



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 01.07.2023 Period end date: 30.06.2024

Charity name: CITY CHURCH COVENTRY

Charity registration number: 1135373

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The proclamation and furtherance of the gospel of God concerning his son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the preaching and teaching of the Christian faith.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities have included: -Teaching, preaching and pastoral care of people in the community and city. -The relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress, or who are aged or sick, both locally and in other countries.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	When planning the activities for the year the trustees have considered the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	City Church has a reliance on contributions made by volunteers to enable the charity to run financially, practically and to meet the needs of people in the community (and other countries).
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The trustees are pleased to report that the trust has achieved provision of public benefit in several spiritual and practical ways this year.</p> <p>Opportunities for teaching, preaching and pastoral care of people in the community and city have been regular.</p> <p>The continued relief and support for those in need (in Coventry and other countries) has also been abundant.</p> <p>The trust has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Supported a city-wide charity called Hope, both financially and spiritually. This has enabled the charity to help the homeless, lonely, elderly and vulnerable people in Coventry. It is also a link for the churches in Coventry to work together for both public and spiritual benefit (and raise awareness of the churches in Coventry). -Given finances to 'Carriers of Hope'; a charity that supports refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in the city. -Given finances to 'Ministries Without Borders' to support them take the message of hope (the gospel) to a needy and dying world. -Financially supported families in the community and church who are in need. Support has also been given, both spiritually and pastorally, to help families wellbeing and faith in Jesus at difficult times. -Financially supported individuals, particularly the elderly, within the church, as they come through difficult times of financial need, sickness, distress and grief. -Supported families, young adults and students to attend a countrywide 3-day conference (within Ministries Without Borders). This was mainly to receive quality teaching and preaching, to ensure people are equipped and strengthened. There were also many opportunities for prayer, fellowship and pastoral support. -Also supported the young adults within City Church to attend a full weekend conference to support well-being, encourage spiritual growth, equipping and fellowship. -Provided food and drink for people within the community/church on a regular basis. City Church has been doing weekly Sunday lunches (called 'Open Home') to provide opportunity for the public to receive food, drink, pastoral support and fellowship in a safe environment. - Provided training to leaders within the church to ensure they are equipped to lead well, safely and in accordance with guidelines and biblical principles. Events planned and attended at the Stable House (and in peoples homes) have been regular throughout the year. -Financed children's activities within the community and at church on a weekly basis. The funding supported children/family well-being, spiritual understanding and growth. Children have received teaching regularly every Sunday morning in a safe environment considering their different
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		<p>needs.</p> <p>-Supported the youth (13-18yr olds) in the church and local community by providing a monthly youth group. Providing a safe place for youth to fellowship, share food and do activities together. It has also provided time for teaching, and for the youth to reflect on their spiritual growth and journey as a Christian.</p> <p>-Provided for and supported local students (and 20-30yr olds) within the church and community to meet regularly. The time has been an opportunity for teaching and equipping, also for fellowship, provision of pastoral support and reflection on spiritual growth together.</p> <p>-Employed a new member of staff (Mar 2024) at City Church to take on the role of 'Communications and Data Manager'. This role is to ensure that City Church are organising and storing all their data appropriately and in line with regulations, also to ensure the church are communicating well both internally and externally.</p> <p>-Continued to employ two other members of staff to help with the running, administration and publicising of City Church (to reach out to the community and world).</p> <p>-Financially supported a member of City Church to travel to Cuba to support the churches there. It was also an opportunity for this person to learn from the ministries in Cuba, grow spiritually and share these developments on their return to Coventry.</p> <p>-Supported members of the church in their personal and spiritual growth by purchasing books re: discipleship for all members of the church. Content was taught, reviewed, shared and discussed at fortnightly life-group meetings. People within the church were supported pastorally and spiritually.</p> <p>-Implemented Safeguarding procedures across City Church and provided training for employees, elders, leaders and volunteers as necessary. The purchase of a subscription to Thirtyone:Eight has enabled this to happen.</p> <p>-Finally, the trust has provided a lot of financial support to those in a condition of need or hardship by giving to individuals and projects in other countries, particularly areas of India and Pakistan.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The trustees are pleased to report that income levels have been satisfactory level to allow the trust to achieve its objectives in this financial year.</p> <p>City Church has received a satisfactory number of contributions this year to ensure the financial position at the end of the period is steady.</p> <p>This included £24,500 received in gift aid.</p> <p>As well as the reserves held (detailed below), the trust also has unrestricted designated funds for the purpose of a future building (£40,000), future projects (£7,500) and an emergency hardship/relief fund (£7,500).</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The trustees have maintained a reserve of 3 months worth of outgoings.</p> <p>The trustees feel that is a sensible level for the current ongoing commitment.</p> <p>The reserves are held to ensure that 3 months of commitments can be covered if needed, e.g. employees, room hire, ministry support, contracts</p> <p>Trustees manage financial commitments and meet every 3 months to assess and review.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Ministries Without Borders is a charity that City Church Coventry has links to and works with.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	City Church Coventry
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1135373
Charity's principal address	45 Benedictine Road, Coventry, CV3 6GZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dave Palmer	Chair of Trustees		
2	Paul Sheffield	Trustee		
3	Matthew Ling	Trustee		
4	Bolade Onilari	Trustee		
5	Ellena Varney	Trustee		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Palmer	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	23.04.25	



Charity Name City Church Coventry	No (if any) 1135373
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2023	To	Period end date 30/06/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving	131017.11	-	-	131,017	106255.86
Payments	130	-	-	130	332
Gift Aid	24,501	-	-	24,501	65,488
Restricted gifts	-	950	-	950	-
Interest	929	-	-	929	337
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	156,577	950	-	157,527	172,412
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	156,577	950	-	157,527	172,412
A3 Payments					
Ministry Support	52,933	-	-	52,933	57,108
Employees	29,831	-	-	29,831	18,493
Room Hire	17,288	-	-	17,288	17,241
Giving	25,094	-	-	25,094	30,703
Events/Outreach	-	-	-	-	2,345
Training	3,817	-	-	3,817	3,340
Running Costs	9,475	-	-	9,475	11,459
Safeguarding	320	-	-	320	330
Loan	700	-	-	700	-
Restricted funds	-	850	-	850	-
Sub total	139,458	850	-	140,308	141,020
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	139,458	850	-	140,308	141,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,119	100	-	17,219	31,393
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	62,753	-	-	62,753	31,361
Cash funds this year end	79,872	100	-	79,972	62,754

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	10,945	100	-
	Savings Account	68,927	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	79,872	100	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	David Palmer	David Palmer	04/02/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
City Church Coventry

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1135373

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 /06 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Richard Knapp

14/03/25

Name:

Richard Knapp

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

ICAEW Chartered Accountant

Address:

18 Bradgate Road, Hinckley, LEICS, LE10 1LA

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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