

45000West End Chapel Fareham

(Registered charity number – 1141601)

Trustees Annual Report for the period from 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024

Reference and administration details:-

Charity's principal address: West End Chapel, St. Anne's Grove, Fareham, PO14 1JX

Trustees:

Paul Jeffrey Chaplin

Maurice Arthur Goodfellow

Edward John Powell

Malcolm Privett

William John Powell

Nigel Oram

Structure, governance and management:

The charity is a local Christian church which has existed on West End Estate, Fareham for upwards of 50 years. The Charity is now governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 22nd March 2011. Trustees must be appointed by a simple majority at a meeting of the Spiritual leadership of the church.

The leadership comprises three Elders and three Deacons all of whom are trustees and who meet separately in fulfilment of their duties, but also meet as a co-ordinating team every two months or more often, as needed. All six trustees comprise the 'Spiritual leadership' referred to in the Declaration of Trust.

The receipt and distribution of funds is handled by the Church Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer and both are trustees of this Trust.

The charity is a local assembly of Christians with its roots based on the Open Brethren movement.

The trustees have considered the major risks facing the charity and have put in place policies to mitigate risk e.g. in relation to the proper stewardship of funds, including the operation of bank accounts, and in relation to child protection and fire risks.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the church are for the benefit of the public to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in the Declaration of Trust in such way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees 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 in such way and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The main activities undertaken by the church for the public benefit in relation to these objects in the period covered by this report have been regular public meetings for the worship of God, Gospel preaching, Bible teaching, and prayer meetings. Additionally, the church has operated specific groups and clubs. Also, the Church participates in the Food bank scheme by sending monthly donations to the local foodbank. The church, through its regular offerings, has also been able to assist in forwarding the Christian gospel in other parts of the world by the relief of people in need from 'natural' disasters, poverty or persecution and has also assisted with the financial support of missionaries and Christian workers overseas and in the UK.

The trustees consider that all the activities undertaken by West End Chapel Fareham were in furtherance of its charitable purposes for the public benefit. Furthermore, in carrying out these objects and activities the trustees have had regard to the guidance concerning public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements:

The achievements of the charity in the period covered by this report included holding a weekly Good News Bible club for children, aged 4-9 years, which was attended by about a dozen to twenty local children on a Wednesday evening. On Friday evenings, the Charity runs a teenage group called Transformers with a membership which averages ten teenagers from the local area. The club play games, socialise and can receive spiritual help. A 'Little Sparrows' club for carers and toddlers is also conducted regularly, on a Friday morning. These meetings are all run during school terms only. Also, Messy Church is held on the third Sunday, bimonthly, for children accompanied by parent or guardian. This is a free event which includes a meal.

Other special events to promote the Christian Gospel and benefit local people were held including Quiz night and a harvest supper. The church is also used by local people for birthday parties for children up to junior school age. The church has also conducted several acts of public 'open-air' Gospel witness in the Town centre in the year under review. Once each quarter the church distributed the 'Good News' Christian paper to about 500 local homes. The local council also use the church for a polling station for local and general elections and the NHS inter hospital department meeting used the church for their conference. The church also, has donated to the local food bank, in the form of food and monetary donations.

The church services are open to all and at the Sunday morning Bible teaching service about 40-50 adults were present most weeks to hear the Bible taught and the gospel of Jesus Christ preached. During the service the 'Junior church' has age appropriate Bible teaching in separate groups. On Sunday evenings a Bible study followed by a communion service is held. Every Thursday evening a prayer meeting is held in the church.

Financial Review:

The charity is permitted by another Trust to occupy and manage the Chapel premises, rent-free, but in return for paying for any necessary repairs and the running costs e.g. heating bills. The income during the year under review amounted to £36,115.83 which is from weekly offerings including gift aid, along with various gifts to church funds, fees for church hire, funds from church members for a church week end away and specific gifts for other Christian organisations supported by the church. The income was expended in the year in furthering the objects of the charity, except for £706.39 cash in hand and £30479.24 of which £10,000.00 was Hardship fund, £6,500.00 for new sound system.

Reserves:

The charity's principal source of funds is the offerings made each Sunday by those in the church fellowship or paid into church bank account by members on standing orders. The charity has been spending money on the West End Chapel premises in order to make that building more useful to the local community and the church itself as stated above. The church has no need to create other reserves currently, particularly because it does not employ any paid staff and all the work of the charity is carried on by church members acting as volunteers.

Declaration:

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

Signed, on behalf of the charity's trustees,

William John Powell, Secretary to the Trustees

Dated - 4th September 2024

RECEIPTS (£)			EXPENDITURE (£)		
Collections	25324	71	Speaker's Expenses	230	00
Refund of Income Tax on Covenants	4352	50	<u>Gifts : Mission/Home Workers</u>		
Interest:			Andrew Patching - Zambia	3000	00
Business A/C	325	62	Poul & Carol Joensen- P.N.G.	1400	00
Miscellaneous:			SASRA	600	00
Gift for use of chapel premises	275	00	Gordon Curley-County Worker	1800	00
including FBC for elections.			Solomon Nathaniel-Asian worker	1200	00
Basic Food Bank- Harvest collection	254	00	Rwandan Orphanage	450	00
and quiz nights-Friends of Homeless			India Project	420	00
Gift for Felix Muchimba	150	00	Philip Lambert	400	00
Donations to church funds	54	00	William Andrews (County Worker)	500	00
Weekend away	4370	00	Neil Maddox	400	00
Little Sparrows	200	00	Barnabas Aid	300	00
Daylight Prison Ministry-gift	210	00	Open Doors & Brother Andrews	300	00
Returned cheque-Amadan charity	300	00	Hamp. Christian Regional Fellowship	800	00
Returned BACs transfer-Amadan	300	00	Mission Aviation Fellowship	300	00
charity			Christopher Rogers-Minister	400	00
			Albanian Orphanage The Hiding Place	300	00
			Martin Girard	240	00
			Ken Barrett-Spain	250	00
			Christian Workers Relief Fund	300	00
			Missionary Medical News	300	00
			Retired Missionary Aid Fund	300	00
			Don Olden - Minister	230	00
			George Khalil-Nazareth	300	00
			Ananda & Grace-Malawi	1200	00
			Felix Muchimba-Zambia	950	00
			AIM International-CJBell-Uganda	1200	00
			Amadan Charity	900	00
			London City Mission	200	00
			David & Hannah Sandal-France	250	00
			Daylight Prison Ministries	500	00
			GoodNews for Everyone	300	00
			Echoes International	300	00
			John Arnyon-Retired Minister	100	00
			<u>Miscellaneous:</u>		
			Cleaning & Catering	1186	77
			Electricity + Gas	2420	54
			Water Rates	586	74
			Building Insurance	957	18
			Domestic & General-cooker ins.	67	86
			Maintenance	6315	91
			Lit./Corres./Stat./Publicity	195	41
			Pnet4013812 Internet connection	344	60
			Good News Paper	294	00
			Thirty one eight-COPAS-police check	316	50
			Basic Food Bank-Friends of Homeless	270	00
			Junior Church	13	82
			Find a Church	22	00
			ACBT Bibles for Zambia	750	00
			Bank Charges	74	00
			First Aid Training Course	354	00
			Mark Majnusz-gift for Moldova trip	600	00
			Church Weekend Away	7270	00
			Sound System	274	90
			Little Sparrows	50	00
			Sunday Teens Group	27	68
			Messy Church	593	84
			International China Concern	50	00
Total Carried Forward	36115	83		43655	75

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Receipts and Expenditure Accounts

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Excess Expenditure over Receipts	7539	92		
Total:	43655.75	75	43655	75

Cash Balance As At 5 th April 2024		
Business Premium Account : £ 23784.01 (Including £10,000 hardship fund, £6500 sound system)	Total Balance at 6th April 2023 : £ 38725.55 Plus Excess Expend. over Receipts: £- 7539.92 See Auditor's Report Be Low	
Community Account : £ 6695.23		
Cash : £ 706.39		
Total : £ 31185.63	Total Carried Forward : £ 31185.63	

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 5th April 2024, set out over leaf,
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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