

Trustees Annual report 2020

Charity name: Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa

Registered charity number: 1139834

Address: 82, Lindon Drive, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0LN

Trustees:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
John Ralph Edwards		Resigned 08-01-2020
Darrell Dale Hannah		Joint Chair until 22-07-2020
Christina Dorothy Foyle Bailey		
William Poole	Treasurer	
Sally Margaret Lynch	Minutes	
Christopher John Haywood	Chair	Joint Chair until 22-07-2020

Structure and management:

The charity is constituted as a trust with a trust deed of 15th December 2010 as the governing document.

Trustees meet approximately quarterly to agree broad strategy, review finances and reserves policies, and decide on any grants to be made. Additional meetings were held in 2020 to review communications with the overseas partners.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Trustees are appointed for a five year term of office by resolution of the existing trustees. New trustees are sourced through the personal networks of the trustees and patrons; they then meet one of the existing trustees to assess suitability and appropriate checks are carried out, after which they attend a board meeting at which they are appointed, if all trustees and the candidates agree this is appropriate.

Activities and Objectives:

Our key objectives are:

To advance the Christian religion in the Anglican Episcopal Area of the Horn of Africa (the "Area"), by providing support to the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa,

In partnership with the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa to relieve poverty, suffering and financial hardship, distress and ill health amongst people living in the Area, including refugees and displaced people.

A number of activities are conducted to achieve these objectives:

Grant applications are assessed in context with the above objectives and approved when it is considered that a significant proportion of the request is in line with one or more of the objectives.

Regular communication is made in order to understand situations, needs and processes with reviews, as required, of factors that influence grant requests.

Appropriate assessment is made of financial factors, such as exchange rates and potential partnerships with other similar charities that support activities in the region.

Achievements and Performance:

Grant Requests:

During 2020 grant requests were received from St. Matthew's church in Addis Ababa and from the Anglican Church in the Gambella region of Ethiopia as follows:

Grants totalling £16,000 to St. Matthew's have been used for the general running of the church and supporting the Breakfast Club and Community Library. This support has been important during the pandemic lockdown period since income was reduced whilst the church was closed. It also allowed the Breakfast Club to be sustained with appropriate social distancing throughout the lockdown. An element of these grants was used for Community Library staff salaries enabling the Library to be reopened once lockdown was eased.

A contributing grant to aid the easing of the effects of poverty in the Gambella region was made to the church's Samaritans Fund (£3,200) and later in the year another grant of £3,800 to alleviate the impact of severe flooding.

The church in the area brings the Christian faith to many people and to ensure that this continued throughout the year 3 grants of £6,000 each were issued to support over 25 clergy and support staff salaries. One social aspect of the work of the church in the area is to reduce ethnic tensions.

Towards the end of 2020 discussions were in progress with the Mothers Union to explore financial support of their Literacy and Eagle projects. These are both based on bible teaching but also enable local people to improve their situation by improved communication (Literacy project) and utilisation of local assets (Eagle project). Again these projects bring together ethnic groups.

Other activities during the year included the following:

Our governance and grant making protocols were reviewed and brought up to date following the Charity Commission's latest guidance.

As a result of the impact of the pandemic, the trustees worked hard as a team to maintain the activities by using email and on-line video meetings. The support and encouragement of our patron, Bishop Andrew Proud during this transition has been much appreciated. In a normal year the Board of Trustees would aim to meet on 3 to 4 occasions but in 2020 met on 9 occasions. The extra meetings helped to manage the changes in trustees since the start of the year, maintain good contact with St. Matthew's Parochial Church Council during their interregnum and keep up to date with the changes to the Diocese of Egypt and the Horn of Africa. Bishop Mouneer was congratulated on his appointment as Archbishop of the new Province of Alexandria and his support is much appreciated.

We have worked with the Partnership Office in Cairo, who oversees the church in Ethiopia, to improve our communications with them and the church in Ethiopia. We have also improved our communication with Friends of the Anglican Province of Alexandria (FAPA) and the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association (JMECA) that helps each charity to coordinate their work efficiently whilst maintaining their specific identity.

An essential element of the activities of the Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia is prayer support for the church in the country and this has been enhanced by periodic reports from the church in Gambella including, for example, photographs of food distribution after the flooding and specific prayer requests. Information received is shared with our donors both on the web site and through newsletters.

Financial Review:

At 31st December 2020 we held cash at the bank of £88,644 (£101,211 in 2019). Within this figure is an amount of £36,830 which is separately restricted to support the work of St Matthew's Church in Addis Ababa. The trustees have adopted a policy to retain all funds for this purpose in reserves unless grant requests, within the charitable objectives of FACE, are made by St Matthew's which the trustees consider it appropriate to agree to fund.

Apart from the above, our policy on reserves is to hold at least £10,000 of unrestricted funds at any time to enable the Charity to respond to emergency requests for grants to the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, eg: food emergencies.

In normal times, an upper limit on unrestricted reserves has been set at £20,000 at the end of any financial year. Apart from funds held for St Matthew's Church, we have not deemed it prudent to make grants until we can be certain that they are applied as required by our statement on public benefit, at the end of 2020, we retained £43,241 (£58,458 in 2019) in unrestricted funds. We are ready therefore to continue to apply these funds as and when the needs of the people in the area are truly identified.

Our main sources of income are both restricted and unrestricted donations from individuals, churches and other charitable trusts including in response to specific appeals. We have to date received no funds from central or local government in the UK or any other country.

Expenditure in furtherance of our objectives has been in the form of grants made to the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa or specific Anglican churches within that area, e.g. St Matthew's Church in Addis Ababa.

As a very small charity we do not have many written policies, but financial matters are reviewed and management accounts produced at every trustees meeting, and we annually review our financial controls against the checklist provided by the Charity Commission. We have also adopted an ethical fundraising policy to guide our fundraising activity.

Custodian Trustee Funds:

Not applicable.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W Poole', is written over a rectangular area of the document.

Full name(s):

William Poole

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc):

Treasurer

Date of Approval:

16-06-2021

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st January 2020	To	31st December 2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Voluntary Receipts	10300	18033		28333	38979
Interest income	62			62	95
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10362	18033	0	28396	39074

A2 Asset and investment sales

See Table				0	
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Sub total					
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Total receipts	10362	18033	0	28396	39074
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A3 Payments

Charitable Activities Costs (giving)	25100	16118		41218	12143
Governance Costs				0	
Administration Costs	479	254		733	1643
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
Sub total	25579	16372	0	41951	13786

A2 Asset and investment purchases (see table)

				0	
				0	
Sub total				0	

Total payments	25579	16372	0	41951	13786
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Net of receipts/payments	-15217	1662	0	-13555	25288
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A5 Transfers between funds				0	
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A6 Cash funds last year end	58458	42754		101212	75925
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Cash funds this year end	43241	44416	0	87657	101212
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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash Funds	Cash funds	43,241	44,416	

Total cash funds **43241** **44416** **0**

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charities own use				

	Details	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 **Reverend Christopher John Haywood (Chair of the Board of Trustees)**

Date of approval **26/09/2021**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1139834

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 31 December 2020.

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.

Signed:

C. Bond

Date:

18 October 2021

Name:

Craig Bond

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

ICAEW

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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.