

NORTH HEATH FAMILY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127133

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2008-12-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: A TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN THE PARISH OF NORTH HEATH, ERITH KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE RUSTB TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FITC TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE INCLUDING BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PARISH OF NORTH HEATH, ERITH KENT AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

Activities: Sunday Meetings, Midweek housegroups, Youth Group, Monthly Family Fun Days free for the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH HEATH, ERITH KENT
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£22,580	£15,711	-	-
2024-09-30	£25,516	£20,225	-	-
2023-09-30	£24,094	£33,234	-	-
2022-09-30	£32,075	£19,725	-	-
2021-09-30	£19,139	£19,854	-	-
2020-09-30	£25,635	£23,266	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PETER JOHN MAINE		
STEPHEN JOHN BRODIE		
TONY ROBERT SMITH		

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NORTH HEATH FAMILY CHURCH

(Registered Charity No. 1127133)

Annual Report – 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Introduction

The main objective of North Heath Family Church is to share the Christian faith with the people of Northumberland Heath and beyond. The church aims to be a positive expression of faith in the community through a practical demonstration of the love of God to all those we come into contact with. The church also seeks to train and equip members in order to prepare them for ministry.

Community Activities

This will be our 17th year of hosting Fun Days – providing activities for the local community every other month. The event consists of a bouncy castle, craft, assorted games and activities with tea and coffee – all provided free.

We have seen many families regularly attend which has provided an opportunity for the church to connect with the community. Many parents have commented that they look forward to having a safe place to bring their children. The fact that it is free has allowed families with low incomes to join in the fun.

Small Business Promotion Events

The traders of Northumberland Heath have periodically held events to promote local businesses. The church has been invited to be a part of these events providing fun activities for families and therefore giving us another opportunity to serve the community.

Finance

North Heath Family Church is financed entirely by the generosity of the church members, for which we are extremely grateful. We have a policy not to raise money through external fund-raising events. In fact, we regularly give to other charities and also support families that are experiencing financial hardship.

Two of the main charities supported are:-

- Christian Resources in Bexley Schools (Charity No. 1122295) which receives 5% of our income
- Slade Green Foodbank (Charity No. 1117813) which receives £100 of food donations every month.

We are also part of a network of churches internationally (known as Church of the Nations) and we contribute towards the organisation and administration of joint events.

- Acts Life Cluster (Charity No. 1098683)

Further information about the objectives of these charities can be viewed on the Charity Commission's website.

Finally it is with great joy that we can report that the mortgage on the building was paid off in March 2024.

Final Comments

On a personal note, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the countless hours that the members of the church give every year free of charge – in addition to the generous financial donations. Without these willing volunteers we would not be able to continue our work of spreading the good news message to the community.

This report was written by Peter Maine – Chairman of the trustees
3rd July 2025

NORTH HEATH FAMILY CHURCH

Summary of Accounts 1st Oct 2023 - 30th Sep 2024

Balance C/F from 30/09/23	£7,654.49
Balance as of 30/09/24	£12,752.04

RECEIPTS for Year Oct 23 - Sep 24	
Regular Giving	£20,860.72
Building Hire	£4,152.00
Misc Income	£503.25
Total Income	£25,515.97

PAYMENTS for Year Oct 23 - Sep 24	
Mortgage	£9,209.83
Building Insurance	£627.68
Utilities	£2,124.39
Broadband & Webhost	£487.74
Acts Life Cluster - CotN (Charity No. 1098683)	£2,120.00
Annual Gift for CRIBS (Charity No. 1122295)	£1,170.00
Outreach / Evangelism / Events	£1,218.29
Food for Slade Green Foodbank	£1,021.95
Copyright Licenses	£449.40
Evangelical Alliance Membership	£80.00
Church Equipment	£1,123.09
Building / Maintenance	£33.00
Social Events	£224.45
Stationery	£19.59
Cleaning	£256.00
Bank Charges	£60.00
Total Expenditure	£20,225.41

Mortgage outstanding as of 30/09/24	£0.00
Final Payment 04/03/24	

Accounts prepared (by Dawn Goodwin 06/10/24)

Checked and approved – no concerns to report (by Mary Ajanaku 11/04/25)

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Annual Report – 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022

Introduction

The main objective of North Heath Family Church is to share the Christian faith with the people of Northumberland Heath and beyond. The church aims to be a positive expression of faith in the community through a practical demonstration of the love of God to all those we come into contact with.

Unfortunately this year has been difficult to engage with the community in the normal way due to the ongoing restrictions of the pandemic. As such many of our usual events have been abandoned.

Community Activities

We have found that providing free activities has been helpful in allowing people to get to know us and see us as a part of the community. It creates an environment where people feel comfortable asking questions about the Christian faith – or simply just provides an opportunity for struggling families to find support and advice.

Historically our Fun Days have been the backbone of our activities but sadly due to Covid restrictions we were only able to host one event this year. Consequently we have had to look for alternative ways of engaging with the community, which has included cream teas for the elderly, Christmas movie night (including a night adapted for special needs children).

Sadly our Youth club had to stop after many years because of Covid restrictions and has not restarted due to a lack of staff.

Support for Other Groups

In addition to the work that North Heath Family Church does locally we support other charities of a similar nature and with similar objectives. There are two in particular that receive a regular percentage of our income.

The charities are:-

- Christian Resources in Bexley Schools (Charity No. 1122295) which receives 5% of our income
- Slade Green Foodbank (St Augustines Church Hall, Slade Green)

Further information about the objectives of these charities can be viewed on the Charity Commission's website.

Final Comments

As the minister I want to express my sincere gratitude for the countless hours that the members of the church give every year free of charge – in addition to the generous financial donations. Without these willing volunteers we would not be able to continue our work in the community.

This report was written by Peter Maine – Chairman of the trustees
14th July 2023

NORTH HEATH FAMILY CHURCH

Summary of Accounts 1st Oct 2021 - 30th Sep 2022

Balance C/F from 30/09/21	£4,445.19
Balance as of 30/09/22	£16,795.13

RECEIPTS for Year Oct 21 - Sep 22

Regular Giving	£24,483.09
Building Hire	£7,592.00
Misc Income	£0.00
Total Income	£32,075.09

PAYMENTS for Year Oct 21 - Sep 22

Mortgage	£5,744.88
Building Insurance	£659.60
Utilities	£1,163.52
Broadband & Webhost	£479.61
Jubilee Church Cluster Fund	£1,000.00
Annual Gift for CRIBS (Charity No. 1122295)	£840.00
Transform Bexley Borough (Clocktower Project)	£500.00
Social Events	£41.98
Outreach / Evangelism / Events	£613.69
Christmas Hamper for Vulnerable Family	£150.00
Food for Slade Green Foodbank	£398.18
Copyright Licenses	£397.35
Memberships / CRB Checks	£80.00
Church Equipment	£560.74
Building / Maintenance	£516.00
Pastoral Ministry	£5,500.00
Training Events	£325.60
Cleaning	£704.00
Bank Charges	£50.00
Total Expenditure	£19,725.15

Mortgage outstanding as of 30/09/22 **£24,240.55**

Accounts prepared (by Dawn Goodwin 06/10/22)

Checked and approved – no concerns to report (by Rhys Brodie 19/07/23)

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Annual Report – 1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020

Introduction

One of the main objectives of North Heath Family Church is to advance the Christian faith in the surrounding areas of Northumberland Heath and beyond, and to create a family environment where people feel accepted, loved, cared for and supported.

We have sought to do this primarily through:-

- community activities
- supporting other work
- supporting vulnerable people
- training and equipping

Community Activities

The Fun Days continue to be a successful way of connecting with a wide cross-section of the community of Northumberland Heath. In an area where many people experience financial hardship, the fact that all activities are free is a major attraction. It has provided the church with the opportunity to show that every individual is important and highlights the inclusiveness and generosity which is at the heart of the Christian faith. People continue to be surprised that we do not even ask for a voluntary contribution.

The usual format is a 'drop in' system which works well allowing families to come and go as they please. The activities broadly include a bouncy castle, craft, computer games, toddler area, refreshments with café area.

The event tends to attract children under the age of ten – accompanied by parents and often grand-parents.

The helpers are all volunteers from the church who commit to giving up so many Saturdays in order for the event to continue.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to arrange any since December due to the pandemic but will restart them once it is safe to do so.

The Free Spiritz youth group is still successful (led by Zoe Smith and a team) with up to ten young people attending between the ages of 12 to 16. The evening is informal and centres around a lounge setting with activities such as badminton, table tennis etc. It has proved to be a useful time where young people feel comfortable discussing or sharing in a relaxed setting.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the group has been discontinued until further notice.

The work through Christians Against Poverty (CAP) continues to be successful although the courses have been restricted to Zoom communication due to the covid restrictions.

As a church we have been able to provide financial support for struggling families, in addition to making foodbank donations.

Supporting other work

Since the start of the church it has been our policy to commit 10% of our income to support other groups with a similar interest. One of these in particular is CRIBS (Christian Resources in Bexley Schools – Charity No. 1122295) which receives 5% of our income. Further information about the objective of this charity can be viewed on the Charity Commission's website.

Maintenance Work

The maintenance costs were unusually high this year due to the rear hall requiring a new roof.

Final Comments

Although the start of the year in September was very positive the pandemic restrictions have undoubtedly had a negative impact particularly with regard to our relationship with the wider community of Northumberland Heath. It is anticipated that once some sort of normality is restored we will be able to reconnect with our neighbours once again – particularly through the regular Fun Days.

It has also been problematic maintaining normal church relationships, with severely restricted meeting times and the inability to meet together socially. Having said that the use of social media has had its benefits in that we have been able to create a closer bond and enabled us to offer various forms of support. The church has had to learn to adapt at a time when our nation has experienced one of the most difficult periods in history. It has been interesting to observe the level of concern for each other. In addition to that there has been an opportunity for everyone to participate through our Zoom meetings and allow new gifts and talents to emerge. It is important therefore to show appreciation for this special group of people – who have been so supportive during a difficult year.

This report was written by Peter Maine (Chairman of the trustees)
9th July 2021

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Summary of Accounts 1st Oct 2019 - 30th Sep 2020

Available Balance C/F from 30/09/19	£2,790.59
Available Balance as of 30/09/20	£5,159.99

RECEIPTS for Year Oct 19 - Sep 20

Regular Giving	£23,979.04
Building Hire	£1,656.00
Misc Income	£0.00
Total Income	£25,635.04

PAYMENTS for Year Oct 18 - Sep 19

Mortgage	£5,725.68
Building Insurance	£622.04
Utilities	£1,355.22
Broadband & Webhost	£606.25
Jubilee Church Cluster (Gift)	£500.00
CAP Erith Debt Centre (Gift)	£50.00
Annual Gift for CRIBS (Charity No. 1122295)	£1,606.98
Social Events	£78.68
Children's Club	£0.00
Outreach / Evangelism / Events	£372.96
Copyright Licenses	£359.40
Memberships / CRB Checks	£80.00
Stationary	£0.00
Church Equipment	£398.43
Building / Maintenance	£5,175.00
Ministry Gift	£70.00
Pastoral Ministry	£6,000.00
Cleaning	£265.00
Total Expenditure	£23,265.64

Mortgage outstanding as of 30/09/20 **£33,532.69**

Accounts prepared (by Dawn Goodwin 16/01/21)

Checked and approved – no concerns to report (by Sharon Brodie 19/07/21)