

Trustees Annual Report 2024

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
Christopher John Haywood	Chair	
Darrell Dale Hannah		
Christina Dorothy Foyle Bailey		
William Poole	Treasurer	
Sally Margaret Lynch	Minutes	

Structure and management:

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

Trustees meet at least once per year to agree broad strategy, review finances and reserves policies, and decide on any grants to be made but kept informed through email correspondence throughout the year.

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 patron; 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 Support:

The Diocese of the Horn and the Diocese of Gambella

The Dioceses have continued to develop during 2024 and the synods in October were supported with grants totalling £8,609 being made to enable clergy to attend.

The Chair and Treasurer were able to meet Bishop Jeremiah and Bishop Martin on invitation to a meeting at Westminster Abbey convened by the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association (JMECA).

Bishop Martin reported that the Diocese of the Horn of Africa that is made up of Eritrea, Ethiopia (highlands), Djibouti and Somalia. One of the aims in this new Diocese is to take the gospel out and build the faith of strangers and aliens. Bishop Martin reported that the door is opening in Eritrea where there is one building and that Somaliland will get a building. There are clergy in the camps in South Sudan. The main challenge is that the Diocese is low on money and skills.

Bishop Jeremiah reported on the new Diocese of Gambella and the Ethiopian lowlands stating that there is now peace in the area with the communities putting aside tribal differences and coming together. There are fast growing churches with the need for discipleship training, becoming rooted in Jesus and mission stations. The Diocese needs to become well structured, including, for example, provision of housing and transport for the Bishop. It was noted that there are difficult situations in refugee camps, there are lots of ministries and a project for clean drinking water is needed for health reasons.



St. Matthew's Addis Ababa

No grant requests were received from St. Matthew's church in Addis Ababa during 2024. As reported in 2023 the church had significantly recovered from the pandemic and the Ethiopian civil war enabling them to focus on deferred maintenance issues. At present funds are being built up in preparation for major roof work and given the high inflation rate of approximately 20% in Ethiopia, it has been prudent to hold reserves in the FACE St Matthew's restricted funds. The FACE Treasurer provides monthly statements of the St. Matthew's funds to their Treasurer

The Mothers Union

The last 18 months have been very challenging for the church including MU and much of the activities had to be put on hold. However, Bishop Jeremiah (Bishop of Gambella) has said they now had peace and activities were starting to take place within both the Nuer and Anuak communities with safe travel to each community.

As things improve the MU are hoping to help them to restart the Eagle and literacy activities and apply for more funds from FACE.

General

As in 2023, the trustees continued to work hard as a team to maintain the activities of the charity. The Board of Trustees met on 1 occasion and is in regular email contact. Contact was maintained with St. Matthew's Vicar and Parochial Church Council. The support and encouragement of our patron, Bishop Andrew Proud during the year has been much appreciated.

We have also maintained our communication with the Jerusalem and Middle East Church Association (JMECA).

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 St Matthew's in Addis Ababa and the church in Gambella and specific prayer requests. It is planned to share news with our donors both on the web site and through newsletters.

Financial Review:

At 31st December 2024 we held cash at the bank of £62,572.75 (47,086 in 2023). Within this figure is an amount of £31,725.07 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 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 2024, we retained £18,747.43 (£19,105.52 in 2023) in unrestricted funds. We are ready 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. A Statement of Financial Affairs (SOFA) report is produced monthly. 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:

30-08-2025

Financial Statements:

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of the Anglican Church in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa			1139834	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	1st January 2024	To	31st December 2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Voluntary Receipts	8017	21511		29528	25388
Interest income	740			740	759
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8757	21511	0	30268	26147

A2 Asset and investment sales

See Table				0	
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Sub total					
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Total receipts	8757	21511	0	30268	26147
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A3 Payments

Charitable Activities Costs (giving)	8609	12		8621	21250
Governance Costs				0	
Administration Costs	506	337		843	866
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
				0	
Sub total	9115	349	0	9464	22116

A2 Asset and investment purchases (see table)

				0	
				0	
Sub total				0	

Total payments	9115	349	0	9464	22116
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Net of receipts/payments	-358	21162	0	20804	4031
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A5 Transfers between funds				0	
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A6 Cash funds last year end	19106	22663		41769	43055
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Cash funds this year end	18747	43825	0	62573	47086
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Section B Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash Funds	Cash funds	18,747	43,825	

Total cash funds	18747	43825	0
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	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets				

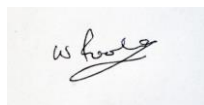
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

	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)	Whendue (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print name

W Poole

Date of approval

30/08/2025



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Independent examiner's
report on the accounts

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 2024

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 31/12/24.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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: 28 August 2025

Name:

Roger Priestnall

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

None

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