D	197,435
Balance Fund for this year 24/25	180,009		181,740

Allocation of funds @31/03/2025

General Fund	105,796	A	106,650
Church Centre Fund	24,213	B	25,090
Reserved Fund	50,000	C	50,000
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2024/25		2023/24	
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	150,000		80,000	
Bank current account	30,009		101,740	
	<u> </u>	180,009	<u> </u>	181,740
		<u>396,178</u>		<u>397,909</u>
Liabilities		0		0
NET Assets/(Liabilities)		<u>396,178</u>		<u>397,909</u>

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Notes on Accounts

1	Sundry payments	church gifts	130
		Communion cups	142
		ear monitors	592
		mic stand	40
		misc	7
		mother day gifts	34
		Music book stand	18
		PA accessories	68
		Piano	658
		Printer ink	60
		S C N (Southampton church network)	120
		SAGE(Payroll system)	134
		solicitor	1460
		Sponsor licence application	536
		Worship items	383
			4382
2	Donations to other charities	St James Homeless	300
3	General Expenses of Church Centre	Broadband	331
		cleaning	780
		Electricity & Gas	1708
		Waste collection	242
		water	356
			3417
4	Outside Mission Support	ANDREW WEIGHILL	600
		Carol Forbes	600
		Chong Sheng Duan	1200
		CITC	1000
		CCCM	4000
		Friends International	600
		Lilian Lee	2400
		Pastor Mike Zelechowski	314
		CCHC-UK	500
			11214
5	Church events	CCF Away	2665
		Clay music	1000
		Evangelistic event-Poland	2231
		Evangelistic Music event	145
		MCF event	212
		Morning worship celebration of Christmas	253
		SEEC support	150
		South-West Prayers event	348
		summer camp	263
			7267



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 2025

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

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: 30/01/2026

Name: Asif Khan

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

ACCA

Address: 26 Kent Avenue

Slough

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.