

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON**  
**TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1130217**

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We will engage in national and regional matters conveyed through the work of Churches Together and cooperate in matters that grow and foster unity.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements, including the notes, have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' 2015 (FRS102). The analysis of income and expenditure reflects the classification of activities, together with costs relating to administration. The charity does not sell goods or services, nor are there any other trading activities

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Financial Activities is shown on page 9, with more detailed analysis of income and expenditure on pages 11 to 15.

The total operating income for the year was £30,214 (2020: £30,660), this income is made up of annual subscriptions, the total operating resources expended for the year was £24,334 (2020: £16,780). The expenditure was less in 2020 compared to 2019 due to the closures caused by the Corona Virus pandemic, the closures meant we were not able to facilitate the annual Bradwell gathering, the same closures reoccurred in 2021, however in 2021 we employed a new staff member at a higher rate of pay than the previous year's stipend costs, thereby increasing the costs for 2021.

### Balance Sheet

The above result led to an increase in reserves of £2,732 (2020: £17,265) which has resulted in a combined fund balance of £80,444 (2020 £77,712) at the year end. The annual subscriptions were not affected by the pandemic, therefore we are showing an increase in overall income. An analysis of the movements of funds can be found in note 5

### Fundraising Resources

There are two main sources of income, donations by churches and fundraising.

### Reserves Policy

The Trust holds funds on different terms. Funds which are restricted may only be used as directed by the funder at the time they were granted to the Trust. At the year end, the charity held no restricted funds.

The Trustees aim to hold a level of unrestricted funds which enables the charity to have sufficient financial resources to meet various liabilities which would crystallise if the charity were unable to continue operating, together with an allowance to enable the charity to respond flexibly to issues or appropriate initiatives which might be identified outside of its annual budgeting process.

At the year end, general unrestricted funds amounted to £80,206 which is more than sufficient to cover the committed costs should the charity be wound up.

### Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major governance, operational and financial risks which the charity faces as part of its annual business planning process and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

No risks have been identified. Denominations have continued to financially support the work of the charity, and there has been increased involvement with ecumenical enablers in the region. Although 2020 & 2021 suffered a pandemic, this has not had an impact on the financial situation of this charity and the Trustees therefore consider there to be no key risks facing the charity at this time.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity was registered on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 after adopting the constitution on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007, amended by a special resolution on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Membership is open, on payment of the agreed subscription, to any church interested in furthering the objects of the Association, having at least one congregation in the Area, and is either:

- a member church of Churches Together in England;
- a member church of the Evangelical Alliance or
- a member church of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

Each member church shall appoint an individual to represent it and to vote on its behalf at meeting of the Association. Each member church (or association) shall have one vote.

### **Governance**

The charity currently has nine Trustees. The Board meets at least for three ordinary meetings a year and conducts an Annual General Meeting usually in June. Detailed written reports and agendas are prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the Ecumenical Lead who acts as Executive Secretary. The papers are circulated in advance of these meetings.

### **Appointment and Induction of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consists of:

- the Church leaders of the churches in membership or persons nominated by them;
- the Chairperson, who will also be chair of the Board of Trustees.

There were seven changes during the year:

- Mr Adrian Smith, Quaker representative, stood down as he is not eligible to be a Trustee in June 2021
- Rev Andrew Prasad, stood down due to retirement in May 2021
- Rt Rev Peter Hill, stood down due to retirement in May 2021
- Rev'd Nick Lear, stood down due to taking a post in Plymouth in May 2021
- David Bareham representing Relational Mission, joined in June 2021
- Mark Barford representing Assemblies of God joined June 2021
- Rev'd George Watt, Moderator for URC Thames North joined in June 2021

### **The Contribution of Volunteers**

The charity makes use of volunteers to support its activities.

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## Key Management Personnel

There are no key management groups within the charity and no one Trustee has any more rights than another.

## Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trust law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming and application of resources, including the net income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company independent examiner is unaware and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:**

Trustee ..... 

**Print Name: Rt Revd Roger Morris**

**Date 6 September 2022**



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Donation and legacies	1	30,209			30,209	30,540
Other Income	2	5			5	120
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>30,214</b>			<b>30,214</b>	<b>30,660</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>						
Fund raising	3	2,016			2,016	10,068
Charitable activities		22,318			22,318	6,712
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>24,334</b>			<b>24,334</b>	<b>16,780</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains (losses)</b>		<b>5,880</b>			<b>5,880</b>	<b>13,880</b>
<b>Net gains (losses) on investments</b>		-				-
<b>Net income (expenditure)</b>		<b>5,880</b>	-	-	<b>5,880</b>	<b>13,880</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of the financial statements.  
All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON  
BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	4	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	5	80,444	77,712
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		80,444	77,712
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	6	0	0
Accruals	7	(238)	(3,386)
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>		80,206	74,327
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<b>Total Net Assets</b>		80,206	74,327
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<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted - General Fund	8	80,206	74,327
Designated		-	-
Restricted		-	-
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<b>Total Funds</b>		80,206	74,327
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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. Ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

**These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:**

**Trustee Rt Revd Roger Morris**

Print Name:  .....

**Date 6 September 2022**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Although 2020 suffered a pandemic, this has not had an impact on the main source of income which is annual subscriptions, therefore no material uncertainties affect the going concern of the charity.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**2.1 Income**

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. No gift aid has been claimed.

Support costs allocation

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

## **2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities**

#### Liabilities recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

#### Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resource.

#### Redundancy costs

The charity has made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

#### Deferred income

No deferred income has been included in the accounts.

## **2.3 Assets**

#### Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

There are currently no debtors.

#### Contribution to pension funds

The charity contributes towards staff pension. The employer contribution is 8% and the pension fund currently used is NEST.

#### Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

### ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>1. Donations and legacies</b>						
Membership subscriptions		29,459	-	-	29,459	29,790
(which are in substance donations)		750			750	750
Other Donations						
Legacies		0			0	0
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>		<b>30,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,209</b>	<b>30,540</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Donations taken at Bradwell		0	-	-	0	0
Advertising campaign		0	-	-	0	0
<b>2. Other Income</b>						
Bank Interest		5			5	120
<b>Total other income</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>120</b>
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## ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Governance	Support Costs	Total	Allocation basis
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>				
a. Governance	1,210	806	2,016	60:40
b. Support Costs	13,391	8,927	22,318	60:40
<b>Total allocated costs</b>	<b>14,601</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>24,334</b>	

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<b>a. Governance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meetings	906	-	-	906	0
Accountancy	1,110	-	-	1,110	680
Workplace Chaplaincy	0			0	500
<b>Total governance costs</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>1,180</b>

### b. Support costs

Website	265	-	-	265	374
Subs and training	550			550	350
Committee Costs	175	-	-	175	0
Sundry (Computer Purchased)	23	-	-	23	0
Ecumenical officer stipend	1,074	-	-	1,074	13,160
Staff Costs	19,719	-	-	19,719	0
Working expenses	172			172	518
Insurance	340		-	340	329
<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>22,318</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,318</b>	<b>15,600</b>

## TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No expenses were paid to trustees during the year.

## EMPLOYMENT EMOLUMENTS

The Ecumenical Officer is a part time post. For administrative and tax purposes, Jacqui King was employed by the United Reformed Church and seconded to the charity since January 2018 and resigned in February 2021.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 Jenny Clayton was employed on a part time basis, namely 24 hours per week.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

### SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
<b>8. UNRESTRICTED</b>					
General Fund	77,712	30,214	(24,334)	(3,148)	80,444
	<u>77,712</u>	<u>30,214</u>	<u>(24,334)</u>	<u>(3,148)</u>	<u>80,444</u>

### 4. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0

### 5. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021 £	2020 £
Barclays Bank	34,756	32,029
CCLA Fund Managers Ltd	<u>45,688</u>	<u>45,683</u>
	80,444	77,712
	£	£

### 6. CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	2021 £	2020 £
6. Creditors	0	0
7. Accrued expenses	<u>238</u>	<u>3,386</u>
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### FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

No material financial commitments have been made in respect of future financial periods.

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It will support opportunities to sponsor specifically religious events, such as the Bradwell Pilgrimage and Gathering and ecumenical prayer meetings such as Thy Kingdom Come and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

It will also seek opportunities to demonstrate our common witness and voice regarding policies that impact on those face financial hardship, sickness and matters regarding education or other charitable concerns.

We will engage in national and regional matters conveyed through the work of Churches Together and cooperate in matters that grow and foster unity.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements, including the notes, have been prepared in compliance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' 2015 (FRS102). The analysis of income and expenditure reflects the classification of activities, together with costs relating to administration. The charity does not sell goods or services, nor are there any other trading activities

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Financial Activities is shown on page 9, with more detailed analysis of income and expenditure on pages 11 to 15.

The total operating income for the year was £30,214 (2020: £30,660), this income is made up of annual subscriptions, the total operating resources expended for the year was £24,334 (2020: £16,780). The expenditure was less in 2020 compared to 2019 due to the closures caused by the Corona Virus pandemic, the closures meant we were not able to facilitate the annual Bradwell gathering, the same closures reoccurred in 2021, however in 2021 we employed a new staff member at a higher rate of pay than the previous year's stipend costs, thereby increasing the costs for 2021.

### Balance Sheet

The above result led to an increase in reserves of £2,732 (2020: £17,265) which has resulted in a combined fund balance of £80,444 (2020 £77,712) at the year end. The annual subscriptions were not affected by the pandemic, therefore we are showing an increase in overall income. An analysis of the movements of funds can be found in note 5

### Fundraising Resources

There are two main sources of income, donations by churches and fundraising.

### Reserves Policy

The Trust holds funds on different terms. Funds which are restricted may only be used as directed by the funder at the time they were granted to the Trust. At the year end, the charity held no restricted funds.

The Trustees aim to hold a level of unrestricted funds which enables the charity to have sufficient financial resources to meet various liabilities which would crystallise if the charity were unable to continue operating, together with an allowance to enable the charity to respond flexibly to issues or appropriate initiatives which might be identified outside of its annual budgeting process.

At the year end, general unrestricted funds amounted to £80,206 which is more than sufficient to cover the committed costs should the charity be wound up.

### Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major governance, operational and financial risks which the charity faces as part of its annual business planning process and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate these risks.

No risks have been identified. Denominations have continued to financially support the work of the charity, and there has been increased involvement with ecumenical enablers in the region. Although 2020 & 2021 suffered a pandemic, this has not had an impact on the financial situation of this charity and the Trustees therefore consider there to be no key risks facing the charity at this time.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity was registered on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 after adopting the constitution on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007, amended by a special resolution on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009.

Membership is open, on payment of the agreed subscription, to any church interested in furthering the objects of the Association, having at least one congregation in the Area, and is either:

- a member church of Churches Together in England;
- a member church of the Evangelical Alliance or
- a member church of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

Each member church shall appoint an individual to represent it and to vote on its behalf at meeting of the Association. Each member church (or association) shall have one vote.

### **Governance**

The charity currently has nine Trustees. The Board meets at least for three ordinary meetings a year and conducts an Annual General Meeting usually in June. Detailed written reports and agendas are prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the Ecumenical Lead who acts as Executive Secretary. The papers are circulated in advance of these meetings.

### **Appointment and Induction of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees consists of:

- the Church leaders of the churches in membership or persons nominated by them;
- the Chairperson, who will also be chair of the Board of Trustees.

There were seven changes during the year:

- Mr Adrian Smith, Quaker representative, stood down as he is not eligible to be a Trustee in June 2021
- Rev Andrew Prasad, stood down due to retirement in May 2021
- Rt Rev Peter Hill, stood down due to retirement in May 2021
- Rev'd Nick Lear, stood down due to taking a post in Plymouth in May 2021
- David Bareham representing Relational Mission, joined in June 2021
- Mark Barford representing Assemblies of God joined June 2021
- Rev'd George Watt, Moderator for URC Thames North joined in June 2021

### **The Contribution of Volunteers**

The charity makes use of volunteers to support its activities.

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### **Key Management Personnel**

There are no key management groups within the charity and no one Trustee has any more rights than another.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trust law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming and application of resources, including the net income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company independent examiner is unaware and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:**

Trustee ..... 

**Print Name: Rt Revd Roger Morris**

**Date 6 September 2022**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>						
Donation and legacies	1	30,209			30,209	30,540
Other Income	2	5			5	120
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>30,214</b>			<b>30,214</b>	<b>30,660</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>	3					
Fund raising		2,016			2,016	10,068
Charitable activities		22,318			22,318	6,712
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>24,334</b>			<b>24,334</b>	<b>16,780</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains (losses)</b>		<b>5,880</b>			<b>5,880</b>	<b>13,880</b>
<b>Net gains (losses) on investments</b>		-			-	-
<b>Net income (expenditure)</b>		<b>5,880</b>	-	-	<b>5,880</b>	<b>13,880</b>

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of the financial statements.  
All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON  
BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	4	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	5	80,444	77,712
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		80,444	77,712
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	6	0	0
Accruals	7	(238)	(3,386)
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<b>Net Current Assets</b>		80,206	74,327
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		80,206	74,327
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted - General Fund	8	80,206	74,327
Designated		-	-
Restricted		-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Funds</b>		80,206	74,327
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The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. Ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

**These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:**

**Trustee Rt Revd Roger Morris**

Print Name:  .....

**Date 6 September 2022**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 Going Concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Although 2020 suffered a pandemic, this has not had an impact on the main source of income which is annual subscriptions, therefore no material uncertainties affect the going concern of the charity.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**2.1 Income**

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise. No gift aid has been claimed.

Support costs allocation

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

#### Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

## **2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities**

#### Liabilities recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

#### Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resource.

#### Redundancy costs

The charity has made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

#### Deferred income

No deferred income has been included in the accounts.

## **2.3 Assets**

#### Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

There are currently no debtors.

#### Contribution to pension funds

The charity contributes towards staff pension. The employer contribution is 8% and the pension fund currently used is NEST.

#### Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010.

# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

### ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>1. Donations and legacies</b>						
Membership subscriptions		29,459	-	-	29,459	29,790
(which are in substance donations)		750			750	750
Other Donations						
Legacies		0			0	0
<b>Total donations and legacies</b>		30,209	-	-	30,209	30,540
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Donations taken at Bradwell		0	-	-	0	0
Advertising campaign		0	-	-	0	0
<b>2. Other Income</b>						
Bank Interest		5			5	120
<b>Total other income</b>		5	-	-	5	120
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		30,214	-	-	30,214	30,660

## ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Governance	Support Costs	Total	Allocation basis
<b>3. Resources Expended</b>				
a. Governance	1,210	806	2,016	60:40
b. Support Costs	13,391	8,927	22,318	60:40
<b>Total allocated costs</b>	<b>14,601</b>	<b>9,733</b>	<b>24,334</b>	

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
<b>a. Governance</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Meetings	906	-	-	906	0
Accountancy	1,110	-	-	1,110	680
Workplace Chaplaincy	0			0	500
<b>Total governance costs</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>1,180</b>

### b. Support costs

Website	265	-	-	265	374
Subs and training	550			550	350
Committee Costs	175	-	-	175	0
Sundry (Computer Purchased)	23	-	-	23	0
Ecumenical officer stipend	1,074	-	-	1,074	13,160
Staff Costs	19,719	-	-	19,719	0
Working expenses	172			172	518
Insurance	340		-	340	329
<b>Total support costs</b>	<b>22,318</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,318</b>	<b>15,600</b>

## TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No expenses were paid to trustees during the year.

## EMPLOYMENT EMOLUMENTS

The Ecumenical Officer is a part time post. For administrative and tax purposes, Jacqui King was employed by the United Reformed Church and seconded to the charity since January 2018 and resigned in February 2021.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 Jenny Clayton was employed on a part time basis, namely 24 hours per week.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

### SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
<b>8. UNRESTRICTED</b>					
General Fund	77,712	30,214	(24,334)	(3,148)	80,444
	<u>77,712</u>	<u>30,214</u>	<u>(24,334)</u>	<u>(3,148)</u>	<u>80,444</u>

### 4. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0

### 5. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2021 £	2020 £
Barclays Bank	34,756	32,029
CCLA Fund Managers Ltd	<u>45,688</u>	<u>45,683</u>
	80,444	77,712
	£	£

### 6. CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	2021 £	2020 £
6. Creditors	0	0
7. Accrued expenses	<u>238</u>	<u>3,386</u>
	238	3,386

### FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

No material financial commitments have been made in respect of future financial periods.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Churches together in Essex and East London

On accounts for the year  
ended

December 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1130217

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).]

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

23/02/2022

Name:

Rita Nzekwe

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qualification(s) or body  
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