



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	December	2021		30	November	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Regent Christian Fellowship**

Other names charity is known by **Regent Chapel**

Registered charity number (if any) **1149241**

Charity's principal address **Regent Chapel, Regent Farm Road**
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
Postcode NE3 3HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Keith Mowat	Chairman		
2	Paul Mullis	Treasurer		
3	Andrew Gibson	Full Time Elder		
4	Peter Hedley			
5	Fiona Waugh			
6	Laura Elliott		to 16th August 2022	
7	Alicja Cienawska		from 16th August 2022	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Andrew Gibson: Full Time Elder.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by incumbent trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of the Trust are, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs in such ways and 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.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and consider the operation of normal church worship activities and additional social welfare activities, including operating a Churches Against Poverty Debt Centre and gifts to organisations and individuals working within the UK and the rest of the world who have aims and objectives compatible with those of the Charity, to be within the definition.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A program of weekly worship, evangelism and service to the community was undertaken throughout the year. The lifting of all remaining Covid-29 restrictions during the year has enabled the return to full normality of operation

A new ministry: "The Hub" was begin, offering free hot breakfasts and friendship to the local community once a month on Saturday mornings.

Donations from Members again increased in comparison to the prior year, and membership has grown.

The Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre has continued to operate successfully throughout the year seeing several individuals becoming clear of debt and others continuing to make progress towards that aim. The removal of all Covid-19 restrictions again permitted this service to return to normal operating. External financial support from trusts remained low, with the Fellowship meeting the funding balance from reserves and financial support of the congregation.

8 organisations working elsewhere in the UK and overseas in furtherance of aims compatible with the objects of the Trust were supported with financial gifts. These varied between a value of £474 and £11,225 and totalled £26,362 (2021: 19,920).

Work progressed towards an extension of our building, with a further £45,986 being raised. This constituted £39,986 from our congregation and a donation of £6,000 from residual funds from Central Hall.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees seek to maintain a balance in undesignated and unrestricted reserves that is approximately equal to 6 months running costs of the charity. In 2022 this was determined to be £52,000 based on a Financial Budget for 2022/23.

Funds in excess of this are identified and designated for specific purposes to assist in the furtherance of the aims of the Fellowship: namely the running costs of the Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, a Building Fund towards the costs of extending Regent Chapel, and funds collected specifically for missionary and welfare activities operated by reputable third parties.

These are designated as separate identifiable funds within the overall restricted reserves of the Trust.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The primary source of funding consists of weekly and monthly donations and offerings collected voluntarily from the congregation which has enabled the employment of staff and the operation of services out of Regent Chapel, Regent Farm Road, Gosforth.

The Trust received donations totalling £4,000 from the following third party organisations during 2021/22, which were entirely used in operating the Newcastle North West CAP Debt Centre:

Anonymous	£2,000
North Shields Christian Fellowship	£2,000

In addition, the Trust received donations totalling £6,890 from Acts435 and other charities on behalf of CAP clients. The full amount was passed on within the year.

The Trust has no investments.

Payment to Trustees: All Trustees are voluntary and unpaid, with the exception of the Full Time Elder who was remunerated as follows:

Gross Salary	33,506
Pension contributions	<u>1,340</u>
Total	<u>£34,846</u>

The Full Time Elder has the same pension arrangements as all other charity staff, which is a Defined Contributions scheme administered by NEST.

Related party payments: The Full Time Elder's spouse is also employed in a part time capacity by the Charity, for which she received total remuneration of £8,994.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

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)	Keith Mowat	Paul Mullis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer
Date	28 th February 2023	28 th February 2023

Regent Christian Fellowship		1149241		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/12/2021	To	30/11/2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General	137,342	-	-	137,342	126,114
Events	831	-	-	831	130
Restricted funds: CAP Debt Centre	-	13,508	-	13,508	18,918
Restricted funds: Building Fund	-	45,986	-	45,986	60,862
Restricted funds: Missionary Funds	-	19,539	-	19,539	15,255
Restricted funds: Other	-	494	-	494	1,760
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	138,173	79,527	-	217,700	223,038
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	138,173	79,527	-	217,700	223,038
A3 Payments					
General	63,411	-	-	63,411	70,488
Building	7,338	-	-	7,338	9,494
Additions and replacements	6,905	-	-	6,905	7,808
Gifts	2,017	-	-	2,017	652
Outreach and activities	5,719	-	-	5,719	3,029
Restricted funds: CAP Debt Centre	-	23,485	-	23,485	25,181
Restricted funds: Building Fund	-	1,251	-	1,251	118,668
Restricted funds: Missionary Funds	-	26,362	-	26,362	19,920
Restricted funds: Other	-	435	-	435	2,260
Sub total	85,390	51,533	-	136,923	257,500
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,390	51,533	-	136,923	257,500
Net of receipts/ (payments)	52,783	27,994	-	80,777	(34,462)
A5 Transfers between funds	(49,745)	49,745	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,427	83,874	-	129,301	163,764
Cash funds this year end	48,465	161,613	-	210,078	129,302

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in hand	183	-	-
	Current accounts	83,485	-	-
	Deposit account	(35,203)	161,613	-
	Total cash funds	48,465	161,613	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Prepayments :deposits paid	1,000	-	-
	Gift aid: claimed but not received	2,669	-	-
	Gift aid: entitled but not claimed yet	737	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accrued payroll taxes	Unrestricted	1,615	31/01/2023
	Accrued pension contributions	Unrestricted	446	19/01/2023
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Paul Mullis (Hon. Treasurer)	13/03/2023	
	Keith Mowat (Chairman)	13/03/2023		



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Regent Christian Fellowship

On accounts for the year
ended

30th November 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1149241

Set out on pages

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**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: E Menzies

Date: 13th March 2023

Name: Euan Menzies

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

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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