

Trustees Annual Report 2022

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
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Darrell Dale Hannah		
Christina Dorothy Foyle Bailey		
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Financial Review:

At 31st December 2022 we held cash at the bank of £43,055 (£46,939 in 2021). Within this figure is an amount of £14,010 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 2022, we retained £23,425 (£18,148 in 2021) in unrestricted funds. We are ready therefore to continue to apply funds in excess of our reserves 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.

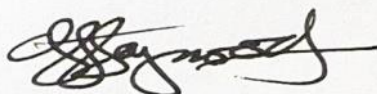
Custodian Trustee Funds:

Not applicable.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):



Full name(s):

Reverend Christopher John Haywood

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc):

Chair

Date of Approval:

27-09-2023

Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa			1139834	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st January 2022	To	31st December 2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Voluntary Receipts	15049	18298		33346	27806
Interest income	126			126	5
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15174	18298	0	33472	27811

A2 Asset and investment sales

See Table				0	
				0	

Sub total					
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Total receipts	15174	18298	0	33472	27811
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A3 Payments

Charitable Activities Costs (giving)	9396	27125		36521	67824
Governance Costs				0	
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				0	
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A5 Transfers between funds				0	
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A6 Cash funds last year end	18148	28791		46939	87657
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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
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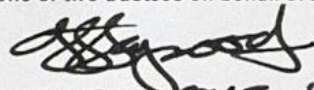
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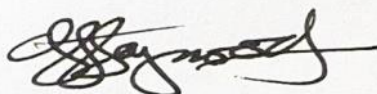
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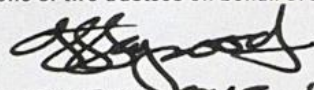
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

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

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1139834

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 Act or
- The accounts do 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 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:

Date:

22 September 2023

Name:

Roger Priestnall

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

None

Address:

3 Cox Green Court

Littleover

Derby. DE23 3TB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.