

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1111765

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05571316
Registered	2005-10-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH (IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH SET OUT IN ARTICLE 34 OF THE ARTICLES) AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AROUND THE WORLD BY ANY LAWFUL MEANS WHATSOEVER;3.2 THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK;3.3 TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES;3.4 TO PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MATTERS CONCERNING MARRIAGE, PARENTING, FAMILY LIFE AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING AND ENRICHING FAMILY LIFE; AND3.5 THE PROMOTION OF SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE AS THE BOARD SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND THE SUPPORT AND CARE OF CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND THE ELDERLY. THE CHURCH RUNS GROUPS FOR ALL THESE SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS WORKING IN SCHOOLS. WE ALSO SUPPORT VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE THIRD WORLD. OUR CHURCH CENTRE IS A RESOURCE FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND HOSTS A WIDE RANGE OF

ACTIVITIES.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND AROUND THE WORLD
- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£277,161	£245,497	-	-
2024-03-31	£257,616	£229,374	-	-
2023-03-31	£250,000	£227,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£232,226	£196,151	-	-
2021-03-31	£218,936	£210,107	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alex Lung		2023-11-22
Anna Cave		2017-03-22
Benjamin Paul Lees		2013-11-27
DAVID SHORE		2016-02-01
Dean Court		2024-02-15
Michael Morgan Bullock		2023-11-22
Preethy Vinola John		2025-07-02
Stephen Harry Cordon		2019-10-01

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05571316 (England and Wales)
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Objects of Solihull Christian Fellowship ("SCF") are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever;
 2. the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;
 3. to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;
 4. to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life; and
 5. the promotion of such other charitable purpose as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- Our aim is to be a church family and to achieve our Charitable Objects through our relationships with one another, the local community and further afield.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The purpose of our charitable company is the advancement of the Christian faith and the support of those in need especially young people, families and the elderly. The vision of the Fellowship is to see transformation in the life of the local and wider community and to communicate the message that everyone can 'belong, believe and become' in Christ.

1.1 The advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever.

Sunday Gatherings and Teaching Focus

A key aspect of our advancement of the Christian faith is expressed through our weekly Sunday morning gatherings. Each week, over 150 adults and approximately 60 children attend for public worship, biblical teaching, and age-appropriate discipleship. These gatherings remain a vital point of connection and spiritual formation for the church community.

During the past year, our teaching programme centred on core themes aligned with the church's vision—namely discipleship, mission, and the person and work of the Holy Spirit. We delivered several focused teaching series, including *BELLS* and *Fruitfulness on the Frontline*, both of which encouraged and equipped church members to live missionally and fruitfully in their everyday lives.

At the beginning of 2025, we launched a six-month teaching series on 1 Corinthians, with particular emphasis on how believers can faithfully live out their Christian convictions in today's cultural and societal context. This series aims to deepen biblical understanding while strengthening the church's witness in the world.

As well as morning gatherings, each month the church met monthly in the evenings for times of prayer and for times of prophetic worship, growing together in worship and ministry. Our Life-groups have grown over the reporting period and number 15 groups where members of the church meet in homes or at The Bridge in small groups, for prayer, fellowship, and discipleship. Each group has its own distinct identity, one group being just for women, one with a focus on Bible study. We believe that small group discipleship is key to engaging in a living and active life of faith in Christ Jesus.

Other church meetings include our Wednesday service Love Acceptance and Healing, a weekly ladies prayer meeting and a monthly prayer for the persecuted church. We also have a craft group for women and a group specifically for the elderly to come and play games and socialise with each other. We also ran another Alpha course for those interested in exploring the Christian faith, at the end of the Alpha course those who had made a commitment to Christ and wanted to continue to meet, met in a Church members home. This has now become a Life Group and meets weekly.

Another highlight from this year was to have a Women's conference which was held at Red Hill Christian Centre. We had a guest speaker and worship leader and the women enjoyed time together to look at the different seasons of their lives.

SCF continues to experience significant growth in cultural diversity, with individuals and families joining us from a wide range of backgrounds. A recent review identified representation from over 20 different countries within our congregation. In particular, we have seen notable growth among those arriving from Hong Kong and among families whose first language is Farsi. Many individuals from these communities speak little or no English, prompting the need for a more tailored approach to discipleship and pastoral care. In response, we have identified and equipped dedicated leaders to develop ministry activities in their respective native languages. We now offer a monthly gathering and a weekly small group specifically for Cantonese speakers, as well as a weekly Sunday gathering for Farsi-speaking members. These initiatives have contributed significantly to the growth and integration of these communities within the life of SCF.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Strategic Developments and Future Focus

This reporting period has been marked by significant transition within the life of the Church Fellowship. We have said farewell to several long-standing and faithful members, many of whom held key leadership and ministry roles. At the same time, we launched a new church structure centred around our Life Groups, recognised the emergence of culturally distinct ministries, and established a leadership framework to support and sustain this growth.

Looking ahead, our strategic priorities are threefold. First, we aim to encourage every member of the church to see themselves as being 'on mission' for God-believing that each person has a unique opportunity to share the love of Christ in their own spheres of influence. This approach places less emphasis on bringing people into a church building or relying on others, and more on equipping believers to reach those they already know.

Second, we are committed to ensuring that every church member is connected to a small discipleship group. These groups are essential for spiritual growth and serve as vital points of connection for those exploring faith and seeking to engage with the church community.

Finally, in the year ahead, we will seek to identify and strengthen the core elements that unify us as one church. As we continue to grow in diversity, we remain committed to embracing different cultures and expressions of faith, while cultivating a shared identity and purpose.

1.2 The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;

We have continued to run a number of projects aimed at helping our local communities. The weekly community lunch continues to see large numbers of regular visitors who have a free 3 course meal and connection with others and potential lines of assistance. This has seen an extensive network of connections made with both individuals and organisations. A large range of volunteers assist at this event which has been very successful.

1.3 To promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

1.4 to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life.

a) Birth to Reception

SCF runs an extensive programme of groups and clubs for children from birth up to 18 throughout the week. As we move through the age range, we offer groups on Sundays for reception, infants, primary and senior school ages. Each group provides an age-appropriate environment where they receive love and care through their local church. As the children grow older, their times together are more focused on the Christian message and how to live as Christ Followers in our society.

To carry on our success from the past, we continue to run two sessions of Babies@thebridge every Wednesday afternoon. Babies@thebridge is a class for parents/carers and their babies to come and engage in movement sessions. This group helps mums/carers engage with their babies and supports the bonding process. Unlike other similar offerings, Babies@thebridge has an extended time so parents can socialise with one another and with the staff team. Through these relationships we have seen some parents engaging in other activities in the church.

Story Fun, which runs every Wednesday morning, is a similar group for pre-school children that help parents/carers engage with their children through age-appropriate literature. There is also opportunity to learn through play-based activities. Both these groups provide opportunities for babies and young children to bond with their adults, whether it is parent, grandparent, or carer. We see this as an important part of supporting family life.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The number of babies attending Babies@thebridge has grown from an average of 12 to average of 20 while Story Fun maintained an average of mid 30s thanks to our social media news as well as organisations who have hired our venue who have helped spread the news of our events. Our Sunday school for babies has grown from 2-3 to an average of 12 babies and toddlers thanks to our Babies@thebridge on Wednesdays and word of mouth between friends.

b) Primary aged children

Our groups are split into different age ranges, and our United group is for children in Primary School Years 3 to 6 - they meet every Friday during term time and the heart of the group is to provide a safe space for any child, regardless of church experience and faith, to meet with other children and adults in a warm, secure and fun environment. There is a real sense of family within this Friday group and children feel comfortable bringing their friends. The team work well together and are experienced in working with children from different backgrounds, with varying needs - and have built a strong relationship with the parents who bring their children to United. The group has some free time at the start, where children can spend time together, playing games, using our pool table, table football, various board games or colouring and then there is a teaching time where we cover varying topics to encourage the children to learn about themselves, those around them and form better relationships with their friends and wider society.

Once the children reach Year 7, we support them to transition into our youth group. This group is for young people in years 7 to 13 and meets every Wednesday evening during term time. Both midweek groups have multiple aims, from providing a safe and free space for any child or young person to come and engage with other people their own age for fun, socialising, as well as structured activities designed to help them engage with one another, and within society. At times this can take the form of understanding and learning about oneself and how to respond to the world around us. This is done on a Friday Bible Study led by the older youth from Bromsgrove Church and ours.

We also offer a range of other activities for the Primary and Youth age groups. We have a well established singing group/choir called Making Melody, which consists of School Years 3 to 13 and is for children who want to learn to sing with a group. The group has become a popular feature for our All Age services and various pivotal events throughout the Christian calendar, most obviously, Christmas and Easter. Due to the popularity of this group, we also now have a dance and movement group, called Making Movement, who also perform at regular intervals in our Sunday church services and includes adults as well as those in school years 3 to 13.

Our United group teaches the children about the importance of community and their responsibilities as citizens, not only of their local area, but as citizens of God's kingdom on earth. We have had a number of sessions whereby we have invited different members of the church to come and do a craft activity with the children and have also made Christmas gifts and cards for the more mature members of our church, namely the Tuesday Club. In addition with having a number of children with additional needs in our groups, this also contributes to them learning to respect our individual differences regardless of background.

In addition to mid-week activities for Years 3 - 6, we also have a number of events throughout the year, which are opportunities for the children to meet together. Every other month, we hold a teddy bears picnic for the children (but any age is welcome!) which takes place during the church picnic (first Sunday of each month). We also have an annual retreat weekend for the United group and hold events like a Light Party, where they learn about Christmas crafts, movie nights, and school holiday drop-in sessions. Also adding on to this is Pudding and Pie an external organisation who teach the children to cook/ bake - very educational as it explains the health benefits of each ingredient and teaches them cooking skills. They identify a star baker and look for children who have shared, been kind, helped someone which is a great way to provide opportunities to welcome children from the wider community into our group activities.

c) 11 Plus (Year 7 - 13)

Throughout the reporting period we continued to see strong numbers attend our Sunday discipleship group and our midweek youth group, with approx. 25-30 in attendance at each event each week. In total we engage with over 50 young people on a weekly basis.

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For our Sunday discipleship group where the focus is on building and equipping young people in their relationship with Jesus, we have moved on to the Energise curriculum. This has greatly enhanced our teaching and discipleship of the young people while still allowing us the freedom to structure the sessions in a way that supports the spiritual demographic of the group. We have also enlisted a wide range of people to lead and assist the Youth in their Sunday sessions. This gives a wider range of different teaching styles and for God's word to be told in many different forms (we hope to do this with United as well for Sundays) We have also seen an increase in young people serving in different areas of the church on a Sunday and during the week. Serving in the church grows character and skills

As well as connecting them into the wider church family. We have encouraged them to take part in Community Lunch, Communion and serve Tea/ Coffee at the end of the Services. In addition to this, a youth band was started that enabled a group of young people to lead worship on a Sunday (this will start in May 2025 to practice and then assist then lead worship in the near future) morning at an All-Aged Service, as well as Easter Sunday. We also launched a weekly (Friday 6-8 pm) prayer session with the Youth taking turns to lead each other through different books of the Bible. This has been running over 6 months now with about 12-16 youth coming from SCF, Grace Church and Renewal Church.

Our midweek youth group's main purpose is creating a social space for fun, games and building relationships with one another. A safe place to be and building community with others outside of church. Most of our Youth come (10-12) those not from church that regularly attend, are from: local schools, small local churches.

We have also managed to co-ordinate and raise funds for trips to Newday (Christian Camp) The youth have been selling cakes, books and doing walks to raise funds for the trip. We have a team dedicated that corresponds with other churches to organise equipment, transport, food and safety.

1.4 To promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life.

To further support parents, we started a new parenting group every Friday from February 2024 where parents come to share the difficulties and challenges they are facing when raising their children. Together we then share our knowledge on how to raise children with God's Kingdom in mind, hoping to establish a deeper relationship between parents and our team members. Positive feedback has been received from parents so far. Our new Friday parenting group currently has attracted on average 6 parents and we hope to grow into a sizable number in the future.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The charitable company continues to use volunteers in virtually all its activities and wishes to thank them all for their hard work and contributions in the last year.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Safeguarding Update

Training is up to date with signed copies of the current SCF Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Our ongoing efforts include encouraging all volunteers to sign up for the DBS Update Service. By doing so, they can keep their DBS certificates up-to-date and easily transfer them between roles. This not only streamlines the renewal process but also reduces costs.

Regarding safeguarding, we remain vigilant. Both volunteers and non-volunteers engage in discussions with the Safeguarding team to ensure appropriate behaviour and compliance with safeguarding criteria during planned events. The "See something, say something" principle continues to guide our actions.

All concerns raised have been addressed and safely closed.

Our recent audit yielded satisfactory results, and we continuously refine our audit process after each cycle. The team has been able to recruit another member and it is hoped that this will result in the development of improved processes and training.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

There are no additional factors other than recorded elsewhere in the Trustees report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

This last financial year saw an overall positive financial result for Solihull Christian Fellowship. The management accounts show an income of £277,161 and expenditure of £245,497 giving a surplus of £31,664.

Regular Giving is our largest contributor towards income, which was a total of £186,808. This was above predicted regular giving income. Through gift aid donations, we have also been able to receive an additional £32,364. During the year, we have received grants of £17,409 in total in relation to our community lunch operation. Continued use of the building enables generation of revenue through room hire which has also brought £26,155 of revenue this financial year. Whilst this is an excellent revenue stream for SCF to also provide further support to our community, the Directors are also aware that each external room hire restricts room capacity for the members of the church to utilise the space. As a result, we will continue to look to maintain a balance on external room hire internal use.

As a result it's clear that Regular Giving remains a significant area of revenue which enables SCF to provide the services it delivers with financial stability. Whilst SCF is in a positive cash position at the end of this financial year, we continue to monitor and reflect on both the sources of our regular income and the stewardship of where we spend the money that is available to us.

Our expenditure supports a number of activities including: Staff Costs, Ministry Activities, Administrative and Building related costs. Our total expenditure this financial year of £245,497 has come to 8% under expected budget.

Last year, there were also some significant capital outlays such as replacement of the building boiler as well as replacement of an oven, which totalled £44,680.

The budget for the next financial year has been set and the directors plan to continue to carefully manage the resources trusted to us to support the activities of SCF.

Principal funding sources

The principal ongoing funding is provided by way of donations from members of the church.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy is to cover 3 months average expenditures based on a sudden downturn in expected revenue. For the year ended 31 March 2025, this reserve fund remained at £25,000 (2024: £25,000). Over the last financial year, an additional review has confirmed the reserve level remains adequate to provide financial support in a downturn to our financial situation. In addition, the Directors have designated an additional fund to support one off emergency building related work of £20,600 to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited from amongst the church membership and are selected so they may contribute to the mix of skills and balance of the Board of Trustees as a whole. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

Employed Staff 2024-25

Ben Lees	Lead Pastor
Andrea Lowndes	Associate Pastor
Sally Hart	Children's Worker
Hoa Luong	Youth Pastor (appointed Sept 2024)
Mable Melt	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk
Karen Beresford	Housekeeping
Kay Kaur	Site Support (appointed Sept 2024)

Induction and training of new trustees

All newly appointed trustees are given a comprehensive induction to the general operation and financial management of the charitable company. All trustees are also given the opportunity to undertake further training with regard to relevant activities carried out by the charitable company.

Wider network

The charitable company is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Shirley Churches Together, and has involvement with a number of Christian organisations around the world, including: Open Doors, TEAR (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund), Caleb Ministries, Mission24 and International Connections.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Areas the charitable company and trustees continue to give particular attention to in terms of risk management include:

- our safeguarding policy
- our health and safety policy
- our compliance with new GDPR legislation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05571316 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1111765

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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Trustees

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B Lees
D Shore
S H Cordon Vice chair
D Court Builder
M Morgan Bullock Solicitor
A Lung Accountant

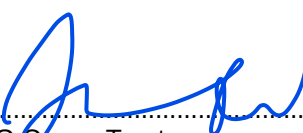
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14/05/2025 and signed on its behalf by:


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A G Cave - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christian Fellowship ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

M D Spafford FCA FCCA

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Date:

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	232,642	17,409	250,051	220,321
Charitable activities					
General		26,419	-	26,419	36,634
Investment income	4	691	-	691	661
Total		<u>259,752</u>	<u>17,409</u>	<u>277,161</u>	<u>257,616</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		26,443	-	26,443	30,235
Church		173,859	7,008	180,867	154,792
Youth groups		19,149	7	19,156	26,082
Children and families		19,031	-	19,031	18,265
Total		<u>238,482</u>	<u>7,015</u>	<u>245,497</u>	<u>229,374</u>
NET INCOME		21,270	10,394	31,664	28,242
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,696,481	170,080	1,866,561	1,838,319
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,717,751</u></u>	<u><u>180,474</u></u>	<u><u>1,898,225</u></u>	<u><u>1,866,561</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	1,664,876	172,902	1,837,778	1,796,824
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	11,101	-	11,101	11,581
Cash at bank and in hand		84,320	7,572	91,892	114,987
		<u>95,421</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>102,993</u>	<u>126,568</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(15,563)	-	(15,563)	(18,491)
		<u>79,858</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>87,430</u>	<u>108,077</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>79,858</u>	<u>7,572</u>	<u>87,430</u>	<u>108,077</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,744,734</u>	<u>180,474</u>	<u>1,925,208</u>	<u>1,904,901</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(26,983)	-	(26,983)	(38,340)
		<u>1,717,751</u>	<u>180,474</u>	<u>1,898,225</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,717,751</u>	<u>180,474</u>	<u>1,898,225</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,717,751	1,696,481
Restricted funds				<u>180,474</u>	<u>170,080</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,898,225</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

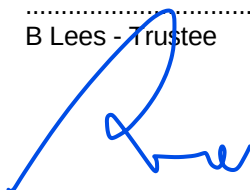
BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

pp Ben Lees

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B Lees - Trustee



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A G Cave - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charitable company is Limited by Guarantee, and is registered in England and Wales.

The registered office is:
The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 3AG

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Until payment is received based on the entitlement, the asset is recognised as a debtor in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Once a liability has been recognised as an expense, it will be recognised as a creditor until payment is made.

Charitable activities

The charitable company operates four main activities. These are Church, Youth, Children, and general activities. Church activities relate to Sunday worship and related teachings and home groups. Youth activities relate to activities run specifically for young people between 11 and 18. Children's and families activities is for children up to 11 and for their families attending organised groups. General activities covers the remainder of the charitable company's work.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise service costs incurred centrally or for more than one activity in support of the activities. These are allocated in proportion to the estimated time and resources required by each charitable activity. The apportionments are reviewed annually.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 33% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

In respect of the freehold property, the trustees have determined that the annual depreciation charge under this policy is immaterial based on the current estimated residual value of the property at the balance sheet date.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at their original cost plus the cost of bringing the asset into use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are recognised where the trustees have identified a specific purpose for funds, and these are shown separately within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating lease commitments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	74,129	113,535
Gift aided donations	175,922	106,786
	<u>250,051</u>	<u>220,321</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>691</u>	<u>661</u>

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Premises and administration £	Governance costs £	Totals £
General	3,171	-	3,171
Church	54,608	2,446	57,054
Youth groups	18,205	815	19,020
Children and families	18,205	815	19,020
	<u>94,189</u>	<u>4,076</u>	<u>98,265</u>

Activity	Basis of allocation
Premises and administration	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.
Governance costs	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>3,725</u>	<u>1,920</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trustees' salaries	42,809	42,809
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>4,241</u>	<u>3,920</u>
	<u>47,050</u>	<u>46,729</u>

Trustees remuneration is paid to B Lees. Mr Lees is the Lead Pastor of the Church and therefore acts as a director/trustee, with authority within the Memorandum and Articles of the charitable company.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Ministry leaders	3	3
Administration	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No employee has been paid more than £60,000.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	213,678	6,643	220,321
Charitable activities			
General	36,634	-	36,634
Investment income	661	-	661
Total	<u>250,973</u>	<u>6,643</u>	<u>257,616</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	30,235	-	30,235
Church	149,210	5,582	154,792
Youth groups	26,073	9	26,082
Children and families	18,265	-	18,265
Total	<u>223,783</u>	<u>5,591</u>	<u>229,374</u>
NET INCOME	27,190	1,052	28,242
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,669,291	169,028	1,838,319
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,696,481</u></u>	<u><u>170,080</u></u>	<u><u>1,866,561</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	1,789,059	107,216	1,896,275
Additions	-	44,679	44,679
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,789,059</u>	<u>151,895</u>	<u>1,940,954</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	-	99,451	99,451
Charge for year	-	3,725	3,725
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>103,176</u>	<u>103,176</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>1,789,059</u></u>	<u><u>48,719</u></u>	<u><u>1,837,778</u></u>
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>1,789,059</u></u>	<u><u>7,765</u></u>	<u><u>1,796,824</u></u>

The freehold property with a carrying amount of £1,789,059 (2024: £1,789,059) is secured against the bank loan facility.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,174	6,131
Other debtors	2,821	4,378
Prepayments	1,106	1,072
	<u>11,101</u>	<u>11,581</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	11,398	14,540
Social security and other taxes	1,969	1,892
Other creditors	205	-
Accrued expenses	1,991	2,059
	<u>15,563</u>	<u>18,491</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>26,983</u>	<u>38,340</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>11,398</u>	<u>14,540</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>26,983</u>	<u>38,340</u>

The bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments over the remaining term of the loan which is due to be repaid by July 2028. The current interest rate being applied to the loan is 7%.

Interest paid during the year was £3,171 (2024: £5,050).

15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>38,381</u>	<u>52,880</u>

The bank loan facility is charged against the charitable company's freehold premises at 234 Stratford Road. The loan represents 2.15% (2024: 2.96%) of the net book value of the property.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,657	23,887	(14,499)	75,045
Fixed Assets Fund	6,145	(2,617)	-	3,528
The Building Fund	1,570,179	-	14,499	1,584,678
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
Emergency Building Work Fund	30,900	-	-	30,900
	<u>1,696,481</u>	<u>21,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,717,751</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	145	(7)	-	138
Community Lunches Fund	3,935	10,401	-	14,336
	<u>170,080</u>	<u>10,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,474</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,866,561</u>	<u>31,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,898,225</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	259,752	(235,865)	23,887
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(2,617)	(2,617)
	<u>259,752</u>	<u>(238,482)</u>	<u>21,270</u>
Restricted funds			
Awards for All - SCF	-	(7)	(7)
Community Lunches Fund	17,409	(7,008)	10,401
	<u>17,409</u>	<u>(7,015)</u>	<u>10,394</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>277,161</u>	<u>(245,497)</u>	<u>31,664</u>

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	95,738	28,834	(58,915)	65,657
Fixed Assets Fund	7,789	(1,644)	-	6,145
The Building Fund	1,542,164	-	28,015	1,570,179
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
Emergency Building Work Fund	-	-	30,900	30,900
	<u>1,669,291</u>	<u>27,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696,481</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	154	(9)	-	145
Community Lunches Fund	2,874	1,061	-	3,935
	<u>169,028</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,080</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,838,319</u>	<u>28,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	250,973	(222,139)	28,834
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(1,644)	(1,644)
	<u>250,973</u>	<u>(223,783)</u>	<u>27,190</u>
Restricted funds			
Awards for All - SCF	-	(9)	(9)
Community Lunches Fund	6,643	(5,582)	1,061
	<u>6,643</u>	<u>(5,591)</u>	<u>1,052</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>257,616</u>	<u>(229,374)</u>	<u>28,242</u>

The general funds represent the free funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

The Building Fund represents the property at 234 Stratford Road, less the remaining mortgage liabilities. The trustees have set up this fund to protect the value of the building being diminished.

The Fixed Assets Fund has been set up by the trustees to protect the value of the fixtures and fittings and other fixed assets, excluding the freehold property. It represents the net book value of the fixed assets of the charitable company.

The Sinking Fund is set aside by the trustees to meet repair and replacement commitments relating to the building. There is an expectation that the expenditure will need to be incurred within the next 24 months.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Emergency Building work fund is to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

The Big Lottery Fund grant is also towards the redevelopment of 234 Stratford Road. The capital grant towards the cost of 234 Stratford Road is subject to a legal charge and therefore the restriction remains on this element of the income.

The X-Stream fund is the remaining balance from grant-funded youth activities. The trustees consider the purpose for which the funds were provided and will release the funds towards specific expenditure for the Youth activity.

Awards for All is a capital grant towards the fitting out of the children's facilities at 234 Stratford Road. The grant income will be offset by the depreciation of the equipment purchased with the grant.

The Community Lunches Fund is a National Lottery funded project to provide lunches to vulnerable individuals within the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of how the trustees deal with the designation of funds towards the Building Fund, funds are transferred from General Funds to enable the mortgage repayments to be made, or are transferred to the Fixed Asset Fund to reflect capital improvements. During the year, transfers totalling £14,499 were made from General Funds to the Building Fund.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	74,129	113,535
Gift aided donations	175,922	106,786
	250,051	220,321
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	691	661
Charitable activities		
Room hire	26,419	36,634
Total incoming resources	277,161	257,616
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	42,809	42,809
Trustees' pensions paid	4,241	3,920
Wages	30,541	36,417
Social security	2,611	3,011
Pensions	3,439	3,028
Advertising	77	151
Gifts	23,272	25,185
Ministry	15,993	14,192
Training and conferences	1,788	1,350
Events and trips	21,173	2,508
Fixtures and fittings	1,288	505
	147,232	133,076
Support costs		
Premises and administration		
Wages	54,684	46,383
Social security	320	555
Pensions	78	-
Rates and water	2,538	2,170
Insurance	2,184	2,139
Light and heat	7,120	7,454
Telephone	952	1,031
Postage and stationery	2,649	3,451
Sundries	3,625	3,699
Subscriptions	2,538	2,848
Equipment repair & maintenance	10,774	14,606
IT consumables	980	1,435
Bank charges	139	127
Fixtures and fittings	2,437	1,415
Carried forward	91,018	87,313

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Premises and administration		
Brought forward	91,018	87,313
Mortgage	3,171	5,050
	<u>94,189</u>	<u>92,363</u>
 Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	4,076	3,935
	<u>245,497</u>	<u>229,374</u>
Total resources expended		
 Net income	<u>31,664</u>	<u>28,242</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05571316 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111765

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Objects of Solihull Christian Fellowship ("SCF") are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever;
 2. the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;
 3. to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;
 4. to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life; and
 5. the promotion of such other charitable purpose as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- Our aim is to be a church family and to achieve our Charitable Objects through our relationships with one another, the local community and further afield.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The purpose of our charitable company is the advancement of the Christian faith and the support of those in need especially young people, families and the elderly. The vision of the Fellowship is to see transformation in the life of the local and wider community and to communicate the message that everyone can 'belong, believe and become' in Christ.

1.1 The advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever.

A key aspect of our advancement of the Christian faith takes place in our weekly Sunday morning gatherings where over 150 adults plus approximately 60 children gather together for public worship followed by the preaching of the Word of God for adults and age appropriate groups for children. During the early part of the year we looked at Christ's love and the different ways it compelled us, adopts us, grows us and brings freedom. We later began a teaching series on The Sermon on the Mount - Jesus pivotal teaching to His disciples which took us into 2024.

As well as morning gatherings, each month the church met fortnightly in the evenings for times of prayer and for times of prophetic worship, growing together in worship and ministry. Midweek groups, renamed "Life-groups" continued where as many members of the church as possible meet together in homes or at ~The Bridge in small groups, for prayer, fellowship and discipleship. Each group has its own distinct identity, one group being just for women, one with a focus on Bible study and another on those in their 20s. During the reporting period we launched 3 new Life-Groups and want to continue to see this number grow so that every new person to the church can be connected into a Life-group.

Other church meetings include our Wednesday service Love Acceptance and Healing, a weekly ladies prayer meeting and a monthly prayer for the persecuted church. We also have a craft group for women and a group specifically for the elderly to come and play games and socialise with each other. We also ran another Alpha course for those interested in exploring the Christian faith.

Another highlight from this year was to have a Women's conference which was held at Red Hill Christian Centre. We had a guest speaker and worship leader and the women enjoyed time together to look at the different seasons of their lives.

1.2 The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;

Our Community Lunch continues to grow with new people coming each week to receive a free two-course lunch and spend time with others. People come from a variety of backgrounds, some in need of a hot meal and others more wanting the company and the opportunity to share a meal with others. We also support around a dozen families with additional food parcels and regularly have additional items to give away through our partnership with Fareshare and with Neighbourly, a scheme that also gives supermarket waste to charities. Whilst we are not a registered food bank, we do have several people in need who will regularly come and ask for help, sometimes help with paperwork or to use the telephone to speak to companies or the local council.

We have a monthly visit from the Citizens Advice Bureau who will come during the lunch to answer queries and give additional support. We also are visited weekly by the homeless support Team who are there to help anyone homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Before the lunch, we regularly run a Bereavement Support group to help those struggling with loss of grief. We have run this course numerous times and it has been a real help and support to many people, some doing the course more than once.

For the elderly our weekly Tuesday Club offers games, a quiz, friendship, and refreshments. Numbers of attendees are growing and it is great to see friendships develop and people support one another. Our life groups also offer that friendship and support especially when people need help with meals or lifts when illness or difficult circumstances arise.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The church continues to celebrate key events in the church calendar and take the opportunity to engage with the community. Over Easter, the Walk of witness engages all the church in Shirley as we carry a cross down the high street and read accounts of the Easter story. At Christmas our outdoor carols service attracts several hundred and we also provide Christmas lunch on Christmas Day to anyone who would otherwise be on their own.

Each year we set aside an amount to offer regular financial support to charities that align with our ethos as a Church and a charity, these charities include Open Doors, Gilgal, Care for the Family among others. During the reporting period we gave a total of £16,187.00. Alongside this, we also created a fund for individuals who are in need of financial assistance, this year we gave £7,189 to those who qualified.

We continue to support other local charities and statutory organisations who use our building weekly such as Family Equip, supporting young people with autism, Shine Youth, for young people needing additional support with their wellbeing, Narcotics UK and Solihull Integrated Addiction Services who provide counselling and support groups for those with addiction or their family members.

1.3 To promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

a) Birth to Reception

Solihull Christian Fellowship runs an extensive programme of groups and clubs for children from birth up to 18 throughout the week. As we move through the age range, we offer groups on Sundays for reception, infants, primary and senior school ages. Each group provides an age-appropriate environment where they receive love and care through their local church. As the children grow older, their times together are more focused on the Christian message and how to live as Christ Followers in our society.

To carry on our success from the past, we continue to run two sessions of Babies@thebridge every Wednesday afternoon. Babies@thebridge is a class for parents/carers and their babies to come and engage in movement sessions. This group helps mums/carers engage with their babies and supports the bonding process. Unlike other similar offerings, Babies@thebridge has an extended time so parents can socialise with one another and with the staff team. Through these relationships we have seen some parents engaging in other activities in the church.

Story Fun, which runs every Wednesday morning, is a similar group for pre-school children that help parents/carers engage with their children through age-appropriate literature. There is also opportunity to learn through play-based activities. Both these groups provide opportunities for babies and young children to bond with their adults, whether it is parent, grandparent, or carer. We see this as an important part of supporting family life.

We have also started to host a babies' group during our Sunday service which has attracted parents from our Wednesday programmes. We are hoping that with parents coming more often, a deeper relationship could be established and through that, they will have the opportunity to know Jesus more and receive God's gospel.

The number of babies attending Babies@thebridge has grown from an average of 12 to average of 20 while Story Fun maintained an average of mid 30s thanks to our social media news as well as organisations who have hired our venue who have helped spread the news of our events. Our Sunday school for babies has grown from 2-3 to an average of 12 babies and toddlers thanks to our Babies@thebridge on Wednesdays and word of mouth between friends.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

b) Primary aged children (Year 1 to 6)

Our groups are split into different age ranges, and our United group is for children in Primary School Years 3 to 6 - they meet every Friday during term time and the heart of the group is to provide a safe space for any child, regardless of church experience and faith, to meet with other children and adults in a warm, secure and fun environment. There is a real sense of family within this Friday group and children feel comfortable bringing their friends. The team work well together and are experienced in working with children from different backgrounds, with varying needs - and have built a strong relationship with the parents who bring their children to United. The group has some free time at the start, where children can spend time together, playing games, using our pool table, table football, various board games or colouring and then there is a teaching time where we cover varying topics to encourage the children to learn about themselves, those around them and form better relationships with their friends and wider society.

We also offer a range of other activities for the Primary and Youth age groups. We have a well-established singing group/choir called Making Melody, which consists of School Years 3 to 13 and is for children who want to learn to sing with a group. The group has become a popular feature for our All-Age services and various pivotal events throughout the Christian calendar, most obviously, Christmas and Easter. Due to the popularity of this group, we also now have a dance and movement group, called Making Movement, who also perform at regular intervals in our Sunday church services and includes adults as well as those in school years 3 to 13.

Our United group teaches the children about the importance of community and their responsibilities as citizens, not only of their local area, but as citizens of God's kingdom on earth. We have had a number of sessions whereby we have invited different members of the church to come and do a craft activity with the children and have also made Christmas gifts and cards for the more mature members of our church, namely the Tuesday Club. In addition to having a number of children with additional needs in our groups, this also contributes to them learning to respect our individual differences regardless of background.

In addition to mid-week activities for Years 3 - 6, we also have a number of events throughout the year, which are opportunities for the children to meet together. Every other month, we hold a teddy bears picnic for the children (but any age is welcome) which takes place during the church picnic (first Sunday of each month). We also have an annual retreat weekend for the United group and hold events like a Light Party, Christmas crafts, movie nights, school holiday drop in sessions etc which are a great way to provide opportunities to welcome children from the community into our group activities.

Once the children reach Year 6, we support them to transition into our youth group, Surround.

c) Youth (Year 7 - 13)

Throughout the reporting period we continued to see strong numbers attend our Sunday discipleship group and our midweek youth group, with approx. 25-30 in attendance at each event each week. In total we engage with over 50 young people on a weekly basis.

At the end of July, the Youth Pastor stepped down from their employed role in the organisation. We underwent two rounds of recruiting, however, did not receive a suitable applicant to fill the position. Our Lead Pastor took overall responsibility for the age group and supported the team of volunteers. From September we were able to employ a Youth Support Worker on a smaller number of hours. The successful candidate was from within the SCF church family and on a GAP year.

For our Sunday discipleship group where the focus is on building and equipping young people in their relationship with Jesus, we have moved on to the Energise curriculum. This has greatly enhanced our teaching and discipleship of the young people while still allowing us the freedom to structure the sessions in a way that supports the spiritual demographic of the group. We have also seen an increase in young people serving in different areas of the church on a Sunday and during the week. Serving in the church grows character and skills as well as connecting them into the wider church family. We will continue to encourage this in the youth group.

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In addition to this, a youth band was started that enabled a group of young people to lead worship on a Sunday morning at an All-Aged Service, as well as Easter Sunday. We also launched a monthly worship meeting during the Sunday youth group where the youth band has also been used.

Our midweek youth group's main purpose is creating a social space for fun, games and building relationships with one another. Most young people who regularly attend, are from: local schools, small local churches where the youth only number a few, along-side several young people from SCF church families. During the year, we introduced a regular 'God slot' where we seek to introduce God and how He is active and interested in our everyday lives. We looked at themes such as: anxiety, friendships, justice, war, the planet, as well as sharing the Gospel message with them.

As we move forward into the next year, we will need to look at how we best support our young people's discipleship journey given the numbers we have and the wider age range we cater for. This will likely need us to grow and strengthen the team who serve the young people.

1.4 To promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life.

To further support parents, we started a new parenting group every Friday from February 2024 where parents come to share the difficulties and challenges they are facing when raising their children. Together we then share our knowledge on how to raise children with God's Kingdom in mind, hoping to establish a deeper relationship between parents and our team members. Positive feedback has been received from parents so far. Our new Friday parenting group currently has attracted on average 6 parents and we hope to grow into a sizable number in the future.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The charitable company continues to use volunteers in virtually all its activities and wishes to thank them all for their hard work and contributions in the last year.

Safeguarding Update

Over the past 12 months, we have successfully completed 15 Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. Among these, 7 were for new volunteers. Currently, 2 DBS checks are awaiting the final steps to be completed by ThirtyOneEight and are expected to return within 14 days of this report.

Training is up to date with signed copies of the current SCF Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Our ongoing efforts include encouraging all volunteers to sign up for the DBS Update Service. By doing so, they can keep their DBS certificates up-to-date and easily transfer them between roles. This not only streamlines the renewal process but also reduces costs.

Regarding safeguarding, we remain vigilant. Both volunteers and non-volunteers engage in discussions with the Safeguarding team to ensure appropriate behaviour and compliance with safeguarding criteria during planned events. The "See something, say something" principle continues to guide our actions.

All concerns raised have been addressed and safely closed. We are closely monitoring one specific issue and will take action if necessary.

Our recent audit yielded satisfactory results, and we continuously refine our audit process after each cycle.

Lastly, we are actively seeking individuals who can support our Safeguarding efforts. While discussions have taken place with various individuals, we are still awaiting someone to join our team. We remain hopeful and continue to pray for the right match.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

There are no additional factors other than recorded elsewhere in the Trustees report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

This last financial year saw an overall positive financial result for Solihull Christian Fellowship. The accounts show income of £257,616 and expenditure of £229,374 giving positive cash flow of £28,242.

Regular Giving is our largest contributor towards income, which was a total of £163,719. This was above predicted regular giving income. We have also seen an income of £7,526 as a result of ad-hoc giving whereby members have donated significant contributions as one-off gifts. Through gift aid donations, we have also been able to receive an additional £28,015. Continued use of the building enables generation of revenue through room hire which has also brought £36,633 of revenue this financial year. Whilst this is an excellent revenue stream for SCF to also provide further support to our community, the Directors are also aware that each external room hire restricts room capacity for the members of the church to utilise the space. As a result, we look to maintain a level of control on room hire which will always limit the amount of income available.

As a result it's clear that Regular Giving remains a significant area of revenue which enables SCF to provide the services it delivers with financial stability. Whilst SCF is in a positive cash position at the end of this financial year, we continue to monitor and reflect on both the sources of our regular income and the stewardship of where we spend the money that is available to us.

Our expenditure supports a number of activities including Staff Costs, Ministry Activities, Administrative and Building related costs. Our total expenditure this financial year of £229,374 has come to 2% under expected budget.

The budget for the next financial year has been set and the directors plan to continue to carefully manage the resources trusted to us to support the activities of SCF.

Principal funding sources

The principal ongoing funding is provided by way of donations from members of the church.

Reserves policy

Our reserves policy is to cover 3 months average expenditure based on a sudden downturn in expected revenue. For the year ended 31st March 2024, this reserve fund is £55,945. Over the financial year, an additional review has confirmed the reserve level remains appropriate to provide financial support in a downturn to our financial situation. In addition, the Directors have designated an additional fund to support one off emergency building related work of £30,900 to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we move forward, we will be developing our activity through our small groups, known as Life-Groups. Taking the work we do out into the 'marketplace'. We want our Life Groups to be a primary focus for discipleship, fellowship, and Spiritual growth. We want to see Life-Groups be the place from which church members can reach out to those in need and connect them with the church on a Spiritual, physical, and emotional level. As this grows, our central activities will be informed by the needs identified through those relationships and connections developed in our Life Groups.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited from amongst the church membership and are selected so they may contribute to the mix of skills and balance of the Board of Trustees as a whole. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Employed Staff 2023-24

Ben Lees	Lead Pastor
Andrea Lowndes	Associate Pastor
Sally Hart	Children's Worker
Berry Ho	Children's Worker (From 1 September 2023)
James Cook	Youth Pastor (resigned July 2023)
Samuel Lees	Youth assistant (temporary contract from 1 September 2023)
Mable Melt	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk
Karen Beresford	Housekeeping
Heather Cole	Site Support (resigned March 2023)

Induction and training of new trustees

All newly appointed trustees are given a comprehensive induction to the general operation and financial management of the charitable company. All trustees are also given the opportunity to undertake further training with regard to relevant activities carried out by the charitable company.

Wider network

The charitable company is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Shirley Churches Together, and has involvement with a number of Christian organisations around the world, including: Open Doors, TEAR (The Evangelical Alliance Relief) Fund), Caleb Ministries, Mission24 and International Connections

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Areas the charitable company and trustees continue to give particular attention to in terms of risk management include:

- our safeguarding policy
- our health and safety policy
- our compliance with new GDPR legislation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05571316 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1111765

Registered office

The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
West Midlands
B90 3AG

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for the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees

R C Wood Vice Chair
A G Cave Chair
B Lees
D Shore
S H Cordon
D Court Builder (appointed 15.2.24)
M Morgan Bullock Solicitor (appointed 22.11.23)
A Lung Accountant (appointed 22.11.23)

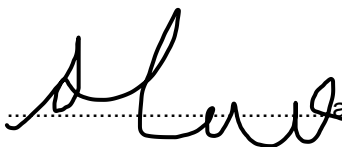
Independent Examiner

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Solicitors

Anthony Collins LLP
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:



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A G Cave - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christian Fellowship ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

M D Spafford

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Date: 28/06/2024.....

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	213,678	6,643	220,321	223,849
Charitable activities					
General		36,634	-	36,634	26,708
Investment income	4	661	-	661	252
Total		<u>250,973</u>	<u>6,643</u>	<u>257,616</u>	<u>250,809</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		30,235	-	30,235	25,636
Church		149,210	5,582	154,792	150,808
Youth groups		26,073	9	26,082	37,070
Children and families		18,265	-	18,265	14,091
Total		<u>223,783</u>	<u>5,591</u>	<u>229,374</u>	<u>227,605</u>
NET INCOME		27,190	1,052	28,242	23,204
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,669,291	169,028	1,838,319	1,815,115
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,696,481</u></u>	<u><u>170,080</u></u>	<u><u>1,866,561</u></u>	<u><u>1,838,319</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	1,629,611	167,213	1,796,824	1,798,465
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	11,581	-	11,581	10,970
Cash at bank and in hand		112,120	2,867	114,987	114,069
		<u>123,701</u>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>126,568</u>	<u>125,039</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,491)	-	(18,491)	(16,181)
		<u>105,210</u>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>108,077</u>	<u>108,858</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>105,210</u>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>108,077</u>	<u>108,858</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,734,821</u>	<u>170,080</u>	<u>1,904,901</u>	<u>1,907,323</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(38,340)	-	(38,340)	(69,004)
		<u>1,696,481</u>	<u>170,080</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,696,481</u>	<u>170,080</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,696,481	1,669,291
Restricted funds				<u>170,080</u>	<u>169,028</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,866,561</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

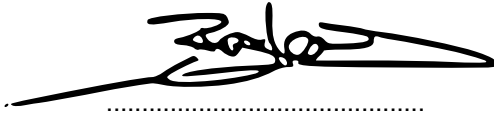
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

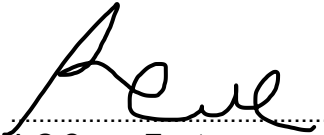
BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:



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B Lees - Trustee



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A G Cave - Trustee

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charitable company is Limited by Guarantee, and is registered in England and Wales.

The registered office is:
The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 3AG

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Until payment is received based on the entitlement, the asset is recognised as a debtor in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Once a liability has been recognised as an expense, it will be recognised as a creditor until payment is made.

Charitable activities

The charitable company operates four main activities. These are Church, Youth, Children, and general activities. Church activities relate to Sunday worship and related teachings and home groups. Youth activities relate to activities run specifically for young people between 11 and 18. Children's and families activities is for children up to 11 and for their families attending organised groups. General activities covers the remainder of the charitable company's work.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise service costs incurred centrally or for more than one activity in support of the activities. These are allocated in proportion to the estimated time and resources required by each charitable activity. The apportionments are reviewed annually.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 33% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

In respect of the freehold property, the trustees have determined that the annual depreciation charge under this policy is immaterial based on the current estimated residual value of the property at the balance sheet date.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at their original cost plus the cost of bringing the asset into use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are recognised where the trustees have identified a specific purpose for funds, and these are shown separately within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating lease commitments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	113,535	105,181
Gift aided donations	106,786	118,668
	<u>220,321</u>	<u>223,849</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>661</u>	<u>252</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Premises and administration £	Governance costs £	Totals £
General	5,050	-	5,050
Church	52,387	2,361	54,748
Youth groups	17,463	787	18,250
Children and families	17,463	787	18,250
	<u>92,363</u>	<u>3,935</u>	<u>96,298</u>

Activity	Basis of allocation
Premises and administration	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.
Governance costs	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,347</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024 £	2023 £
Trustees' salaries	42,809	41,163
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>3,920</u>	<u>3,920</u>
	<u>46,729</u>	<u>45,083</u>

Trustees remuneration is paid to B Lees. Mr Lees is the Lead Pastor of the Church and therefore acts as a director/trustee, with authority within the Memorandum and Articles of the charitable company.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Ministry leaders	3	3
Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No employee has been paid more than £60,000.

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	217,550	6,299	223,849
Charitable activities			
General	26,708	-	26,708
Investment income	252	-	252
Total	<u>244,510</u>	<u>6,299</u>	<u>250,809</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	25,636	-	25,636
Church	142,819	7,989	150,808
Youth groups	34,575	2,495	37,070
Children and families	14,091	-	14,091
Total	<u>217,121</u>	<u>10,484</u>	<u>227,605</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	27,389	(4,185)	23,204
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,641,902	173,213	1,815,115
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,669,291</u></u>	<u><u>169,028</u></u>	<u><u>1,838,319</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023	1,789,059	106,937	1,895,996
Additions	-	279	279
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,789,059</u>	<u>107,216</u>	<u>1,896,275</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	-	97,531	97,531
Charge for year	-	1,920	1,920
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>99,451</u>	<u>99,451</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>1,789,059</u></u>	<u><u>7,765</u></u>	<u><u>1,796,824</u></u>
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>1,789,059</u></u>	<u><u>9,406</u></u>	<u><u>1,798,465</u></u>

The freehold property with a carrying amount of £1,789,059 (2023: £1,789,059) is secured against the bank loan facility.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	6,131	5,500
Other debtors	4,378	4,464
Prepayments	1,072	1,006
	<u>11,581</u>	<u>10,970</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	14,540	11,890
Social security and other taxes	1,892	2,206
Accrued expenses	2,059	2,085
	<u>18,491</u>	<u>16,181</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>38,340</u>	<u>69,004</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>14,540</u>	<u>11,890</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>38,340</u>	<u>54,041</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 years	-	14,963

The bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments over the remaining term of the loan which is due to be repaid by July 2028. The current interest rate being applied to the loan is 7%.

Interest paid during the year was £5,050 (2023: £3,315).

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15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans	<u>52,880</u>	<u>80,894</u>

The bank loan facility is charged against the charitable company's freehold premises at 234 Stratford Road. The loan represents 2.96% (2022: 4.52%) of the net book value of the property.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	95,738	28,834	(58,915)	65,657
Fixed Assets Fund	7,789	(1,644)	-	6,145
The Building Fund	1,542,164	-	28,015	1,570,179
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
Emergency Building Work Fund	-	-	30,900	30,900
	<u>1,669,291</u>	<u>27,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696,481</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	154	(9)	-	145
Community Lunches Fund	2,874	1,061	-	3,935
	<u>169,028</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,080</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,838,319</u>	<u>28,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,866,561</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	250,973	(222,139)	28,834
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(1,644)	(1,644)
	<u>250,973</u>	<u>(223,783)</u>	<u>27,190</u>
Restricted funds			
Awards for All - SCF	-	(9)	(9)
Community Lunches Fund	6,643	(5,582)	1,061
	<u>6,643</u>	<u>(5,591)</u>	<u>1,052</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>257,616</u>	<u>(229,374)</u>	<u>28,242</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,196	29,390	(10,848)	95,738
Fixed Assets Fund	9,790	(2,001)	-	7,789
The Building Fund	1,531,316	-	10,848	1,542,164
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
	<u>1,641,902</u>	<u>27,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,669,291</u>
Restricted funds				
X-Stream	2,483	(2,483)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	166	(12)	-	154
Murcutt Travel fund	542	(542)	-	-
Community Lunches Fund	3,808	(934)	-	2,874
Ukraine	214	(214)	-	-
	<u>173,213</u>	<u>(4,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,028</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,815,115</u>	<u>23,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	244,509	(215,119)	29,390
Fixed Assets Fund	1	(2,002)	(2,001)
	<u>244,510</u>	<u>(217,121)</u>	<u>27,389</u>
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	-	(2,483)	(2,483)
Awards for All - SCF	-	(12)	(12)
Murcutt Travel fund	-	(542)	(542)
Community Lunches Fund	6,299	(7,233)	(934)
Ukraine	-	(214)	(214)
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>(10,484)</u>	<u>(4,185)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,809</u>	<u>(227,605)</u>	<u>23,204</u>

The general funds represent the free funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

The Building Fund represents the property at 234 Stratford Road, less the remaining mortgage liabilities. The trustees have set up this fund to protect the value of the building being diminished.

The Fixed Assets Fund has been set up by the trustees to protect the value of the fixtures and fittings and other fixed assets, excluding the freehold property. It represents the net book value of the fixed assets of the charitable company.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Sinking Fund is set aside by the trustees to meet repair and replacement commitments relating to the building. There is an expectation that the expenditure will need to be incurred within the next 24 months.

The Emergency Building work fund is to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

The Big Lottery Fund grant is also towards the redevelopment of 234 Stratford Road. The capital grant towards the cost of 234 Stratford Road is subject to a legal charge and therefore the restriction remains on this element of the income.

The X-Stream fund is the remaining balance from grant-funded youth activities. The trustees consider the purpose for which the funds were provided and will release the funds towards specific expenditure for the Youth activity.

Awards for All is a capital grant towards the fitting out of the children's facilities at 234 Stratford Road. The grant income will be offset by the depreciation of the equipment purchased with the grant.

The Community Lunches Fund is a National Lottery funded project to provide lunches to vulnerable individuals within the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of how the trustees deal with the designation of funds towards the Building Fund, funds are transferred from General Funds to enable the mortgage repayments to be made, or are transferred to the Fixed Asset Fund to reflect capital improvements. During the year, transfers totalling £28,015 were made from General Funds to the Building Fund.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05571316 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111765

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Objects of Solihull Christian Fellowship ("SCF") are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever;
 2. the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;
 3. to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;
 4. to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life; and
 5. the promotion of such other charitable purpose as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- Our aim is to be a church family and to achieve our Charitable Objects through our relationships with one another, the local community and further afield.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The purpose of our charitable company is the advancement of the Christian faith and the support of those in need especially young people, families and the elderly. The vision of the Fellowship is to see transformation in the life of the local and wider community and to communicate the message that everyone can 'belong, believe and become' in Christ.

As we entered this reporting period the country was recently coming out of the pandemic. We had been in lockdown restrictions only a few months prior. We recognised that the church body would need time to re-adjust and reform. We had seen several church members move on over the previous 18 months, and we had also seen several people join us over the same time frame. The shape of our membership had changed, and it was important we re-established ourselves as a community, to restart previous traditions, and to commence new ones. Our church wide weekend away in July would be a key milestone in this.

As part of our reforming journey there was a clear focus and desire to allow more of God's Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. This would impact our corporate gatherings, our evangelism, and our planning. This would lead us to maximise our opportunities to reach out to people outside the church and meet their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

1. The advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever.

Spiritual Growth

A significant focus for Solihull Christian Fellowship (SCF) is its weekly worship service. This is where we encourage the whole church family to come together for celebration, worship, and discipleship. At the beginning of the year, we started The Book of Acts as we navigated through the early birth of The Church. Through this teaching we saw how the church met in small groups, and corporately in the temple courts.

SCF has had a strong network of small groups for many years. They have been a rich place for relationships to form, and where close discipleship, and care happens. As part of the teaching in Acts this led us to relaunch the small group network renaming them 'Life-Groups', increasing the number of groups that came under that banner. It is now a key aim to encourage all SCF church members to be part of a Life-Group, and to actively participate in them. We see our small group network growing in its prominence within the church, with more church ministry happening within these groups. As we moved into the summer, we travelled through Psalms looking at how they impact and shaped our lives, before we looked again at Acts finishing in chapter 12 before the Christmas calendar started.

Throughout the year there were other activities, meetings, and events run to help individuals grow in their faith with God. Love, Acceptance and Healing is a mid-week meeting that includes worship, testimonies, and teaching. Receiving on average between 20-30 attendees each week, this has proved a rich resource for those who find attending on a Sunday's a challenge. We hosted a Freedom Day to help people identify strongholds in their life and become free from them. To achieve this, we engaged Caleb Ministries to facilitate the day, and 24 people were in attendance. In part, this met our aim to see people's emotional needs met as they understood their biblical identity and be released from how past experiences had shaped them. Spiritual Gifts workshops took place to help people sharpen their gifts, this would equip church members to help others with their spiritual needs. A small group leaders training course saw 8 people attend with two new life-group leaders being appointed following the course.

Prayer continues to play an important role in the life of the church, we run a weekly ladies prayer meeting, we also started monthly church-wide prayer times, which focuses on praying for our church. During these times we hear God speak which will often go on to inform our planning. We can see between 25-40 people in attendance.

For our young adults a weekly dedicated bible study was started. This enabled them to spend focused time in the bible, engaging with the material, asking questions, and growing in their understanding of God's Word. Taking time to do this strengthens faith in those who are moving from childhood and become young adults.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We celebrated 6 baptisms that took place during the reporting period from young adults to those older. We continued to see people come and visit us on a regular basis, some come for a short time before moving on, others commit to stay. During the reporting period we saw 10 individuals choose Solihull Christian Fellowship as their Spiritual home church and formally join.

Outreach and Witness

Part of growing one's faith is to actively engage in witnessing and evangelism. We recognised how forming strong relationships plays a key part in encouraging others to think about and engage with faith. As part of our move from Home Groups to Life-Groups we recognised that these small groups of friends can help facilitate one's faith journey. Life-Groups were encouraged to consider their small group as a place where non-Christian family, friends and colleagues may engage with the church first, as they meet other Christians informally and explore faith. This new initiative will grow in its significance in the church as we move into the coming year.

We run a number of weekly, monthly, and seasonal groups and activities from The Bridge designed to form relationships with others as a way to advance the Christian Faith, some of which are; Babies@TheBridge, Story Time, 'Pass It On', and The Tuesday Club. Throughout the year we saw numbers grow in all these groups, as people came from inside and outside of the church to engage with us. When appropriate each group will seek opportunities to share their faith. All groups highlight other events going on in the church to encourage attendees to get to know us and build relationships.

On a seasonal basis we ran several 'outreach cafes' called Tea on The Terrace where people from the community were welcomed into a café environment. They had an opportunity to hear testimonies from people as well as the gospel preached. Many people came through our doors during these events and heard the stories of people's changed lives as well as the message of the gospel.

We ran the Alpha course 3 times during the reporting period and see it as a powerful and important tool to help people engage with the Christian Faith. At each course we had a between 3-8 people in attendance. Those who came were from varying backgrounds, some had previously engaged with faith, while others had very little faith background. Feedback from those who attended has been encouraging, one family stated that their father, was a 'changed man' after completing Alpha. Many had a tangible experience of God as they started their faith journey. Those who completed Alpha and made a commitment to Christ were encouraged to make Solihull Christian Fellowship their spiritual home, or to consider finding a Christian community to support their discipleship and growth. Out of this we saw 1 couple attend SCF's Sunday gathering regularly. While several others continue to engage with SCF in other ways.

During the reporting period we commenced a follow up course called 'First Steps' to help create good discipline and habits, and to help them integrate into the church. One course was run successfully, and two individuals with strong connections to SCF attended this. A review of First Steps, alongside Alpha highlighted a need for those running First Steps to connect with Alpha attendees at an earlier stage in the course to help the process of handover from one area to the other.

As we move forward into the next year Alpha will continue to play an important role in leading people to Christ. This needs to be partnered with the engagement of every church member participating in the advancement of the Christian faith (evangelism and witnessing) both individually and corporately.

2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;

During the reporting period we have all seen how the cost of living has significantly increased. Everyone has been affected in some way. Solihull Christian Fellowship responded in several ways. We partnered with a new organisation called Warm Welcome that sought to open warm spaces to anyone, without prejudice or judgement, so they could come in and find warmth and welcome totally free. In response SCF extended several of its groups and activities, opening them up for anyone in the community to come in out of the cold and receive a warm welcome and refreshments. In addition, we commenced a new warm welcome café, and advertised these extensively around the community and on social media. For those services where we asked for a small charge, we chose to waive the cost during the winter period to ensure no one needed to stop coming because of finance. On averaged this saved someone who attended regularly over £100 during the autumn and winter period.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Across all our warm welcome spaces we saw new people come in and engage with us on multiple levels. Some areas saw greater numbers than others. However, everyone we met with, we connected with, shared who we were, and sought out other ways we could help them.

Alongside our warm welcome spaces we partnered with a local church to share a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) advisor. They attended The Bridge weekly to make themselves available for anyone struggling with finance. As a result of this several people were engaged with and supported informally, with one family starting the formal debt support process with CAP.

Our weekly Community lunch offering (a free two course hot meal) saw an increase in numbers from around 60, to 80+ each week, requiring additional tables to support the numbers. Across the reporting period we estimate that we prepared around 3100 meals over 48 weeks.

People come to the Community lunch for a range of needs from, a hot meal, a takeaway food parcel, or simply conversation and company. Alongside the lunch organisations such as SIAS (Solihull Integrated Addiction Services), Solihull Homeless Team, and Citizens Advice (CAB) attend regularly and make themselves available to those in need. We have found that people who may not choose to formally engage with SIAS or The Homeless team, do so at our lunch on an informal basis. At times this has broken down barriers, and formal relationships have begun with these organisations. While we are not always aware of the outcome from these informal connections, we do know that because of the Community Lunch at least two people who were without a home, were housed. CAB attends the lunch monthly and can engage with 20 plus individuals each time they come.

We recognised that the pandemic had been a difficult time for those in secondary school. The usual patterns of exam preparation, mock exams, and the exams themselves had all been disrupted and changed. Press coverage on this in previous years had been significant, which suggests that young people would suffer for years to come. We recognised that this was causing a significant level of anxiety in our young people. From both those who had gone through exams, and from those who were about too. To support our young people, we looked to address this anxiety by creating space for them to be open about how they were feeling, and to look at the bible to see what its response was to worry, anxiety and concern for our own wellbeing. Not only did this support the 20 or so young people in our care, but this resulted in our young people hosting a whole Sunday meeting on the subject based on Philippians 4:8 entitled 'Think on These Things'.

Solihull Christian Fellowship understands how difficult it can be for those suffering from loss. To support people, we run a regular bereavement support group where individual's come for 6 weeks and are helped to talk about their loss while being supported and cared for. Across the reporting period we ran 3 groups and saw between 2-6 people attend each time. Often during the course relationships are formed and people would engage in other groups the church runs.

Each year we set aside a budget to give away to organisations who align with our ethos as a church and our charitable objects. We also set aside money to meet the needs of church members. These needs can range from, support in repairing essential household items, unexpected bills, and any wider-family needs. Across the reporting period we gave away £16,869 to charities, organisations, and individuals in need.

We have a strong life-group network who are the front line in responding to pastoral needs of church members, and those close to the church. Often this includes home and hospital visits, cooking meals and helping with household jobs, all of which is done informally and part of the church's character and culture.

3. To promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Solihull Christian Fellowship runs an extensive programme of groups and clubs for children and young people from birth up to 18. Babies@thebridge is a class for Mothers/carers and their babies to come and engage in movement sessions and runs at capacity most weeks, as such we have begun to run two sessions to accommodate. This group helps Mums engage with their babies and supports the bonding process. Unlike other similar offerings, Babies@thebridge has an extended time so Mums can socialise with one another and with the staff team. Through these relationships we have seen some engage in other activities in the church. Story Fun is a similar group for pre-school children that help Mom/Dad/Carer engage with their children through age-appropriate literature. There is also opportunity to learn through play-based activities. Both these groups provide opportunities for babies and young children to bond with their adult, whether it is parent, grandparent, or carer. We see this as an important part of supporting family life.

As we move through the age range we offer groups on a Sunday for reception, infants, primary and senior school ages. Each group provides an age-appropriate environment where they receive love and care through their local church. As the children grow older, their times together are more focused on the Christian message and how to live as Christ Followers in our society. During the reporting period our young adults spent several weeks looking at faith in the modern world, and how through our faith we treat other people. We believe that this plays an important role in shaping the young people in our care to engage with the society we live in.

Part of helping our young adults to recognise they are part of a larger church we engaged with other church youth groups. During the year 4 multi-church evenings were held where young people (12-18yrs) could engage with others from different churches and learn in a wider environment. A summer camp was held for this age group with three different churches. We find that these multi-church connections not only grow our young people in their Spiritual journey, but also help equip them emotionally and physically as they engage in wider topics of life, get involved in camping, and have lots of fun.

Once children reach primary school (Year 3) they begin to attend mid-week groups: United (6yrs - 11yrs) and Surround (11yrs - 18yrs). These groups have multiple aims, from providing a safe and free space for any child or young people to come and engage with other people their own age for fun, socialising, as well as structured activities designed to help them engage with one another, and to engage with society. At times this can take the form of understanding and learning about oneself and how to respond to the world around us.

Part of that learning includes engaging in specific groups or activities. Across the year we ran a children and youth choir called Making Melody who performed twice in our Sunday morning gathering. Regular choir practice helps those involved to commit to an activity and learn, practice, and perform to an audience. The song choices are specific to our context as a church and serve as a teaching tool for the children. Performing songs helps with their confidence and feeling of self-worth.

For our young people (11yrs - 18yrs) we encourage them to engage in the life of the church to give them a sense of responsibility, and engagement with people of different generations. Many of our young people support our weekly worship service whether that is; welcoming people as they arrive, serving refreshments, being involved in sound tech, worship, or any of the children's groups. This is done alongside adults to allow for learning and cross-generational friendships. We have found this to be a valuable tool in helping young people to see they belong to a wider church family.

During the reporting period our young people led a whole Sunday meeting and were involved in developing the content, performing live music, and speaking in front of over 100 people. This was received very well by everyone.

4 To promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life;

As a result of COVID several things changed in the church, we saw a high number of people join SCF over a 2-year period, we also saw people leave. A small number continued to engage on-line only, with some only very recently beginning to attend again in person. Because of this we felt it was important to focus on rebuilding relationships as a whole church.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

We relaunched our monthly church picnic, which is an informal opportunity for the church to gather and build relationships with one another. We saw the numbers grow from the mid 30's to over 60 in some months.

We held our second church weekend away with approximately 80% of the church in attendance. This was an important and significant time, not only for building relationships, but also as a place to grow spiritually deeper in our faith as a whole church.

As a church family, it is important to us to find times where the whole church can come together and get involved. To support this, we recommenced our All-Aged Meetings post pandemic. This is where the whole church, young and old remain together to worship, learn, and grow. This is often an interactive time where lots of people get involved. We also asked our young people if they would 'host' a whole Sunday meeting, from welcoming people as they came in, to serving drinks, PA, and cameras. The whole worship band was made up of young people, others gave notices, got involved in sketches, and helped share in the sermon. Our young people were able to learn new skills and grow in confidence through this.

Our focus on individual family life took on the form of parent/carer children's relationships. As previously mentioned, Babies@TheBridge and Story Time are intentionally set up to provide structured time where parent/carer can connect with their baby or young child. As the pandemic ended and we began to open up the building to external organisations we reached out to the NHS to ensure they were aware of our openness to restarting a Breast-Feeding Café on our premises. This did recommence during the reporting period and is slowly gaining traction in the community. We see this as offering Mum's vital support during the first year of their baby's birth.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The charitable company continues to use volunteers in virtually all its activities and wishes to thank them all for their hard work and contributions in the last year.

Safeguarding Update

Over the last 12 months we completed 21 DBS. There were another 5 that were not completed due to potential volunteers either not completing the online form or not providing the requested identification. We are encouraging all volunteers to sign up for the Update Service, which will make the process of renewal a lot quicker and also reduce the cost to completing DBS.

We have a higher number of Concerns raised than previously. We believe these are down to individuals being more aware of the reporting process and the encouragement to 'See Something, Say Something' which permeates our training material. Some of these concerns were duplicated from different individuals reporting the same concerns. This we see as a positive and an indication that the training is working. All Concerns raised have been safely closed. Nonetheless, there are two which we felt were worth monitoring, to ensure the issue does not rearise, or if it does, action can be taken immediately.

The last audit completed was satisfactory, and the audit process continues to be refined after each cycle.

We have had a trial run of a Software from an organization, My Concern; which is a database to log and keep track of all things Safeguarding. It has been decided that in the longer term, a more effective way forward is that we design our own database/software tailored to the needs of SCF.

Training is planned for the next few months and it is hoped that we can continue to raise awareness of Safeguarding amongst the wider church as well.

We continue to change and address issues relating to our processes to see continued improvement. We are looking to recruit additional Safeguarding Team members during the next year to develop and extend our activities.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Internal and external factors

There are no additional factors other than recorded elsewhere in the Trustees report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

This last financial year saw an overall positive financial result for Solihull Christian Fellowship. The accounts show an income of £250,000 and expenditure of £227,000 giving positive cash flow of £23,000. We have a number of outstanding invoices which are still in the process of being settled directly impacting these figures but at a minimum we have completed the financial year with an additional £13,000 in the bank.

Whilst we have maintained a positive financial position, the Directors do have considerations as to where and how we generate and sustain our income required to continue to drive SCF forward.

Regular Giving is our largest contributor towards income and over the last few years we have seen a decrease in average regular giving received. We have previously been in a position whereby we would look to receive £14,000 per month through regular giving and over the last financial year this has decreased to £13,400 per month on average.

We have seen an increase in income as a result of ad-hoc giving whereby church members have donated significant contributions as one-off gifts and also the success of the building team focused on generating room hire income over the last financial year. We set a target of £6,000 income for Room Hire this year and we have in fact received £25,000. Whilst this is an excellent revenue stream for SCF to also provide further support to our community, the Directors are also aware that each external room hire restricts room capacity for the members of the church to utilise the space. As a result we look to maintain a level of control on room hire which will always limit the amount of income available.

As a result it's clear that Regular Giving remains a significant area of revenue which enables SCF to provide the services it delivers with financial stability. Whilst SCF is in a positive cash position at the end of this financial year, we continue to monitor and reflect on both the sources of our regular income and the stewardship of where we spend the money that is available to us.

We have budgeted for the next financial year with a plan to utilise some of the additional cash that has been acquired this year, we will continue to work with the building team to ensure we maximise our income in relation to room hire and we continue to thank the church members for their continued serving and financial commitment to the church. We plan to continue to carefully use our resources well and use this to support the activities of SCF.

Principal funding sources

The principal ongoing funding is provided by way of donations from members of the church.

Reserves policy

Total charity income for the year was £250,809 and the total expenditure was £227,605 resulting in a movement of funds of £23,204. We ended the year with cash in the bank of £114,069. Free reserves, which are after funds held in tangible fixed assets and other designated funds are £95,738.

Our reserves policy is to have the equivalent of at least six weeks average expenditure in unrestricted free reserves. For the year ended 31 March 2023 this would have been £26,262. Plus the Directors have designated a "Sinking Fund" of £23,600 to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

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LOOKING FORWARD

As we look forward, a significant focus for Solihull Christian Fellowship is advancement of the Christian faith through both spiritual and numerical growth. We believe that having faith is vital for everyone and has huge benefits for society. In 2019 Forbes reported that engaging in religious faith has benefits for health, including greater longevity, coping skills, health related quality of life, less anxiety, depression, and suicide, and we believe that faith in Jesus offers all of this and more. Through our own prayerful reflections, we will grow our evangelical activities from predominantly focused at The Bridge (our building), to out in 'the marketplace'. Recent research by Hope Together² in partnership with Alpha and the Evangelical Alliance, found that non-Christians engaged well with Christians they know, while they engaged less favourably with The Church as an institution. One of their conclusions was that the richest ground for advancing the Christian Faith was outside the walls of a church building, and out into communities and homes. We echo these conclusions, and as we move forward, we will seek to equip and release church members to advance the Christian Faith out in their spheres of influence, at home, at work, and in their social engagements. We envisage a time where people begin their first steps of faith before entering an established church building. To further support this we will continue to encourage our Life-Groups to see themselves as a place where those seeking or having questions about faith may first come and experience 'The Church.'

As a Pentecostal, Evangelical church body, our corporate times together will continue to allow space for God to impact us and shape us as a congregation. Our building, situated in the heart of a busy park will continue to be used to meet the needs of the local community. It provides a vital space for children and young people to come and build relationships and have fun with their peers, and to ask questions and learn outside of a school environment.

We also recognise the central role The Bridge played in being a place for people to come to; keep warm, be fed, and have other needs met, especially during the winter in a cost-of-living crisis. As we travel through the year ahead, we will continue to assess how we can be a support to those in need through services we offer and the building we have.

As we close the reporting period and look back, we can see there was a significant need to have taken time to rebuild relationships as a whole church body. While the pandemic may have ended, its effects were felt well into the reporting period. Who could have foreseen how the cost of living would have impacted our daily lives, and the needs that arose. Responding to it in the way we did was important, and we will consider our activity in this space again as we approach winter 2023.

Through the year we have been strengthened as a corporate body, seen people; commit to faith, others join the church, and seen people baptised, many have been 'blessed' and encouraged. We end this year excited for what lies ahead of us.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited from amongst the church membership and are selected so they may contribute to the mix of skills and balance of the Board of Trustees as a whole. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

Employed Staff 2022-23

Ben Lees	Lead Pastor
Andrea Lowndes	Associate Pastor
Sally Hart	Children's Worker (appointed August 2022)
James Cook	Youth Pastor
Mable Melt	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk
Karen Beresford	Housekeeping
Heather Cole	Site Support

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

All newly appointed trustees are given a comprehensive induction to the general operation and financial management of the charitable company. All trustees are also given the opportunity to undertake further training with regard to relevant activities carried out by the charitable company.

Wider network

The charitable company is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Shirley Churches Together, and has involvement with a number of Christian organisations around the world, including: Open Doors, TEAR (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund), Caleb Ministries, Mission24 and International Connections

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Areas the charitable company and trustees continue to give particular attention to in terms of risk management include:

- our safeguarding policy
- our health and safety policy
- our compliance with new GDPR legislation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05571316 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1111765

Registered office

The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
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B90 3AG

Trustees

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B Lees
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S H Cordon

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Solicitors

Anthony Collins LLP
134 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2ES

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A G Cave - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christian Fellowship ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

M D Spafford

LDP Luckmans
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Date:

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	217,550	6,299	223,849	227,001
Charitable activities					
General		26,708	-	26,708	5,225
Investment income	4	252	-	252	-
Total		<u>244,510</u>	<u>6,299</u>	<u>250,809</u>	<u>232,226</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		25,636	-	25,636	23,310
Church		142,819	7,989	150,808	119,134
Youth groups		34,575	2,495	37,070	33,519
Children and families		14,091	-	14,091	20,188
Total		<u>217,121</u>	<u>10,484</u>	<u>227,605</u>	<u>196,151</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		27,389	(4,185)	23,204	36,075
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,641,902	173,213	1,815,115	1,779,040
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,669,291</u></u>	<u><u>169,028</u></u>	<u><u>1,838,319</u></u>	<u><u>1,815,115</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	1,630,976	167,489	1,798,465	1,800,634
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	10,970	-	10,970	13,088
Cash at bank and in hand		112,530	1,539	114,069	101,513
		<u>123,500</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>125,039</u>	<u>114,601</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(16,181)	-	(16,181)	(20,398)
		<u>107,319</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>108,858</u>	<u>94,203</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>107,319</u>	<u>1,539</u>	<u>108,858</u>	<u>94,203</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,738,295</u>	<u>169,028</u>	<u>1,907,323</u>	<u>1,894,837</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(69,004)	-	(69,004)	(79,722)
		<u>1,669,291</u>	<u>169,028</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>	<u>1,815,115</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,669,291</u>	<u>169,028</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>	<u>1,815,115</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,669,291	1,641,902
Restricted funds				<u>169,028</u>	<u>173,213</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,838,319</u>	<u>1,815,115</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 March 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

B Lees - Trustee

A G Cave - Trustee

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charitable company is Limited by Guarantee, and is registered in England and Wales.

The registered office is:
The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 3AG

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Until payment is received based on the entitlement, the asset is recognised as a debtor in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Once a liability has been recognised as an expense, it will be recognised as a creditor until payment is made.

Charitable activities

The charitable company operates four main activities. These are Church, Youth, Children, and general activities. Church activities relate to Sunday worship and related teachings and home groups. Youth activities relate to activities run specifically for young people between 11 and 18. Children's and families activities is for children up to 11 and for their families attending organised groups. General activities covers the remainder of the charitable company's work.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise service costs incurred centrally or for more than one activity in support of the activities. These are allocated in proportion to the estimated time and resources required by each charitable activity. The apportionments are reviewed annually.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 33% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

In respect of the freehold property, the trustees have determined that the annual depreciation charge under this policy is immaterial based on the current estimated residual value of the property at the balance sheet date.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at their original cost plus the cost of bringing the asset into use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are recognised where the trustees have identified a specific purpose for funds, and these are shown separately within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating lease commitments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	105,181	90,315
Gift aided donations	118,668	136,686
	<u>223,849</u>	<u>227,001</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	252	-
	<u>252</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Premises and administration £	Governance costs £	Totals £
General	3,315	-	3,315
Church	40,238	2,234	42,472
Youth groups	13,330	744	14,074
Children and families	13,330	744	14,074
	<u>70,213</u>	<u>3,722</u>	<u>73,935</u>

Activity	Basis of allocation
Premises and administration	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.
Governance costs	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,347</u>	<u>2,896</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2023 £	2022 £
Trustees' salaries	41,163	39,209
Trustees' social security	-	191
Trustees' pensions paid	<u>3,920</u>	<u>3,920</u>
	<u>45,083</u>	<u>43,320</u>

Trustees remuneration is paid to B Lees. Mr Lees is the Lead Pastor of the Church and therefore acts as a director/trustee, with authority within the Memorandum and Articles of the charitable company.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Ministry leaders	3	4
Administration	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No employee has been paid more than £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	215,045	11,956	227,001
Charitable activities			
General	5,225	-	5,225
Total	<u>220,270</u>	<u>11,956</u>	<u>232,226</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	20,960	2,350	23,310
Church	112,254	6,880	119,134
Youth groups	33,505	14	33,519
Children and families	20,188	-	20,188
Total	<u>186,907</u>	<u>9,244</u>	<u>196,151</u>
NET INCOME	33,363	2,712	36,075
Transfers between funds	2,862	(2,862)	-
Net movement in funds	36,225	(150)	36,075
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,605,676	173,364	1,779,040
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,641,901</u></u>	<u><u>173,214</u></u>	<u><u>1,815,115</u></u>

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	1,789,009	106,809	1,895,818
Additions	50	128	178
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,789,059</u>	<u>106,937</u>	<u>1,895,996</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	-	95,184	95,184
Charge for year	-	2,347	2,347
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>97,531</u>	<u>97,531</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,789,059</u>	<u>9,406</u>	<u>1,798,465</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>11,625</u>	<u>1,800,634</u>

The freehold property with a carrying amount of £1,789,059 (2022: £1,789,009) is secured against the bank loan facility.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,500	4,354
Other debtors	4,464	7,782
Prepayments	1,006	952
	<u>10,970</u>	<u>13,088</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	11,890	14,110
Social security and other taxes	2,206	4,195
Other creditors	-	23
Accrued expenses	2,085	2,070
	<u>16,181</u>	<u>20,398</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>69,004</u>	<u>79,722</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>11,890</u>	<u>14,110</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>54,041</u>	<u>59,261</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 years	14,963	20,461

The bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments over the remaining term of the loan which is due to be repaid by July 2028. The current interest rate being applied to the loan is 2.25%.

Interest paid during the year was £3,315 (2022: £1,957).

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15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	<u>80,894</u>	<u>93,832</u>

The bank loan facility is charged against the charitable company's freehold premises at 234 Stratford Road. The loan represents 4.52% (2022: 5.25%) of the net book value of the property.

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	77,196	29,390	(10,848)	95,738
Fixed Assets Fund	9,790	(2,001)	-	7,789
The Building Fund	1,531,316	-	10,848	1,542,164
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
	<u>1,641,902</u>	<u>27,389</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,669,291</u>
Restricted funds				
X-Stream	2,483	(2,483)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	166	(12)	-	154
Murcutt Travel fund	542	(542)	-	-
Community Lunches Fund	3,808	(934)	-	2,874
Ukraine	214	(214)	-	-
	<u>173,213</u>	<u>(4,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,028</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,815,115</u>	<u>23,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,838,319</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	244,509	(215,119)	29,390
Fixed Assets Fund	1	(2,002)	(2,001)
	<u>244,510</u>	<u>(217,121)</u>	<u>27,389</u>
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	-	(2,483)	(2,483)
Awards for All - SCF	-	(12)	(12)
Murcutt Travel fund	-	(542)	(542)
Community Lunches Fund	6,299	(7,233)	(934)
Ukraine	-	(214)	(214)
	<u>6,299</u>	<u>(10,484)</u>	<u>(4,185)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>250,809</u>	<u>(227,605)</u>	<u>23,204</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	52,758	35,829	(11,391)	77,196
Fixed Assets Fund	12,255	(2,465)	-	9,790
The Building Fund	1,517,063	-	14,253	1,531,316
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
	<u>1,605,676</u>	<u>33,364</u>	<u>2,862</u>	<u>1,641,902</u>
Restricted funds				
Property Development Fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
X-Stream	2,483	-	-	2,483
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	180	(14)	-	166
Murcutt Travel fund	750	(208)	-	542
Community Lunches Fund	3,951	(143)	-	3,808
Open Doors	-	(138)	138	-
Ukraine	-	214	-	214
	<u>173,364</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>(2,862)</u>	<u>173,213</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,779,040</u>	<u>36,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,815,115</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,270	(184,441)	35,829
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(2,465)	(2,465)
	<u>220,270</u>	<u>(186,906)</u>	<u>33,364</u>
Restricted funds			
Property Development Fund	3,000	-	3,000
Awards for All - SCF	-	(14)	(14)
Murcutt Travel fund	290	(498)	(208)
Community Lunches Fund	6,240	(6,383)	(143)
Open Doors	912	(1,050)	(138)
Ukraine	1,514	(1,300)	214
	<u>11,956</u>	<u>(9,245)</u>	<u>2,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>232,226</u>	<u>(196,151)</u>	<u>36,075</u>

The general funds represent the free funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

The Building Fund represents the property at 234 Stratford Road, less the remaining mortgage liabilities. The trustees have set up this fund to protect the value of the building being diminished.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2023

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Fixed Assets Fund has been set up by the trustees to protect the value of the fixtures and fittings and other fixed assets, excluding the freehold property. It represents the net book value of the fixed assets of the charitable company.

The Sinking Fund is set aside by the trustees to meet repair and replacement commitments relating to the building. There is an expectation that the expenditure will need to be incurred within the next 24 months.

The Big Lottery Fund grant is also towards the redevelopment of 234 Stratford Road. The capital grant towards the cost of 234 Stratford Road is subject to a legal charge and therefore the restriction remains on this element of the income.

The X-Stream fund is the remaining balance from grant-funded youth activities. The trustees consider the purpose for which the funds were provided and will release the funds towards specific expenditure for the Youth activity.

Awards for All is a capital grant towards the fitting out of the children's facilities at 234 Stratford Road. The grant income will be offset by the depreciation of the equipment purchased with the grant.

The Community Lunches Fund is a National Lottery funded project to provide lunches to vulnerable individuals within the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of how the trustees deal with the designation of funds towards the Building Fund, funds are transferred from General Funds to enable the mortgage repayments to be made, or are transferred to the Fixed Asset Fund to reflect capital improvements. During the year, transfers totalling £10,848 were made from General Funds to the Building Fund.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	105,181	90,315
Gift aided donations	118,668	136,686
	223,849	227,001
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	252	-
Charitable activities		
Room hire	26,708	5,225
Total incoming resources	250,809	232,226
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	41,163	39,209
Trustees' social security	-	191
Trustees' pensions paid	3,920	3,920
Wages	48,866	59,900
Social security	4,114	4,502
Pensions	3,418	3,269
Advertising	287	147
Gifts	22,321	21,353
Ministry	14,182	11,900
Training and conferences	562	870
Events and trips	14,204	1,249
Fixtures and fittings	633	788
	153,670	147,298
Support costs		
Premises and administration		
Wages	28,419	16,773
Social security	324	94
Pensions	-	(66)
Rates and water	1,818	1,546
Insurance	1,868	1,773
Light and heat	6,129	7,023
Telephone	1,020	754
Postage and stationery	4,481	3,368
Sundries	2,720	1,685
Travelling	252	498
Subscriptions	2,418	2,183
Equipment repair & maintenance	15,290	4,265
IT consumables	327	1,230
Carried forward	65,066	41,126

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Premises and administration		
Brought forward	65,066	41,126
Bank charges	117	108
Fixtures and fittings	1,715	2,108
Mortgage	3,315	1,957
	70,213	45,299
 Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	3,722	3,554
Total resources expended	227,605	196,151
 Net income	23,204	36,075

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05571316 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111765

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Objects of Solihull Christian Fellowship ("SCF") are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever;
 2. the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;
 3. to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;
 4. to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life; and
 5. the promotion of such other charitable purpose as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- Our aim is to be a church family and to achieve our Charitable Objects through our relationships with one another, the local community and further afield.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**Significant activities**

The purpose of our charitable company is the advancement of the Christian faith and the support of those in need especially young people, families and the elderly. The vision of the Fellowship is to see transformation in the life of the local and wider community and to communicate the message that everyone can 'belong, believe and become' in Christ.

Charitable Objectives and Activities Supporting Them

Throughout this reporting period, the charity needed to navigate a nation that was still in lockdown and had to respond to various restrictions before society began to open again. We needed to respond to meet our church members' different needs, whether running a social distanced group with controlled numbers and masks to embracing relaxed restrictions and interacting with people more freely.

As restrictions were released, and we moved from meeting over zoom or in smaller socially distanced groups, we understood the importance of recreating a sense of 'whole church family.' Our strategy, therefore, was to quickly embrace the easing of restrictions, recognising that lockdown had impacted everyone, and returning to normality would improve a sense of wellbeing and help people identify as a single group. The Fellowship. At the mid-point of the reporting period, The Fellowship reached its fifteenth year and to celebrate, we held a special event that helped bring the whole fellowship together as we sought to move forward as one group.

As the reporting period moved on and the church reformed, it became easier to move forward with our primary purpose of advancing the Christian faith and supporting each other in the church and community. The following highlights some of our activities that supported this.

the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever.

We have focused on two aspects as we consider the advancement of the Christian faith. Firstly, we want to strengthen and encourage our current church congregants in their faith, often referred to as discipleship. The second is to focus our outward witness into the community and share the good news of the gospel

Our weekly Sunday Meeting is aimed at our church congregants and facilitates communal worship and teaching. It is an important gathering that brings the entire church membership together. Teaching covers set themes or biblical books to encourage and challenge spiritual formation in those who attend.

The weekly meeting is complemented by small groups that meet regularly at various times of the day for all ages from 0 to 90. These smaller groups facilitate relationships and community having their own character. Each group uses different approaches and styles to focus on bible study and spiritual development through discussion and application. During the lockdown periods, these groups help hold the church together.

We also run a mid-week meeting called Love, Acceptance and Healing. Those in attendance worship together and hear real-life stories of people's faith journey and receive an opportunity for prayer.

As we looked outward, the charity had a significant focus on evangelism. We engaged an external charity called Go and Tell ministers during the year. This charity came and delivered evangelism training to over 45 adults. As we approached Easter, we ran a 3-part training programme on helping people engage with challenging subjects in the bible entitled Objections to Christianity. We also issued several self-help tools that help people develop techniques to share their faith with people they meet.

As part of a focused approach to advancing the Christian faith, we recommenced running HTB's nationally recognised Alpha course. We ran two courses during the reporting period and saw seven people make decisions to follow Christ. A three-month discipleship programme followed this up, and several began to attend churches in their locality.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In addition to these, we ran several events in our local park. These events centred around a free café. The public was invited to come and engage with us as we spoke about our Christian faith, sharing real-life stories and providing opportunities for sung worship. We ensured there was something for every age group, young and old, with various crafts and sports activities. It was estimated that we reached over 350-400 people across all the events.

Throughout the year, 25 men, women and children were brought into church membership.

3.2 the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;

As a church, we recognise our need to be visible in the community to support people in need. We always take a dual approach when responding to these needs, both practically and spiritually.

Forty-eight weeks of the year, we provide a hot lunch for anyone from the community who needs it. We find a wide range of people come every week for different needs. Some benefit from having a well-balanced hot meal every week; some go because they seek connection and community. We serve anywhere between 50 and 80 meals a week and have a dedicated team to support this. The team serve food and build relationships with people. Many who attend value someone to talk to and share life with, even if it is just for one afternoon a week. This can open further avenues for support and, where appropriate, prayer. Some have gone on to attend other events or groups we run in the church.

We have found that some want to give back to the church through the lunch and will serve on the team or help in any way they can.

We have also run two bereavement support groups for adults during the reporting period, with 16 in attendance. The materials help people process grief, weaving faith into the conversation where appropriate. The last session is optional and focuses more on the Christian faith. We have found that most will attend this session, and for some, this has enabled them to engage with other aspects of life in the church. We also support the charity Family Equip, which runs a similar group for children and young people. Through our connections with this group, we have seen families come and engage with the church in a broader range of activities enabling us to build other relationships and appropriately share our faith.

Our pastoral structure enables small groups, often meeting in homes, to identify needs and ways of support, whether domestic help in short-term meal plans, cleaning or any other assistance the group feels it can do. These groups also offer spiritual support through prayer, a listening ear, and advice. Some needs are beyond that of the initial group to support. Therefore, we have an escalation route where more complex needs can be understood and supported, whether from within the charity or our contacts and links with other support networks. Over 100 people who are church members are assigned to a small group or triplet support structure.

During the reporting period, we gave over £15,000 to charities that support extending the Christian faith or seek to help people in positions of need. This also included donations to individuals who we identified were in need.

3.3 to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

The charity seeks to provide activities and opportunities for connection and spiritual development for every age group from 0 to 90. We have an extensive programme of groups and activities for young children and teenagers within the charity. We have 40-50 children and young people registered in regular group attendance, whether that is during the week or on Sundays. Each group's primary aim is to help children and young people understand the Christian faith, how it relates to the world, and how they should live in it. Each group develops age-appropriate activities adapting to the different levels of Christian understanding.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Due to the government restrictions, we could not always offer the full extent of activities we usually do. We focused on maintaining connections and relationships with parents, children, and young people during these times. Whether that was over zoom or socially distanced face-to-face events, we recognised that young people and children were not immune to the restrictions affecting their wellbeing and developed methods and created opportunities to express how they were feeling. This enabled us to offer help, support and prayer where needed.

As restrictions reduced, we increased the number of different activities we could do. Mother and Baby groups could meet more easily in person, and we could increase the numbers in our stay n playgroup, which adapted to become StoryTime@TheBridge. This change enabled us to build closer relationships with a smaller group of pre-school children and their adult(s). This change helps young children develop their listening skills and provides an opportunity for children and adults to interact and discuss what is going on in the story. Play-based learning is still a part of the group. However, it has reduced in line with the increase in story-time. Stories are chosen that align with our ethos as a church and a charity and support the children's growth and development.

We have a strong mix of mid-week and weekend activities for our primary and secondary school groups. Both build relationships and connections with those who attend. Everything we do has a strong faith basis to it. However, we also focus on how our faith is worked out in our everyday world. Subjects we have covered include:

Fun and fellowship, Mental Health and wellbeing
Healthy relationships, Identity and Belonging
Environment, Creativity

We will also respond to what is going on in the world around us, always seeking to relate it to God's perspective and how we should live as people who choose to follow Christ. One such activity with our young people was a 'sleep out' event with another church youth group. The two groups slept 'rough' for one night in cardboard boxes to help understand the homelessness and raise money for Birmingham City Mission. The two groups combined raised around £1700. Connecting with other youth groups is an integral part of developing your faith and connecting with people outside your church. We joined with several other church youth groups for one-off events and whole weekends throughout the year. Our primary aged children experience fun evenings when we take the group swimming or to Laser Quest. These trips help the children bond together as a group and experience new activities that otherwise they would not be able to attend.

3.4 to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life.

As we emerged from the lockdown restrictions, we focused on helping families reconnect and re-engage with the local community. Babies@theBridge is one such group. This group is designed to create a friendly and relaxed setting. It includes a 30-minute upbeat class with interactive songs and movement. However, it is much more than that, designed to give time for both the accompanying adult and baby to connect with others in the class. It runs for 75 minutes with little refreshments and plenty of time to chat. This has helped parents/carers reconnect with others, build relationships, and provide structured interaction with their babies. We regularly get between 8-12 parents/carers and their babies each week.

Over the last 12 months, we have seen an increase of families joining from various backgrounds who have children or young people with additional needs. For some, these needs require additional 1:1 support. To try and support these families, we have developed a specific role, Additional Needs Champion. They will be the first point of contact for families seeking to understand the child's or young person's needs and, where possible, build an action plan of support so that they can enter and be a part of the groups. With children and young people supported in their groups, this enables the parents/carers to join activities and events for them, such as our Sunday service.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

The charitable company continues to use volunteers in virtually all its activities and wishes to thank them all for their hard work and contributions in the last year.

Supporting Other Charitable Work

Those we regularly support financially fall in line with our Charitable Objects and are reviewed every one to two years. We continue to financially support:

- ? Family Equip - supporting families of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties;
- ? Family Support Centre, Shirley - a joint local church project, which provides a range of counselling services for the local community
- ? Kampala Children's Centre - an orphanage in Uganda;
- ? Supporting local churches in India
- ? Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal
- ? Open Doors
- ? Mission24
- ? Shine Youth

Safeguarding Update

We were able to revise and update our Children Safeguarding policy to fit the new ways of working and communicating with children and youth. These changes focused on staying safe online for both the volunteers and child/youth of SCF. We have also implemented new training material in line with this. Additionally, we have a new vulnerable adults policy.

Training delivered, incorporated both children and adults. However, the plan is to devise a separate training document in line with the Adults Safeguarding policy. Training is delivered on an 18-monthly basis for volunteers; we delivered in April of 2021. Since July 2021, we were only required to deliver an additional 6 individual training outside of our 18 monthly training.

We also aim to complete the whole congregation training with regular updates via Church Newsletter or During the notice on a Sunday morning. Our next mass training for volunteers is scheduled for October 2022.

We are currently ensuring that all our volunteers' DBSs are up to date. Since July 2021 we have completed **11 applications and issues of certificates and another 6 awaiting completion.**

We have introduced regular audits to track and monitor our safer recruitment process. Since then we have undertaken two audits with the next one due in September 2022. Even though this is a new process for us, we have had good improvements in the way we do things and access information. We still need to work on ease of access to the relevant criteria which make up the audit.

Safeguarding Sundays run 12 monthly in October, in line with Thirtyone:Eight, our supporting charity with all things Safeguarding. In October 2021 we had 10 mins in the main Sunday morning service. During this time we introduced the Safeguarding team, explained how to report a concern and ways to contact the team, the purpose of the SG within SCF, and emphasised that Safeguarding is everybody's business.

We continue to change and address issues relating to our processes to see continued improvement.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ended 31 March 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

STRATEGIC PLANS AND DECISIONS DURING PANDEMIC

At the beginning of 2020 we began to make plans for the forthcoming financial year. A series of church wide prayer meetings in 2019 helped shape our direction. During February 2020 we started our engagement with Mission24. Their team ran a week-long evangelism training course which we believed would be the launchpad for increased activity out in our community. In March 2020 the UK began to see signs of the Coronavirus, and we were put into national lock down on the 23rd March.

As with all organisations and churches, the lockdown required us to significantly rethink and reshape our priorities, activities, and resources. As a board we developed a strategy that would help guide us through the key decisions needed during the pandemic. This approach focused our efforts into two areas;

- Mission Critical - defined as activities that would help hold the church family together. Digital church, mid-week engagements, support for emotional, psychological, and physical well-being. Mission Critical also included maintenance and repair of the building.
- Strategic Importance - Outreach opportunities both physical (within guidelines) and digital.

These principles guided us when considering our focus and our financial commitments.

A small subgroup (SCF Covid Steering Group) was appointed to review the government guidelines, and where appropriate make recommendations to the board, or take action on matters relating to;

- Finance controls and triggers
- Furlough of staff through-out the pandemic
- Staff guidance and safety relating to COVID procedures
- COVID safe practices, risk assessments and training
- External activities relating to The Bridge
- Ministry activities performed as Solihull Christian Fellowship

Approach to Budgets, Furlough and restructuring

Following recommendations from the Steering Group, the board agreed to suspend individual budgets. Expenditure was controlled and monitored by the board. Needs were identified and expenditure was discussed and agreed. As an organisation we were able to make use of the government's Job Retention Scheme. Each role was reviewed, and a role whose primary function could no longer operate was considered for furlough. Roles relating to the administration and maintaining of the building met the criteria for furlough. These staff were placed on furlough at 100% of salary. All other staff remained in post focusing on mission critical and strategic activities. A financial trigger was identified, that if activated would require the directors to consider placing further staff on furlough.

As the period for the pandemic extended, we recognised the need to review our building support function against our unfolding needs and financial position. A sub-team was appointed to look at the resources required to support the building both now and into the future. The review recommended that the role of kitchen cleaner was no longer viable and should be withdrawn and the administrative support for the organisation be reorganised which affected 2 members of staff. This reorganised role was offered to them together with a role as financial officer. The staff members accepted redundancy and these roles were advertised and filled.

Internal and external factors

There are no additional factors other than recorded elsewhere in the Trustees report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal ongoing funding is provided by way of donations from members of the church.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Total charity income for the year was £232,226 and the total expenditure was £196,151 resulting in a movement of funds of £36,075. We ended the year with cash in the bank of £101,513. Free reserves, which are after funds held in tangible fixed assets and other designated funds are 79,335£.

Our reserves policy is to have the equivalent of at least six weeks average expenditure in unrestricted free reserves. For the year ended 31 March 2022 this would have been £21,500. Plus the Directors have designated a "Sinking Fund" of £23,600 to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we look forward, we recognise we are in a changing world on many levels. People's attitudes and views are changing. We want to equip our church members to live as followers of Jesus in this changing world, learning how to express His mission and values through their church and their areas of influence in work and social settings.

We want to maximise the use of The Bridge to reach out to the community, increasing the regularity and frequency of our presence in the park and the local area. Our engagement with the community will be focused on relationship building. Taking time, walking alongside others, allowing trust to build so we can understand their needs, and consider how we can support them. We win the right to share our faith with them through these relationships.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited from amongst the church membership and are selected so they may contribute to the mix of skills and balance of the Board of Trustees as a whole. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

Employed Staff 2021-22

Ben Lees	Lead Pastor
Andrea Lowndes	Associate Pastor
Mandy Flanagan	Children's Pastor (resigned November 2021)
James Cook	Youth Pastor
Lorna Wilson	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk (resigned September 2021)
Mable Melt	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk (appointed September 2021)
Karen Beresford	Housekeeping
Heather Cole	Site Support

Induction and training of new trustees

All newly appointed trustees are given a comprehensive induction to the general operation and financial management of the charitable company. All trustees are also given the opportunity to undertake further training with regard to relevant activities carried out by the charitable company.

Wider network

The charitable company is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Shirley Churches Together, and has involvement with a number of Christian organisations around the world, including: Open Doors, TEAR (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund), Caleb Ministries, Mission24 and International Connections

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for the year ended 31 March 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Areas the charitable company and trustees continue to give particular attention to in terms of risk management include:

- our safeguarding policy
- our health and safety policy
- our compliance with new GDPR legislation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
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Registered Charity number
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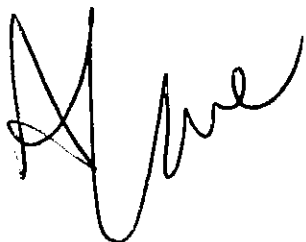
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

A G Cave - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A G Cave', written in a cursive style.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christian Fellowship ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'), in carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

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20 July 2022

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	215,045	11,956	227,001	218,831
Charitable activities					
General		5,225	-	5,225	105
Total		<u>220,270</u>	<u>11,956</u>	<u>232,226</u>	<u>218,936</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		20,960	2,350	23,310	26,540
Church		112,254	6,880	119,134	124,799
Youth groups		33,505	14	33,519	31,956
Children and families		20,188	-	20,188	26,812
Total		<u>186,907</u>	<u>9,244</u>	<u>196,151</u>	<u>210,107</u>
NET INCOME		<u>33,363</u>	<u>2,712</u>	<u>36,075</u>	<u>8,829</u>
Transfers between funds	15	<u>2,862</u>	<u>(2,862)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement In funds		<u>36,225</u>	<u>(150)</u>	<u>36,075</u>	<u>8,829</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,605,676</u>	<u>173,364</u>	<u>1,779,040</u>	<u>1,770,211</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,641,901</u></u>	<u><u>173,214</u></u>	<u><u>1,815,115</u></u>	<u><u>1,779,040</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2022

2021	2022	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
2021	2022				
£	£				
1,803,530	1,800,634	9	1,632,799	167,835	1,800,634
4,239	13,088	10	96,135	5,378	101,513
86,773	101,513		13,088	-	101,513
91,012	109,223		5,378	5,378	114,601
(18,827)	(20,398)	11	(20,398)	-	(20,398)
72,185	88,825		5,378	94,203	94,203
NET CURRENT ASSETS	NET CURRENT ASSETS				
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
1,875,715	1,721,624		173,213	1,894,837	1,875,715
CREDITORS	CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	Amounts falling due within one year				
12	(79,722)		-	(79,722)	(96,675)
NET ASSETS	NET ASSETS				
1,641,902	1,641,902		173,213	1,815,115	1,779,040
FUNDS	FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds				
15	1,641,902		173,213	1,815,115	1,779,040
Restricted funds	Restricted funds				
	173,213				173,364
TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS				
	1,815,115				1,779,040

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

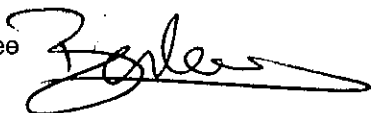
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 July 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

B Lees - Trustee

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A G Cave - Trustee

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The notes form part of these financial statements

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charitable company is limited by guarantee, and is registered in England and Wales.

The registered office is:

The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 3AG

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Until payment is received based on the entitlement, the asset is recognised as a debtor in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Once a liability has been recognised as an expense, it will be recognised as a creditor until payment is made.

Charitable activities

The charitable company operates four main activities. These are Church, Youth, Children, and general activities. Church activities relate to Sunday worship and related teachings and home groups. Youth activities relate to activities run specifically for young people between 11 and 18. Children's and families activities is for children up to 11 and for their families attending organised groups. General activities covers the remainder of the charitable company's work.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise service costs incurred centrally or for more than one activity in support of the activities. These are allocated in proportion to the estimated time and resources required by each charitable activity. The apportionments are reviewed annually.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings

- 33% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

In respect of the freehold property, the trustees have determined that the annual depreciation charge under this policy is immaterial based on the current estimated residual value of the property at the balance sheet date.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at their original cost plus the cost of bringing the asset into use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are recognised where the trustees have identified a specific purpose for funds, and these are shown separately within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating lease commitments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations	90,315	63,499
Gift aided donations	136,686	145,398
Grants	-	9,934
	<u>227,001</u>	<u>218,831</u>

The charitable company made use of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the pandemic.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	9,934

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Premises and administration costs	Governance costs	Totals
General	1,957	£	1,957
Church	26,198	2,132	28,330
Youth groups	8,572	711	9,283
Children and families	8,572	711	9,283
	45,299	3,554	48,853

Basis of allocation
Premises and administration
Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.
Governance costs
Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

Depreciation - owned assets	2022	2021
	£	£
	2,896	3,634

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' salaries	2022	2021
	£	£
	39,209	39,209
Trustees' social security	191	198
Trustees' pensions paid	3,920	3,920
	43,320	43,327

Trustees remuneration is paid to B Lees. Mr Lees is the Lead Pastor of the Church and therefore acts as a director/trustee, with authority within the Memorandum and Articles of the charitable company.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

Ministry leaders	2022	2021
Administration	4	4
	6	8
	10	12

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No employee has been paid more than £60,000.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	217,080	1,751	218,831
Charitable activities			
General	105	-	105
Total	<u>217,185</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>218,936</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	26,540	-	26,540
Church	118,000	6,799	124,799
Youth groups	30,965	991	31,956
Children and families	26,812	-	26,812
Total	<u>202,317</u>	<u>7,790</u>	<u>210,107</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>14,868</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>	<u>8,829</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,590,808	179,403	1,770,211
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,605,676</u>	<u>173,364</u>	<u>1,779,040</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>106,809</u>	<u>1,895,818</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2021	-	92,288	92,288
Charge for year	-	2,896	2,896
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>95,184</u>	<u>95,184</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>11,625</u>	<u>1,800,634</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>14,521</u>	<u>1,803,530</u>

The freehold property with a carrying amount of £1,789,009 (2021: £1,789,009) is secured against the bank loan facility.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	Trade debtors	£	£
	Other debtors	4,354	-
	Prepayments	7,782	2,942
		952	1,297
		<u>13,088</u>	<u>4,239</u>
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	£	£
	Social security and other taxes	14,110	14,411
	Other creditors	4,195	2,310
	Accrued expenses	23	139
		2,070	1,967
		<u>20,398</u>	<u>18,827</u>
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	Bank loans (see note 13)	£	£
		79,722	96,675
13.	LOANS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
	Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
	Bank loans	14,110	14,411
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
	Bank loans - 2-5 years	59,261	62,263
	Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
	Repayable by instalments:		
	Bank loans more 5 years	20,461	34,412
	The bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments over the remaining term of the loan which is due to be repaid by July 2028. The current interest rate being applied to the loan is 2.25%.		
	Interest paid during the year was £1,957 (2021: £2,167).		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

14. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	<u>93,832</u>	<u>111,086</u>

The bank loan facility is charged against the charitable company's freehold premises at 234 Stratford Road. The loan represents 5.25% (2021: 6.21%) of the net book value of the property.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	52,758	35,829	(11,391)	77,196
Fixed Assets Fund	12,255	(2,465)	-	9,790
The Building Fund	1,517,063	-	14,253	1,531,316
The Sinking Fund	23,600	-	-	23,600
	<u>1,605,676</u>	<u>33,364</u>	<u>2,862</u>	<u>1,641,902</u>
Restricted funds				
Property Development Fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
X-Stream	2,483	-	-	2,483
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	180	(14)	-	166
Murcutt Travel fund	750	(208)	-	542
Community Lunches Fund	3,951	(143)	-	3,808
Open Doors	-	(138)	138	-
Ukraine	-	214	-	214
	<u>173,364</u>	<u>2,711</u>	<u>(2,862)</u>	<u>173,213</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,779,040</u>	<u>36,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,815,115</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	220,270	(184,441)	35,829
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(2,465)	(2,465)
Restricted funds			
Property Development Fund	3,000	-	3,000
Awards for All - SCF	-	(14)	(14)
Murcutt Travel fund	290	(498)	(208)
Community Lunches Fund	6,240	(6,383)	(143)
Open Doors	912	(1,050)	(138)
Ukraine	1,514	(1,300)	214
TOTAL FUNDS	11,956	(9,245)	2,711
	232,226	(196,151)	36,075

Comparatives for movement in funds

Unrestricted funds			
General fund	58,500	17,962	(23,704)
Fixed Assets Fund	13,428	(3,094)	1,921
The Building Fund	1,497,680	-	19,383
The Sinking Fund	21,200	-	2,400
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	3,455	(972)	-
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-
Awards for All - SCF	198	(18)	-
Murcutt Travel fund	-	750	-
Community Lunches Fund	9,750	(5,799)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	1,770,211	(6,039)	-
	179,403	(6,039)	173,364
	1,779,040	8,829	1,779,040

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2022

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,184	(199,222)	17,962
Fixed Assets Fund	1	(3,095)	(3,094)
	<u>217,185</u>	<u>(202,317)</u>	<u>14,868</u>
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	1	(973)	(972)
Awards for All - SCF	-	(18)	(18)
Murcutt Travel fund	750	-	750
Community Lunches Fund	1,000	(6,799)	(5,799)
	<u>1,751</u>	<u>(7,790)</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>218,936</u>	<u>(210,107)</u>	<u>8,829</u>

The general funds represent the free funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

The Building Fund represents the property at 234 Stratford Road, less the remaining mortgage liabilities. The trustees have set up this fund to protect the value of the building being diminished.

The Fixed Assets Fund has been set up by the trustees to protect the value of the fixtures and fittings and other fixed assets, excluding the freehold property. It represents the net book value of the fixed assets of the charitable company.

The Sinking Fund is set aside by the trustees to meet repair and replacement commitments relating to the building. There is an expectation that the expenditure will need to be incurred within the next 24 months.

The Big Lottery Fund grant is also towards the redevelopment of 234 Stratford Road. The capital grant towards the cost of 234 Stratford Road is subject to a legal charge and therefore the restriction remains on this element of the income.

The X-Stream fund is the remaining balance from grant-funded youth activities. The trustees consider the purpose for which the funds were provided and will release the funds towards specific expenditure for the Youth activity.

Awards for All is a capital grant towards the fitting out of the children's facilities at 234 Stratford Road. The grant income will be offset by the depreciation of the equipment purchased with the grant.

The Community Lunches Fund is a National Lottery funded project to provide lunches to vulnerable individuals within the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of how the trustees deal with the designation of funds towards the Building Fund, funds are transferred from General Funds to enable the mortgage repayments to be made, or are transferred to the Fixed Asset Fund to reflect capital improvements. During the year, transfers totalling £14,253 were made from General Funds to the Building Fund, £3,000 from the Property Development Fund used to reduce the mortgage balance, and £138 from general funds to the Open Doors funds to cover a small overspend against income received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the year ended 31 March 2022

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	90,315	63,499
Gift aided donations	136,686	145,398
Grants	-	9,934
	<u>227,001</u>	<u>218,831</u>
Charitable activities		
Room hire	5,225	105
	<u>232,226</u>	<u>218,936</u>
Total Incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' salaries	39,209	39,209
Trustees' social security	191	198
Trustees' pensions paid	3,920	3,920
Wages	59,900	59,511
Social security	4,502	4,576
Pensions	3,269	3,307
Advertising	147	-
Gifts	21,353	24,373
Ministry	11,900	8,728
Training and conferences	870	-
Events and trips	1,249	-
Fixtures and fittings	788	985
	<u>147,298</u>	<u>144,807</u>
Support costs		
Premises and administration		
Wages	16,773	28,092
Social security	94	371
Pensions	(66)	132
Rates and water	1,546	1,013
Insurance	1,773	1,597
Light and heat	7,023	4,332
Telephone	754	705
Postage and stationery	3,368	3,877
Sundries	1,685	1,462
Travelling	498	-
Subscriptions	2,183	1,923
Training & conferences	-	1,499
Equipment repair & maintenance	4,265	11,773
IT consumables	1,230	-
Bank charges	108	62
Carried forward	41,234	56,838

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
Premises and administration	£	£
Brought forward	41,234	56,838
Fixtures and fittings	2,108	2,649
Mortgage	1,957	2,167
	<u>45,299</u>	<u>61,654</u>
Governance costs	3,554	3,646
Accountancy fees		
Total resources expended	<u>196,151</u>	<u>210,107</u>
Net Income	<u>36,075</u>	<u>8,829</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05571316 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1111765

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable Objects of Solihull Christian Fellowship ("SCF") are:

1. the advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever;
 2. the relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;
 3. to promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities;
 4. to promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life; and
 5. the promotion of such other charitable purpose as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- Our aim is to be a church family and to achieve our Charitable Objects through our relationships with one another, the local community and further afield.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

The purpose of our charitable company is the advancement of the Christian faith and the support of those in need especially young people, families and the elderly. The vision of the Fellowship is to see transformation in the life of the local and wider community and to communicate the message that everyone can 'belong, believe and become' in Christ.

Charitable Objectives and Activities Supporting Them

1. The advancement of the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of faith set out in Article 34 of the Articles) and the worship of God in the United Kingdom and around the world by any lawful means whatsoever.

As we went into the pandemic in March 2020, our strategic approach focused our activity on how best to hold the church community together. Our initial focus was in three areas. Sunday meetings, maintaining contact and small group engagement.

Sunday Meetings

This was an important focus as it is the one regular event that brings the whole church together. Having no experience with on-line church we needed to identify the best medium and equipment needed. YouTube became our platform for church services, and our dedicated YouTube Channel was developed. During the year we have had to develop and build the infrastructure to support on-line and live streaming events. This was challenging during a time when social distancing was in its strictest form. During the early months of the pandemic, Sunday church took several forms, starting with pre-recorded clips in people's homes, moving to, recorded worship at church, and finally onto the establishment of a live stream each week. A small team of church members and members of the leadership team took this on-board. Learning new skills often outside of their comfort zone.

Maintaining Contact and Small Groups

As we entered lockdown, we understood the importance of maintaining contact with church members for care and support. The leadership team contacted people to ensure they were either in a small group or a triplet. For those not in an established group we explored how we could best place them in a group.

To enable these groups to maintain contact and care we introduced zoom. It quickly became common place for virtual groups to meet electronically for pastoral care and support. Across the year our small group leaders played a vital part in holding the church together through regular communication with those in their group, providing pastoral care.

Establishing additional online input

Thought for the day, a daily 5-6-minute devotional, was developed and launched as a way of giving some daily input into the church through our YouTube Channel. Thought for the Day has enabled us to engage different church members to deliver a short word which helped involve them in the life of the church. Throughout the year it has taken on different forms and frequencies but has become very much part of what we do.

Alongside Thought for the Day we saw a number of other approaches. Our newfound skills in recording enabled SCF to engage its younger members in videos for fun and teaching. We were able to experiment with different bible teaching models with, Walking Through Ephesians, Coffee & Koinonia and a four-week series for Fathers.

Continuing with some form of short digital teaching is something we envisage will continue in the future.

Engaging with the Community

Our community lunch scheme, at its height, served 80 people every week with free hot food for those who needed it. The government allowed individuals and organisations to continue to support vulnerable people and those in need. We were able to adapt our lunch and provide food parcels as an alternative. We supported many from our community lunch clientèle, as well as church members and several people from the community who made contact through our social media channels. Each food parcel had information about the church and was prepared and hand delivered by faithful members of the church. This enabled face-to-face contact with people, developing and maintaining relationships.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As we first went into lockdown the church was encouraged to reach out to a neighbour who might be in need. Food runs, essentials purchased or simply doorstep conversations were had, and the Love of God shared to many by those in the church.

Overseas

Overseas travel was non-existent during the pandemic. However, technology has enabled our Missions Pastor to engage with several church organisations in different countries particularly in Pakistan. This has provided opportunities for encouragement, discipleship and ministry to both established and new Christians. Technology provided opportunities to engage other church members who joined the zoom calls, shared their faith and encourage others.

Easter and Christmas

During Easter of 2020 the nation was still in strict lockdown. As a church we took to social media as a way of sharing the message of Easter. As part of Shirley Churches Together we ran a virtual walk of witness that was put on Facebook and Twitter. Banners and posters were developed to go up in windows. Our Children's groups hung peace doves on a tree in the park. As Easter approached, we used our Sunday morning sermons to share the gospel message through our YouTube channel. We also released video's on how to read the bible and how to pray. Each activity shared the message of Easter and gave opportunity for people to contact the church if they had questions or wanted to explore faith.

The governments guidelines caused us to rethink much of what SCF has traditionally done at Christmas. However, the church was still engaged and encourage to share the Christmas message with their social network. A premier radio initiative, Carols on the doorstep was used where church members socialised with neighbours from their front gardens, sang carols together and shared the Christmas message. An in-person event, acoustic carols was run for people in their 20-30's and was open to guests and visitors. We saw a good number of our church members attend along with a small number of guests.

2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick;

Physical and Emotional Support

SCF assigns an element of its annual income each year to be used for pastoral needs, and to give to organisations that align with SCF's charitable objects. We recognised that the pandemic would bring significant challenges to people both financially, emotionally, and spiritually, and we sort to support those in the church and outside as best as we were able.

The pandemic bought several national lockdowns, which for many cut people off from their support network, potentially impacting individual's well-being. We saw significant news coverage around the concerns the lockdown would have on mental health. We responded to this by urgently establishing our mid-week groups through zoom as a way of contact and communication. Our mid-week group leaders played a vital role in maintaining contact, encouragement, and support.

We developed prayer initiatives for the sick or those in distress both virtually and physically. As soon as the guidelines permitted the church was opened to allow prayer. This gave opportunity for those in need to come to church and connect with God. Several virtual prayer meetings were established, and as restrictions allowed in person, prayer was provided for those who requested it.

Financial Support

We saw the potential for people to find themselves in financial need; income reduced due to furlough, and the increased possibility of people losing their job. We have already highlighted the food parcels provided for those in need, and we continue to distribute food parcels to 40+ families each week.

To help meet needs due to the lockdown, finance was ring-fenced to be donated to individuals and organisations who were struggling due to the pandemic. As a result,

SCF had donated:

- over £7,000 to assist families within SCF who were particularly impacted by COVID restrictions.
- over £4,000 across nine Christian organisations which SCF is in relationship with, and which were in particular need due to COVID restrictions.
- over £5,000 across seven other organisations which SCF is in relationship with, and which were financial need.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

These financial gifts have made a significant impact upon the lives of 14 families & 16 Christian organisations. All of this was in addition to SCF donating almost £800 each month to Christian brothers & sisters outside SCF with whom we have relationships and know there is financial need.

Every year we take up a Christmas offering that is distributed equally to two charities. This year we were able to send £1500 respectively to Betel UK, and an orphanage in Pakistan that SCF had links with. The donations were given to help support the work both organisations do.

3. To promote the development of children and young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual potentials as individuals,

During the pandemic, care and support for our children and youth were a priority. The establishment of on-line access was key to enable each child or young person to remain connected with their church social group. These on-line events occurred weekly and took the place of the face-to-face groups.

To facilitate on-line activities with children and youth, we made significant changes to our safeguarding policy. This ensured a safe environment for children and youth when attending on-line events. The policy was implemented, and training was completed as part of our regular training programme, which included the new section for on-line activity. A significant amount of work was completed by a newly formed safeguarding team to ensure this happened.

While in lockdown youth and children were engaged in helping produce some on-line material for both their groups and the wider church. Physical groups for children and youth were reopened as a priority and run under COVID safe guidelines. Several Youth and children helped in the life of the church with, food parcels, Sunday worship and on PA and media. Being engaged in these activities helped them keep connected into the church.

Towards the end of the year, we asked the young people to think and consider their well-being and how it has been impacted during the pandemic by completing a questionnaire. All responses were anonymous and covered a wide range of topics. From the responses we can see that the majority of our young people experienced significant loneliness over the last 12 months, almost half would agree that their mental health has suffered, and a smaller number often feel anxious or sad. Having this information has helped us structure times of dialogue and discussion with young people, and it goes on to shape our engagement with them in the future.

4. To promote public education in matters concerning marriage, parenting, family life and relationships with a view to strengthening and enriching family life.

Throughout the pandemic we focused on relationships in general, taking a church wide approach to ensure relationships with one another were kept strong during a time of isolation. We sought to ensure church members had a route to be connected with one another should they want to engage, albeit over electronic media. Our mid-week groups and our triplet structure played a significant role in helping people to maintain relationships with one another. Regular telephone calls and walks became a pattern throughout the year, as well as several church wide prayer initiatives over the internet.

We identified that our church building was a prime location for people to maintain face-to-face relationships. The COVID team developed a set of COVID-safe practices that would enable the buildings use when government guidelines permitted. As a result, we opened our building for personal private prayer. Encouraging church members, for their own well-being, to venture out, come to the church and connect with God. Whenever possible we opened the church building for mid-week groups and Sunday worship in a COVID safe environment. We recognised that this was an ideal way to increase one's well-being and maintain relationships.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

An area that we were able to give specific support to, was Mum's with babies and younger children. We recognised that this was a potentially difficult time for Mum's with new babies. We ran an on-line group for Mum's, babies and young children which was an opportunity for Mum's to connect with the church, and with one another, for support. As restrictions enabled, we developed COVID safe procedures to run babies@thebridge, an interactive time for Mum's and babies that also provides support.

Supporting Other Charitable Work

Those we regularly support financially fall in line with our Charitable Objects and are reviewed everyone to two years. We continue to financially support:

- " Family Equip - supporting families of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties;
- " Family Support Centre, Shirley - a joint local church project, which provides a range of counselling services for the local community;
- " Kampala Children's Centre - an orphanage in Uganda;
- " Supporting local churches in India;
- " Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal;
- " Open Doors
- " Mission24
- " Shine Youth

Our major fund raising during the year supported:

- " Betel, £1,500 to support men and women affected by drug and alcohol addiction;
- " Orphanage in Pakistan, £1500 to support the care of homeless children.

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Volunteers

The charitable company continues to use volunteers in virtually all its activities and wishes to thank them all for their hard work and contributions in the last year.

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

STRATEGIC PLANS AND DECISIONS DURING PANDEMIC

At the beginning of 2020 we began to make plans for the forthcoming financial year. A series of church wide prayer meetings in 2019 helped shape our direction. During February 2020 we started our engagement with Mission24. Their team ran a week-long evangelism training course which we believed would be the launchpad for increased activity out in our community. In March 2020 the UK began to see signs of the Coronavirus, and we were put into national lock down on the 23rd March.

As with all organisations and churches, the lockdown required us to significantly rethink and reshape our priorities, activities, and resources. As a board we developed a strategy that would help guide us through the key decisions needed during the pandemic. This approach focused our efforts into two areas;

- Mission Critical - defined as activities that would help hold the church family together. Digital church, mid-week engagements, support for emotional, psychological, and physical well-being. Mission Critical also included maintenance and repair of the building.
- Strategic Importance - Outreach opportunities both physical (within guidelines) and digital.

These principles guided us when considering our focus and our financial commitments.

A small subgroup (SCF Covid Steering Group) was appointed to review the government guidelines, and where appropriate make recommendations to the board, or take action on matters relating to;

- Finance controls and triggers
- Furlough of staff through-out the pandemic
- Staff guidance and safety relating to COVID procedures
- COVID safe practices, risk assessments and training
- External activities relating to The Bridge
- Ministry activities performed as Solihull Christian Fellowship

Approach to Budgets, Furlough and restructuring

Following recommendations from the Steering Group, the board agreed to suspend individual budgets. Expenditure was controlled and monitored by the board. Needs were identified and expenditure was discussed and agreed. As an organisation we were able to make use of the government's Job Retention Scheme. Each role was reviewed, and a role whose primary function could no longer operate was considered for furlough. Roles relating to the administration and maintaining of the building met the criteria for furlough. These staff were placed on furlough at 100% of salary. All other staff remained in post focusing on mission critical and strategic activities. A financial trigger was identified, that if activated would require the directors to consider placing further staff on furlough.

As the period for the pandemic extended, we recognised the need to review our building support function against our unfolding needs and financial position. A sub-team was appointed to look at the resources required to support the building both now and into the future. The review recommended that: the role of kitchen cleaner was no longer viable and should be withdrawn and the administrative support for the organisation be reorganised which affected 2 members of staff. This reorganised role was offered to them together with a role as financial officer. The staff members accepted redundancy and these roles were advertised and filled.

Internal and external factors

There are no additional factors other than recorded elsewhere in the Trustees report.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal ongoing funding is provided by way of donations from members of the church.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Total charity income for the year was £218,936 and the total expenditure was £210,107 resulting in a movement of funds of £8,829. We ended the year with cash in the bank of £86,773. Free reserves, which are after funds held in tangible fixed assets and other designated funds are £52,758.

Our reserves policy is to have the equivalent of at least six weeks average expenditure in unrestricted free reserves. For the year ended 31 March 2021 this would have been £25,000. Plus the Directors have designated a "Sinking Fund" of £23,600 to meet increasing demands on repair and replacement commitments arising from the building.

FUTURE FOCUS FOR 2022 AND BEYOND

The issues and challenges brought about by the pandemic has been unprecedented for the UK and the globe. We have had to relearn how to operate in this new environment, to look at what we focus on, and seek to find a way to move forward. As we enter this new financial year 2021/22 there is still a lot of uncertainty. The vaccine is providing a route out of restrictions and we are all looking towards 21st June 2021, although there is still a lot unknown after that date.

As a church, our mission and purpose remain unchanged. We continue to promote the Christian faith and want to see our activity grown in 2021/22 towards that. Sharing the message of Jesus Christ and welcoming people into His Church. We aim to do this through meeting social and spiritual needs in our church and in the community. We intend to maximise the use of the building to meet those needs.

We will be looking to build lasting relationships with people in the community, those who come through our doors to make use of a service or facility we provide. On-going relationships foster trust, and a willingness to share needs that we may be able to support. Through these relationships we intend to be authentic in sharing who we are, and how the Christian faith has shaped what we do.

We want to see all who identify Solihull Christian Fellowship as their place of Spiritual worship, to develop and grow in their faith. And through the support and care we provide, take their place in the community, helping others as part of the mission of the church.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are recruited from amongst the church membership and are selected so they may contribute to the mix of skills and balance of the Board of Trustees as a whole. The trustees are appointed in accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association.

Organisational structure

Employed Staff 2020-21

Ben Lees	Lead Pastor
Andrea Lowndes	Associate Pastor
Mandy Flanagan	Children's Pastor
James Cook	Youth Pastor
Audrey Marsh	Administration Clerk
Rachel Holland	Administration Clerk
Lorna Wilson	Administration Clerk/Finance Clerk
Karen Beresford	Housekeeping
Mike McClelland	Housekeeping
Tricia Upton	Kitchen Management
Katie Rennison	Finance Clerk
Heather Cole	Site Support Assistant
Pete Brett	Administration Clerk

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for the year ended 31 March 2021**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

All newly appointed trustees are given a comprehensive induction to the general operation and financial management of the charitable company. All trustees are also given the opportunity to undertake further training with regard to relevant activities carried out by the charitable company.

Wider network

The charitable company is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and Shirley Churches Together, and has involvement with a number of Christian organisations around the world, including: Open Doors, TEAR (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund), Caleb Ministries, Mission24 and International Connections

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Areas the charitable company and trustees continue to give particular attention to in terms of risk management include:

- our safeguarding policy
- our health and safety policy
- our compliance with new GDPR legislation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05571316 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1111765

Registered office

The Bridge
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Trustees

J T E Springate Chair
D M Wort
R C Wood Vice Chair
A G Cave
B Lees
S J Rose (resigned 1.5.20)
A Daka (resigned 19.10.20)
D Shore
S H Cordon (appointed 1.5.20)
G E Moseley (appointed 20.10.20)

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for the year ended 31 March 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

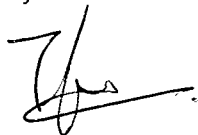
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J T E Springate', written over a horizontal line.

J T E Springate - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christian Fellowship ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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30 June 2021

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	217,080	1,751	218,831	241,687
Charitable activities					
General		105	-	105	6,347
Church		-	-	-	9,750
Investment income	4	-	-	-	84
Total		<u>217,185</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>218,936</u>	<u>257,868</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
General		26,540	-	26,540	16,494
Church		118,000	6,799	124,799	167,149
Youth groups		30,965	991	31,956	43,962
Children and families		26,812	-	26,812	34,323
Total		<u>202,317</u>	<u>7,790</u>	<u>210,107</u>	<u>261,928</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>14,868</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>	<u>8,829</u>	<u>(4,060)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,590,808	179,403	1,770,211	1,774,271
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,605,676</u></u>	<u><u>173,364</u></u>	<u><u>1,779,040</u></u>	<u><u>1,770,211</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05571316)

**BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	1,635,264	168,266	1,803,530	1,802,636
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	3,849	390	4,239	8,534
Cash at bank and in hand		82,065	4,708	86,773	94,814
		<u>85,914</u>	<u>5,098</u>	<u>91,012</u>	<u>103,348</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(18,827)	-	(18,827)	(19,275)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>67,087</u>	<u>5,098</u>	<u>72,185</u>	<u>84,073</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,702,351</u>	<u>173,364</u>	<u>1,875,715</u>	<u>1,886,709</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(96,675)	-	(96,675)	(116,498)
NET ASSETS		<u>1,605,676</u>	<u>173,364</u>	<u>1,779,040</u>	<u>1,770,211</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				1,605,676	1,590,808
Restricted funds				<u>173,364</u>	<u>179,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,779,040</u>	<u>1,770,211</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 March 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



B Lees - Trustee



J T E Springate - Trustee

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2021

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The charitable company is Limited by Guarantee, and is registered in England and Wales.

The registered office is:
The Bridge
234 Stratford Road
Shirley
Solihull
B90 3AG

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Until payment is received based on the entitlement, the asset is recognised as a debtor in the financial statements.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Once a liability has been recognised as an expense, it will be recognised as a creditor until payment is made.

Charitable activities

The charitable company operates four main activities. These are Church, Youth, Children, and general activities. Church activities relate to Sunday worship and related teachings and home groups. Youth activities relate to activities run specifically for young people between 11 and 18. Children's and families activities is for children up to 11 and for their families attending organised groups. General activities covers the remainder of the charitable company's work.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise service costs incurred centrally or for more than one activity in support of the activities. These are allocated in proportion to the estimated time and resources required by each charitable activity. The apportionments are reviewed annually.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 33% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

In respect of the freehold property, the trustees have determined that the annual depreciation charge under this policy is immaterial based on the current estimated residual value of the property at the balance sheet date.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at their original cost plus the cost of bringing the asset into use.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are recognised where the trustees have identified a specific purpose for funds, and these are shown separately within unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals payable under operating lease commitments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	63,499	74,903
Gift aided donations	145,398	166,784
Grants	9,934	-
	<u>218,831</u>	<u>241,687</u>

The charitable company made use of the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the pandemic.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<u>9,934</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2021

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Deposit account interest	-	84
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Premises and administration £	Governance costs £	Totals £
General	2,167	-	2,167
Church	35,694	2,188	37,882
Youth groups	11,896	729	12,625
Children and families	11,897	729	12,626
	<u>61,654</u>	<u>3,646</u>	<u>65,300</u>

Activity	Basis of allocation
Premises and administration	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.
Governance costs	Allocated on the proportion of the activities use of support functions.

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	3,634	2,734
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trustees' salaries	39,209	39,209
Trustees' social security	198	1,220
Trustees' pensions paid	3,920	3,920
	<u>43,327</u>	<u>44,349</u>

Trustees remuneration is paid to B Lees. Mr Lees is the Lead Pastor of the Church and therefore acts as a director/trustee, with authority within the Memorandum and Articles of the charitable company.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

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8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Ministry leaders	4	4
Administration	8	6
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

No employee has been paid more than £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	239,887	1,800	241,687
Charitable activities			
General	6,347	-	6,347
Church	-	9,750	9,750
Investment income	84	-	84
Total	<u>246,318</u>	<u>11,550</u>	<u>257,868</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
General	16,494	-	16,494
Church	163,622	3,527	167,149
Youth groups	43,939	23	43,962
Children and families	34,323	-	34,323
Total	<u>258,378</u>	<u>3,550</u>	<u>261,928</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(12,060)</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>(4,060)</u>
Transfers between funds	<u>(243)</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	<u>(12,303)</u>	<u>8,243</u>	<u>(4,060)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,603,111	171,160	1,774,271
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,590,808</u></u>	<u><u>179,403</u></u>	<u><u>1,770,211</u></u>

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	1,789,009	102,281	1,891,290
Additions	-	4,528	4,528
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>106,809</u>	<u>1,895,818</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	-	88,654	88,654
Charge for year	-	3,634	3,634
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>92,288</u>	<u>92,288</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>14,521</u>	<u>1,803,530</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,789,009</u>	<u>13,627</u>	<u>1,802,636</u>

The freehold property with a carrying amount of £1,789,009 (2020: £1,789,009) is secured against the bank loan facility.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	2,942	6,119
Prepayments	1,297	2,415
	<u>4,239</u>	<u>8,534</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14)	14,411	14,278
Social security and other taxes	2,310	2,255
Other creditors	139	26
Accrued expenses	1,967	2,716
	<u>18,827</u>	<u>19,275</u>

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans (see note 14)	<u>96,675</u>	<u>116,498</u>

14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>14,411</u>	<u>14,278</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>62,263</u>	<u>62,273</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 years	34,412	54,225

The bank loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments over the remaining term of the loan which is due to be repaid by July 2028. The current interest rate being applied to the loan is 2.25%.

Interest paid during the year was £2,167 (2020: £3,447).

15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	<u>111,086</u>	<u>130,776</u>

The bank loan facility is charged against the charitable company's freehold premises at 234 Stratford Road. The loan represents 6.21% (2020: 7.31%) of the net book value of the property.

SOLIHULL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	58,500	17,962	(23,704)	52,758
Fixed Assets Fund	13,428	(3,094)	1,921	12,255
The Building Fund	1,497,680	-	19,383	1,517,063
The Sinking Fund	21,200	-	2,400	23,600
	<u>1,590,808</u>	<u>14,868</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,605,676</u>
Restricted funds				
X-Stream	3,455	(972)	-	2,483
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	198	(18)	-	180
Murcutt Travel fund	-	750	-	750
Community Lunches Fund	9,750	(5,799)	-	3,951
	<u>179,403</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,364</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,770,211</u>	<u>8,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,779,040</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	217,184	(199,222)	17,962
Fixed Assets Fund	1	(3,095)	(3,094)
	<u>217,185</u>	<u>(202,317)</u>	<u>14,868</u>
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	1	(973)	(972)
Awards for All - SCF	-	(18)	(18)
Murcutt Travel fund	750	-	750
Community Lunches Fund	1,000	(6,799)	(5,799)
	<u>1,751</u>	<u>(7,790)</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>218,936</u>	<u>(210,107)</u>	<u>8,829</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	99,034	(21,049)	(19,485)	58,500
Fixed Assets Fund	16,139	(2,711)	-	13,428
The Building Fund	1,467,938	11,700	18,042	1,497,680
The Sinking Fund	20,000	-	1,200	21,200
	<u>1,603,111</u>	<u>(12,060)</u>	<u>(243)</u>	<u>1,590,808</u>
Restricted funds				
X-Stream	3,455	-	-	3,455
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	221	(23)	-	198
Murcutt Travel fund	1,484	(1,727)	243	-
Community Lunches Fund	-	9,750	-	9,750
	<u>171,160</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>179,403</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,774,271</u>	<u>(4,060)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,770,211</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	234,618	(255,667)	(21,049)
Fixed Assets Fund	-	(2,711)	(2,711)
The Building Fund	11,700	-	11,700
	<u>246,318</u>	<u>(258,378)</u>	<u>(12,060)</u>
Restricted funds			
Awards for All - SCF	-	(23)	(23)
Murcutt Travel fund	1,800	(3,527)	(1,727)
Community Lunches Fund	9,750	-	9,750
	<u>11,550</u>	<u>(3,550)</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>257,868</u>	<u>(261,928)</u>	<u>(4,060)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	99,034	(3,087)	(43,189)	52,758
Fixed Assets Fund	16,139	(5,805)	1,921	12,255
The Building Fund	1,467,938	11,700	37,425	1,517,063
The Sinking Fund	20,000	-	3,600	23,600
	<u>1,603,111</u>	<u>2,808</u>	<u>(243)</u>	<u>1,605,676</u>
Restricted funds				
X-Stream	3,455	(972)	-	2,483
Big Lottery Fund	166,000	-	-	166,000
Awards for All - SCF	221	(41)	-	180
Murcutt Travel fund	1,484	(977)	243	750
Community Lunches Fund	-	3,951	-	3,951
	<u>171,160</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>173,364</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,774,271</u>	<u>4,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,779,040</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	451,802	(454,889)	(3,087)
Fixed Assets Fund	1	(5,806)	(5,805)
The Building Fund	11,700	-	11,700
	<u>463,503</u>	<u>(460,695)</u>	<u>2,808</u>
Restricted funds			
X-Stream	1	(973)	(972)
Awards for All - SCF	-	(41)	(41)
Murcutt Travel fund	2,550	(3,527)	(977)
Community Lunches Fund	10,750	(6,799)	3,951
	<u>13,301</u>	<u>(11,340)</u>	<u>1,961</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>476,804</u>	<u>(472,035)</u>	<u>4,769</u>

The general funds represent the free funds of the charity which are not designated for specific purposes.

The Building Fund represents the property at 234 Stratford Road, less the remaining mortgage liabilities. The trustees have set up this fund to protect the value of the building being diminished.

The Fixed Assets Fund has been set up by the trustees to protect the value of the fixtures and fittings and other fixed assets, excluding the freehold property. It represents the net book value of the fixed assets of the charitable company.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Sinking Fund is set aside by the trustees to meet repair and replacement commitments relating to the building. There is an expectation that the expenditure will need to be incurred within the next 24 months.

The Big Lottery Fund grant is also towards the redevelopment of 234 Stratford Road. The capital grant towards the cost of 234 Stratford Road is subject to a legal charge and therefore the restriction remains on this element of the income.

The X-Stream fund is the remaining balance from grant-funded youth activities. The trustees consider the purpose for which the funds were provided and will release the funds towards specific expenditure for the Youth activity.

Awards for All is a capital grant towards the fitting out of the children's facilities at 234 Stratford Road. The grant income will be offset by the depreciation of the equipment purchased with the grant.

The Murcott Travel Fund was a specific fund to enable travel on Overseas Mission.

The Community Lunches Fund is a National Lottery funded project to provide lunches to vulnerable individuals within the community.

Transfers between funds

As part of how the trustees deal with the designation of funds towards the Building Fund, funds are transferred from General Funds to enable the mortgage repayments to be made, or are transferred to the Fixed Asset Fund to reflect capital improvements. During the year, transfers totalling £19,383 were made from General Funds to the Building Fund, £2,400 from General Funds to the Sinking fund, £1,921 from the General Fund to the Fixed Assets Fund and £NIL from General Funds to the Murcott Travel Fund.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.