

NORTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

諾咸頓華人基督教會

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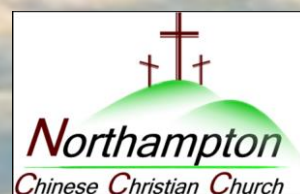
2020

CHURCH THEME 教會主題：

Set your minds on things above.

思念上面的事。

(cf. Colossians 歌羅西書 3:2-4)



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Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the Northampton Chinese Christian Church (NCCC) is to accomplish the mission of Christ by preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, promoting the doctrine of Christian faith, and developing believers' spirituality. Our aim is to enable as many people as possible from the local Chinese communities to worship at our churches. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, starting from early March 2020, we have suspended our services in churches located in Northampton and Milton Keynes. Regular Sunday services and other religious activities are provided online instead. Owing to the lockdown, both the Kingsthorpe Baptist Church where our Northampton congregation worships and Northampton Church Together of which we are a member have also suspended all activities that involve other ethnic groups living in their local parishes; and which we used to participate. The provision of our services and worship such as prayers and scriptures, hymns and sacrament online continues to help our congregation put their faith into practice.

Since registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in 2013, NCCC has followed the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits, particularly the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion when planning our activities. Our aim, specifically, is to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our community through:

- worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and faith in Jesus;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

NCCC offers a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our communities find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, prayer meetings after regular Sunday services provide a quiet, intimate and reflective environment for communicating with our Lord and also opportunities for intercession for the needful, not just for our own congregation but also those who suffer from calamities and epidemics in the world at large.

In addition to our principal pastor, we often invite guest speakers delivering sermons in Cantonese and Mandarin. Interpretation is however not provided online during the pandemic. There were 41 members in NCCC as at 31st December 2020.

Since the introduction of overseas (non-voting) membership in December 2014 to accommodate the needs of those members who had left UK and returned to their homelands, there were 10 overseas members on register at the end of 2020.

Baptism and Other Services

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. Through baptism we thank God for the gift of life; in marriage, public vows are exchanged with God's blessing; and through funeral services, friends and family express their grief and give thanks for the life which is now complete in this world and to commend the person into God's keeping.

NCCC also runs Sunday Schools in both the Northampton and Milton Keynes churches with the aim of providing our children with love and care, and the opportunities to know Jesus and His teachings at an early age. All teachers have gone through DBS check and are subject to the Child Protection Policy in place to ensure that our children are in safe hands. However, during the pandemic, Sunday Schools have been suspended.

The two regular Bible study classes during the week in both Northampton and Milton Keynes remain but are conducted online, again due to the pandemic. The Bible study class used to run in the Northampton Chinese School specifically for Mandarin speaking brothers and sisters has been moved to online.

There have not been any missionaries visiting UK from overseas due to travel restrictions worldwide. However, by the grace of God, online worship has broken the geographical barrier and opened even a wider window for us to invite guest speakers from other regions/countries, including Hong Kong, USA, London and Edinburgh.

Pastoral Care

Owing to the pandemic lockdown, the Ruth fellowship in Northampton and the fellowship for sisters in Milton Keynes have been combined into one and conducted online, in order to continue providing opportunities for our married sisters in both churches to share their care, needs and worries.

Brothers and sisters who are in need or sick at home or in hospital are remembered in our prayers meetings. However, personal visits have been stopped due to the pandemic.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. NCCC donated £1,285 for a number of charitable causes in 2020, including the support given to missionaries and brothers/sisters attending theology courses.

With our Rev. Yip as the Chaplain in the University of Northampton, student ministries remain one of our evangelical aims.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2020 were £38,939, and restricted funds amounted to £10,023. Financial support for our pastor and Church Assistant from the Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong amounted to a total of £8,372. At year end, the balance of restricted funds stood at £4,233. The largest item on the payments side was the salary account for our pastor and the Church Assistant; the practice of charging half of our pastor's salary to restricted fund has been repealed from 2020 as the amounts so withheld have been in excess of the outlays in restricted funds for a few years and therefore become unnecessary.

Of the total expenses of £47,857, 76% was spent on overheads which include salaries, pension contribution, NI and tax for our pastor and Church Assistant, honorarium for guest speakers, church rent, church insurance, licence fees (hymns, website and software) totalling £36,443.

With the support from the government's Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations schemes, we have received a tax refund of £3,855.86 and £1,999.85 respectively from HMRC. There were a total of 21 brothers and sisters making use of the Gift Aid scheme for the benefits of the

church and themselves.

The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £1,105. Compared to the surplus figure in 2019 which amounted to £12,602, this represented a drastic drop of 91% in 2020. This was mainly due to the drop in offertory (both restricted and unrestricted) of £10,765 and the 15% increase in salaries since May 2020. The drop in offertory is probably due to the postponement of giving to the offertory by some of the congregation until physical worship resumes. The cash fund balance amounted to £62,048 as at year end, which was the only asset held by our church. All equipment was either brought forward at nil book value or expensed off in the year of purchase.

Reserves Policy

NCCC does not have a policy to maintain a certain balance on unrestricted funds. Based on the 2020 figures, the unrestricted cash fund is sufficient to cover 1.6 years' overheads.

Structure, Governance and Management

The method of admission of NCCC members is set out in section 9(1) of the Church Constitution (as amended). The Charity Trustees for this year were nominated by the retiring body of Charity Trustees and then voted upon in a general meeting by the church members. The general meeting for 2019 was properly convened in August 2020 according to the legal requirements applicable to physical meetings, with the primary aim of passing through all necessary resolutions by voting via emails.

NCCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church.

Acknowledgement

We would like to thank all the brothers and sisters who have worked so hard to keep our churches running online in such difficult times. In particular, we want to express our gratitude to those parties who have helped us generously over the years, both financially and spiritually.

Administrative Information

The Northampton Chinese Christian Church provides services of Christian worship and praise in two churches; one at Kingsthorpe Baptist Church, High Street, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN2 6QE, and the other at Whaddon Way Church, Beaverbrook Court, West Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 7JS. The principal office is situated at 28 Bickleigh Crescent, Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1HW.

NCCC is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission, Registered Charity No. 1151112.

NCCC members who served as Charity Trustees during 2020 (or part thereof) were:

Mr Yip Yan KOO	<i>Chairperson</i>
Ms Yuk Lan CHAN	<i>Secretary</i>
Ms Wai Ling Angela LAI	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ms Tai Tai WAN (appointed on 22/04/2020)	
Ms Sau Lai LEE (appointed on 22/04/2020)	
Mr Adam Jun Shing CHAN (resigned on 01/09/2020)	

Approved by the NCCC Charity Trustees on 6th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by Mr Yip Yan KOO (the current NCCC Chairperson):



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	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 £)
Receipts					
Offertory	13,828	1,351	-	15,179	24,138
Offertory - Gift Aid	25,111	300	-	25,411	27,217
Church Assistant Support	-	5,919	-	5,919	5,937
Student Ministry Donations	-	2,453	-	2,453	2,431
Church Outings	-	-	-	-	843
Tuition Fee	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross receipts)	38,939	10,023	-	48,962	60,566
Asset and Investment Sales					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,939	10,023	-	48,962	60,566
Payments					
Salaries	25,548	-	-	25,548	14,957
Church Assistant Support	-	5,919	-	5,919	2,968
NI & Tax	4,327	-	-	4,327	3,617
Rent	4,279	-	-	4,279	4,681
Honorarium to Guest Speakers	1,540	-	-	1,540	3,570
General Administration	1,704	-	-	1,704	2,263
Meals & Refreshment	86	-	-	86	503
Church Outings	-	-	-	-	1,169
Offertory	1,205	-	-	1,205	2,445
Offertory - Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	150
Student Ministry – Salary	-	-	-	-	7,517
Student Ministry – Donations	-	2,453	-	2,453	2,431
Student Ministry – Expenses	-	-	-	-	114
Student Ministry – Meals	-	-	-	-	306
Travelling Expenses	-	-	-	-	15
Tuition Fee	-	80	-	80	-
Miscellaneous	716	-	-	716	1,257
Sub total	39,405	8,452	-	47,857	47,964
Asset and Investment Purchases					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,405	8,452	-	47,857	47,964
Net of receipts/(payments)	(466)	1,571	-	1,105	12,602
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	58,281	2,662	-	60,943	48,341
Cash funds this year end	57,815	4,233	-	62,048	60,943

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Details	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment Funds (to the nearest £)
Cash Funds	Bank	57,815	4,233	-

	Details	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment Funds (to the nearest £)
Other Monetary Assets		-	-	-






	Details	Funds to which Assets belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
Investment Assets		-	-	-

	Details	Funds to which Assets belongs	Cost (Optional)	Current Value (Optional)
Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use		-	-	-

	Details	Funds to which Liability Relates	Cost (Optional)	When Due (Optional)
Liabilities				

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by NCCC on 6th April 2021 and signed by all Charity Trustees:

Print Name	Signature	Print Name	Signature
Mr Yip Yan KOO		Ms Yuk Lan CHAN	
Ms Wai Ling Angela LAI		Ms Tai Tai WAN	
Mrs Sau Lai CHAN			

NOTES

- The financial statements of NCCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts & Payments basis.
- The gross salaries of Rev. Philip Chun Man YIP and the Church Assistant Ms. Kin Ping Bonnie HUI, for providing pastoral services to the churches in 2020 were £19,800 and £6,600 respectively. The Payments items "Salary" (including pension and benefits in kind) and "NI & Tax" add up to £29,875, the difference of £3,475 is represented by the statutory requirements of our contribution to their pension and NI. The financial support paid to Rev. Philip Chun Man YIP and the Church Assistant during 2020 was entirely donated by the Evangelical Free Church of China.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity trustees of the Trust 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:

- 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.



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20th March 2021