

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1150193**

**CHRIST AVENUE CHAPEL**

**TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

**17 BUTTERMERE COURT  
GRAYRIGG ROAD  
MAIDENBOWER  
RH10 7PD**

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

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**REGISTERED OFFICE:** SUITE 3 – 5 CHALLENGE HOUSE  
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**MINISTER IN CHARGE:** BISHOP MELVIN LONGDON

**TRUSTEES:** REVEREND CYNTHIA BAAH-YEBOAH  
REVEREND RANDY SENYO  
PASTOR ALBERT JUDE

**ACCOUNTANT:** MR TONY JIKA  
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## **TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022.**

The Trustees of Christ Avenue Chapel takes pleasure in presenting their Annual Report along with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Financial Statement has prepared in accordance with the accounting policies as set out in this report and complies with the statement of Recommended Practices (SORPs 2005).

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Christ Avenue Chapel is a Charitable Association limited by guarantee, set up in October 2011, and became a registered Charity in December 2012 of which the registration number is 1150193. The Church is governed by its Trust Deed document adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Appointment and Retirement of trustees are in accordance with the Article of Association that requires that appointment and retirement should be by ordinary resolution. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity.

### **OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The Charity's purpose and aims as set out in the objects contained in Article of Association and constituted as religious organisation are:

The principal objective of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith according to Biblical Principles, Doctrinal Standards, Tenets of faith and Disciplines of Christ Avenue Chapel in such parts of United Kingdom and the world as the trustees may from time to time determine.

The church may also carry out other charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world as the trustees may from time to time determine.

Our Main Activities are as follows:

- Sunday morning services
- Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings at our Woolwich branch.
- Friday evening prayer Meetings in Croydon
- Evangelistic activities in the community on every weekend.
- Discipleship school for all members on every Sunday morning before the main service.
- Regular get-togethers popularly known as LOVE FEAST to consider the Christian faith in love and unity were done as a means of reaching out to the community. Non-members and the community or public were invited and welcomed.
- Full children's programme filled with fun activities were run during the morning services on every Sunday.
- Once every month meetings by vibrant youth ministry in the church for teachings based on Christian ethos to develop their talents and leadership abilities.
- Young Adults were engaged in structured programmes that build their morals, ethics, manners, and confidence to shape their character as new teenagers. Support was given to them in writing their GCSCE for excellent grades and making responsible choices



for a better future. Back to school stationaries were supplied to them on their school term basis.

- Holistic outreach programme conducted twice a week by the pastoral team through counselling and visitation and giving of groceries in supporting families in need.
- Musical Concerts are conducted three times in the year for spiritual upliftment and promote interdenominational bonding and unity.
- Couples Dating and Outings programmes are structured to enhance better family life and stronger relationships.
- Annual Conferences are organised every year to promote our spiritual growth and advancement of the Gospel with both in-house and other ministers of the gospel which encourages unity in the general body of Christ which is the church.

Christ Avenue chapel in this year of review was involved in both Christian outreach and general charitable programmes in the United Kingdom. The Christian outreach programmes were designed to increase Christian awareness, personal development to improve standard of life and the spread of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ while the general charitable programmes involved education, relief of poverty and community development.

### **ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Because of the spiritual nature of some of the church's objectives, it is difficult to quantify our spiritual achievements but however the Trustees are pleased to report that the church has been successful both spiritually and physically by ministering to many people who have come back to share their incredible testimonies as they received their miracles and blessings. The deep recession because of the pandemic has been very challenging for our organisation the entire world, therefore our operations were hugely impacted both virtually and in person. The adaptation of the new normal which has widely been accepted also put immensely pressure on our operations and volunteers as a church organisation that hugely depends on the gathering of its members and the sacrifices of our volunteers. Even though we are trying to still pick up the pieces together and notwithstanding the fact that, the economic hardship, or crises that the world is currently facing as the after mouth of the pandemic, we still do not cease to effectively support our members and the needy as a charity. As much as the economy's hardship has affected our operations, we are still finding possible ways and means to help and support our members and the needy in the community as we all navigate through this deep recession together in faith.

### **OUR ACHEIVEMENTS:**

- This year saw a huge economic and global recession due to the whiplash of the covid-19 pandemic. Our mode of operations was severely affected as a charity and a church that is heavily dependent on its' attendees or member's contributions to achieve its' objectives. With lack of support from the Croydon council which has gone bankrupt, in providing help for our members and the community as whole, we were still able to serve and reach needy families with grocery and financial package within the community which are mostly Black and Asian minority populated.
- A counselling portal was open to the community to help tackle problems that were associated with the intense isolation during the pandemic especially on Mental Health issues or crises. This was done via zoom and other social media platforms as well as



face to face where necessary to support families who were deeply affected by the loss of their families and loved ones to the pandemic. It was a huge breakthrough for the community in building resilience as we all are finding hope, faith and positive ways to survive the high cost of living crises and get our lives back to normal.

- **WELFARE PROGRAM:** Through our Welfare programs and support systems, donations have been given in support of the less privilege within the church and our community. The beneficiaries are those who do not have access to public funds for variety of reasons, those who are going through bereavement and those who are jobless. A forum is created which gives people the opportunity to find jobs through effective networking within and outside the church. We freely distribute groceries and household products to the local church community especially single mothers or parents who need support. Rent support and cash donations were given to families during and after the pandemic.
- **COUNSELLING AND ADVICE:** With our one-to-one Counselling and Advice services available to members and non-Christians on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, we have supported the sick, poor, needy and people going through separation, divorce, depression, alcoholism, stress, illness, and various life crises. These free services have aided others to find the right medical and other professional assistance for their health and circumstances during and after the pandemic.
- **MUSIC PROJECT:** As part of our community engagement program, the Music Ministry of the Church organised three different Music Concerts within the year Spring, Summer, and Winter. The power of music has helped to alleviate the pain, anxiety, and the toll of immense social isolation that has so much impact on families. It has promoted great love and unity between the church and the community, other religious bodies, and Musicians within the Croydon Borough. As a result, many new families have joined the church, and the choir has seen numerical growth.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:** The whiplash of the pandemic has brought more diversification into our youth activities which were attractive and very engaging throughout the year as many families were joining the church. As future leaders, opportunities were given to them to organise their own services once every month to boost their confidence and leadership skills. Most of these workshops and service were conducted virtually and in person during and after the pandemic. Structured and tailored seminars like mentorship, career choices, dealing with peer pressure, to name a few, were also arranged for them to focus on living discipline lifestyles and building a healthy society. Through these programmes, intervention activities were made available to support their educational studies and positively changed the lives of some of the youths who were on the streets.
- **MENTAL HEALTH AND THE YOUTH:** The pandemic and the raising of cost-of-living crises has brought about huge mental health crises to the nations and more especially on our youth. The impact has been very unbearable to many families, and



as a church community we created a platform of hope to the people. We collaborated with mental health professionals within the church to organise structured forums and engaging activities that helped improve their state of mind. Families were happy to see positive results and changes in their young ones.

- Christ Avenue chapel in this year of review mostly organised seminars and workshops both virtually and in person whereby Christian values, moral values and discipleship were taught with focus on personal, career development and how to adapt to the New Normal after the pandemic. Through this program, many Christians and non-Christians attended our services and many re-dedicated their lives to our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. To God be the Glory.
- Children's Ministry: Through our well-structured curriculum for the children's department, the ministry has seen a phenomenal growth both in the intellectual knowledge of God and the physical and social growth of our children. Children were deeply affected by the social isolation during the pandemic, hence virtual fun activities were organised for them. Our holiday biblical and fun filled activities have encouraged parents to bring their children to church thus a great increase in the children's ministry after the pandemic. Parents were advised to keep watch on their children and support them in doing their homework.
- Centres were created and open to the community both virtually and physically to support people that were going through domestic abuse and mental health crises which rose immensely during the pandemic. Families were supported through counselling, distributing of groceries and structured programs to improve their lives with clear supervision.
- The Church was blessed to dedicate three babies to the Lord, and this means a great deal of addition to the future generation of leaders. We also saw the solemnization of a couple to the family.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statement. The church continues to raise the funds which it needs to carry on its activities from within its own membership and congregation. No wider appeal was made for funds during the year. The church is heavily dependent on its attendees working as volunteers in all aspects of the church's activities, but nevertheless they contribute substantially to the achievement of the church's objectives. Details of any funds materially in deficit are not applicable.

### **RESERVE POLICY**

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Board has established fundraising strategy, which includes ensuring a better mix of restricted and unrestricted funding. Trustees have established a reserve policy and are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the balance



sheet date for foreseeable needs of the church, together with on-going income anticipated to enable the church to function effectively in this year.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

A programme of outreach activities is planned, including participation in prison ministry, hospitals, elderly club, homeless visitation, Children's holiday club and help to challenging needs group. Missions to other parts of the world has been structured with timelines to help and assist the poor, needy, sick, and advance the gospel of Jesus Christ which is our main objective.

### **DECLARATION**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustee by:



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Reverend Cynthia Baah-Yeboah



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Reverend Randy Senyo





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CHRIST AVENUE CHAPEL

No (if any)

1150193

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	Period end date 31/12/2022
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Voluntary contributions	36293	-	-	36293	34893
Savings	-	-	-	-	251
Tithe	32390	-	-	32390	-
Offering	28692	-	-	28692	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at hand	21494	-	-	21494	34132
Cash in bank B/F	1021	-	-	1021	25648
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	119890	-	-	119890	94924



<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	119890	-	-	119890	94924

<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rents and Rates	32968	-	-	32968	32968
Events and Hospitality	4372	-	-	4372	2372
Charitable Donations/Poverty Relief	4501	-	-	4501	2501
Welfare Support System	4193	-	-	4193	2193
Voluntary Staff Allowance	24800	-	-	24800	24800
Training and Seminars	3101	-	-	3101	1101
Conferences & Meetings	3157	-	-	3157	1157
Music Ministry/Instruments Expenses	3694	-	-	3694	2694
Outreach & Evangelism	3200	-	-	3200	1200
Mental Health Support/Counseling	1695	-	-	1695	1195
Ministers Support	3185	-	-	3185	1185
Covid-19 Support System	-	-	-	-	2700
Travel & Accommodation	1700	-	-	1700	700
Web Hosting & Software	1502	-	-	1502	1502



Renewals					
Youth/Children and other Ministries	3401	-	-	3401	1401
Marketing and Media Design	3301	-	-	3301	1301
Guest Honorarium/Love Offering	3694	-	-	3694	1694
Office & Administration	2001	-	-	2001	1501
Bank Charges/Interest and Returned DD	1506	-	-	1506	1407
Utilities	1260	-	-	1260	760
Petty Cash and Miscellaneous	1030	-	-	1030	530
Loan Payment	940	-	-	940	940
Food/Clothing and Missions Work	1145	-	-	1145	645
Repairs and Maintenance	2502	-	-	2502	1502
Savings	-	-	-	-	3000
TAPAC Renewal	802	-	-	802	802
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>119350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119350</b>	<b>93751</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>					

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>119350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>119350</b>	<b>93751</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1173</b>
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<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
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<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2293</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2293</b>	<b>1120</b>
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2833	-	-	2833	2293
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## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Music equipment		-	6664
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Bounce Back Loan Repayment		23332	




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

Signature

Print Name

Date of  
approval

REVEREND CYNTHIA BAAH-  
YEROAH  
REVEREND RANDY SENYO

27/02/2023

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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report  
on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the

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trustees/members of

CHRIST AVENUE CHAPEL

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1150193

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of  
report

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
- 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.*



**Independent  
examiner's statement**

**Signed:**



**Date:**

27/02/2023

**Name:**

TONY JIKA

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

B.Tech; MBA; AAT Dip - Accountancy & Book-Keeping.

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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