



Registered Charity #1136654

**Cor Deo**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

The trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 for Cor Deo.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Charity Name	Cor Deo
Charity Registration Number	1136654
Principal Office	51 Curlew Drive Chippenham SN14 6YG
Trustees	Dr Peter Mead Mr Timothy Jones Mr Huw Williams
Independent Examiner of Accounts	Mrs Clare Fuller 5 Sutherland Crescent Chippenham SN14 6RS
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent, ME19 4JQ

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**CHARITY STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

Cor Deo is a charitable trust established and governed by trust deed, dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010, and registered with the Charity Commission under charity number 1136654.

**Organisational Structure and Management**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely.

Trustees meet twice per annum, and more frequently as required, to make decisions relating to the running of Cor Deo. The day-to-day running of Cor Deo and its activities are handled by the senior leaders and other members of the Cor Deo ministry team, under the direct supervision of the chair of the board of Trustees.

**Recruitment of Trustees**

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees, but will do so after seeking the views and recommendations of Cor Deo leadership and staff. The trustees believe this approach ensures that the ministry of Cor Deo will be able to continue without disruption or digression from the guiding values of Cor Deo.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees believe that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

**OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

**The Objects of the Charitable Trust**

The objects of the Trust are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs appearing in the Schedule hereto in such 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 Trust.

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**Summary of Main Activities Undertaken for Public Benefit**

Cor Deo seeks to advance the Christian faith in the United Kingdom and internationally through mentoring active Christian ministries, providing training programmes and through Bible teaching in local churches, events and other ministries. The programme of training provision includes intensive courses of various lengths, as well as shorter seminars.

Activities undertaken for the public benefit in 2020 consisted of the following events. At the start of the year we held a preacher's intensive, a women's intensive and a Cor Deo cohort (these three events involved 36 participants). Then the Covid-19 pandemic struck and we were not able to gather participants together for the rest of the year.

Due to Covid-19, we launched a programme of online sessions in the summer of 2020. We have averaged 15-20 each time, followed by extra viewings online. Countries represented in these sessions include England, Wales, Ireland, Spain, Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia, Canada, USA and Thailand.

As well as the courses run in the UK, Cor Deo also serves the wider Evangelical movement in Europe by leading the Bible Teachers' Networks at the European Leadership Forum. This strategic opportunity is focused on training preachers and Bible teachers to rightly handle God's Word and effectively communicate it in their church contexts so that the churches can be healthier and more effective in serving the public benefit throughout Europe. The European Leadership Forum in 2020 was held entirely online. Peter Mead and Mike Chalmers both served in leading the Bible Teacher's Networks, and Peter Mead gave the plenary Bible sessions for the Forum.

The relational emphasis in Cor Deo's content and methodology serves the public benefit by promoting spiritual well-being and lives guided by the values of the spreading goodness of God's love. The training provided by Cor Deo events also provides public benefit via education in respect to Biblical Studies, Christian Theology, Ethics, Pastoral / Applied Theology, History, etc. Public benefit is not restricted by ability to pay fees charged as Cor Deo currently makes all training provision free of charge (accepting freewill donations where participants choose to give to the charity). Furthermore, benefitting from the provision of Cor Deo is not restricted to people from one specific church group or background. The general public are welcome to attend evening classes, seminars, conferences, and all events designated as open to the public by the organisers when Cor Deo representatives are involved.

In planning the activities for 2020, and in planning for the 2021 programme, the trustees have had regard to the guidance regarding public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

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**Summary of the Main Achievements During the Year**

The ministry of Cor Deo in 2020 was significantly impacted by the global pandemic that began in March. Before the pandemic we were able to run a preacher's intensive, a women's intensive and a Cor Deo Cohort (alumni of the full-time programme coming together for further training).

Once it became impossible to meet in person, we switched to a Cor Deo Online presence through YouTube videos and Zoom gatherings. We launched a programme of online sessions in the summer of 2020. We have averaged 15-20 each time, followed by extra viewings online. Countries represented in these sessions include England, Wales, Ireland, Spain, Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, Slovenia, Slovakia, Canada, USA and Thailand.

As always, there was the varied ministry involvements of the mentoring team in local churches, conferences, missions organisations, as well as overseas teaching, pastoral care work, including the annual involvement in the Bible Teachers and Preachers Networks at the European Leadership Forum in Wisla, Poland. (The European Leadership Forum was online only in 2020, and much of the ministry in local churches, etc., was also restricted to online). These various events sought to offer enrichment through instruction in Bible, theology, spiritual formation and practical ministry.

The Cor Deo website, as well as the new YouTube channel, continued to offer resources free of charge to advance the Christian faith in line with the Cor Deo training programmes.

Looking forward to 2021, we anticipate a continued Cor Deo Online ministry until it becomes possible to meet in person and we can offer Intensives and Mini-Intensives again.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves Policy**

Cor Deo does not have a reserves policy. Financial reserves held at the end of 2020 were held in anticipation of ministry costs for the programme of events in 2021.

**Principal Funding Sources**

Funding for Cor Deo is raised via applications to grant-making trusts, and via freewill donations. To this point in time, Cor Deo has not charged for participation in any of the training events, but accepts donations from participants (and others) to supplement the income of the charity.

**Investments**

The charity has no investments. Our cash reserves are held over in anticipation of ministry costs during the subsequent year. If an excess becomes evident, the trustees will consider a reserves and investments policy.

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**DECLARATION**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Peter Mead (Chair) & Timothy Jones  
25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COR DEO**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 10.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Clare Fuller

Signed:

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 5 Sutherland Crescent, Chippenham, SN14 6RS

Date: June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021



**COR DEO**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**SECTION A: Receipts and Payments Accounts**

For the period from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Trust Grant	14,000	0	14,000	17,000
Gift	2,546	0	2,546	5,369
Intensive Donations	3,145	0	3,145	1,620
Rent Reimbursement*	6,450	0	6,450	3,475
#84 Office Use	0	0	0	1,650
HMRC	138	0	138	0
Photocopier	0	0	0	150
Refund	1,275	0	1,275	0
Books	0	0	0	0
Adjustment	0	0	0	(0)
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>27,554</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,554</b>	<b>29,264</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Travel	243	0	243	759
Cor Deo Promotion	717	0	717	295
Intensives Costs	2,161	0	2,161	807
Team Events	596	0	596	94
Cor Deo Venue	277	0	277	225
Administration	777	0	777	507
Living / Training Expenses	76	0	76	59
84 Curlew Drive Accom	15,300	0	15,300	14,822
ELF Network	8,081	0		10,679
Adjustment	0	0		0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>28,228</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,228</b>	<b>28,247</b>
<b>Net of Receipts/(Payments)</b>	<b>-674</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-674</b>	<b>1,017</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>16,925</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,925</b>	<b>15,907</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,251</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,251</b>	<b>16,925</b>

[Examiner's Initials:     ]

**SECTION B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2020**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Cash Funds in Deposit Account	16,251	0	0
<b>Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use</b>			
Library Books	Unrestricted		
Promotional Book Stock	Unrestricted		
Study Room Furniture / Equipment	Unrestricted		
<b>Liabilities</b>	0	0	0

[Examiner's Initials:       ]

The trustees declare that they have approved the annual accounts above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Peter Mead & Timothy Jones  
(Chair)  
August 25<sup>th</sup> 2020

\*Rent reimbursement amount does not include contributions to rent received in "gift" column, but includes contributions for use of Office at 84 Curlew Drive