

NORTHAMPTON CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

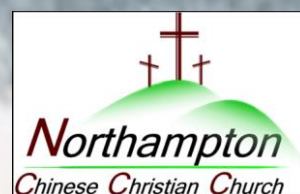
諾咸頓華人基督教會

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CHURCH THEME 教會主題 : **Make your good confession.**
作美好的見證。

(cf. 1 Timothy 提摩太前書 6:12)



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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, since 26th March 2020, we had suspended our church services in Northampton and Milton Keynes due to the COVID-19 pandemic until 1st August 2021 when we resumed physical worship at our churches. During the first seven months of lockdown in 2021, the provision of our online services and worship such as prayers and scriptures, hymns and sacrament continued to help our congregation put their faith into practice. The last five months in 2021 saw the return and participation of the congregation gradually.

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 objective, 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 Christ;
- provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- missionary and outreach work

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Other than the first seven months of the year when NCCC was closed for the pandemic, we offered a range of services during the week that our communities found both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, monthly prayer meetings after Sunday services provided 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 for those who suffered from calamities and pandemic in the world at large.

In addition to our principal pastor, we invited guest speakers to deliver sermons in Cantonese and Mandarin. However, interpretation was not provided in online worships during the pandemic.

Following the introduction by the British Government of the scheme for BN(O) passport holders in Hong Kong to emigrate to the UK, there has been a drastic increase in people, mostly family units, attending our churches since we resumed our physical worship in August 2021. The highest numbers of people attending our Northampton and Milton Keynes churches in 2021 were roughly 35 and 64 respectively.

Baptism and Other Services

In addition to our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey in 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. In 2021, we performed baptism for

one person.

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. Since August, the increase in the number of families joining our churches has also brought about a corresponding increase in children attending our Sunday Schools.

During lockdown, we had been conducting three online Bible study classes via Zoom during the week for the congregation from both Northampton and Milton Keynes to attend. Despite the resumption of physical worship in August, these classes continued to run online.

In December 2021, our two churches had a joint worship at our Northampton church to celebrate Christmas where there were about 70 people attending.

Pastoral Care

Prior to the pandemic lockdown, there were the Ruth fellowship in Northampton and the fellowship for sisters in Milton Keynes, providing opportunities for our married sisters in both churches to share their care, needs and worries. In 2021, these fellowships were combined into a single session conducted online.

Brothers and sisters who were in need or sick at home or in hospital were remembered in our prayers meetings. During lockdown when prolonged period of isolation called for pastoral care and support, we had carried on with our personal visits but conforming to the restrictions and requirements imposed by the lockdown rules e.g. meeting at door steps and with social distancing.

Following the influx of newcomers endeavouring to settle in the UK, we had offered guidance and assistance to them e.g. children's schooling, life in the UK, buying cars and getting medical appointments etc.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. NCCC donated £5,851 in 2021 for a number of Christian organisations, the British Red Cross and also in support of some missionaries.

Our Rev. Yip remains the Chaplain in the University of Northampton in pursuit of our evangelical aims.

Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2021 were £48,835, and restricted funds amounted to £14,077. Financial support for our pastor and Church Assistant from the Evangelical Free Church of China – Hong Kong Overseas Mission Board amounted to a total of £8,617. At year end, the balance of restricted funds stood at £1,434.

Of the total expenses of £58,189, 67% 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 and licence fees (i.e. hymns, website and software), totalling

£38,891.

With the support from the government's Gift Aid and Gift Aid Small Donations Schemes, we have received a tax refund of £5,162.34 and £1,999.70 respectively from HMRC. There were a total of 22 brothers and sisters registered with the Gift Aid Scheme for the benefits of the church and themselves.

The net result for the year was a surplus of £4,723. Compared to the surplus figure in 2020 which amounted to £1,105, this represented a 3.27 times increase in 2021. This was mainly due to the resumption of physical worship and the influx of newcomers to our churches where there were more donations coming through offertory since August 2021 (both restricted and unrestricted), which amounted to £12,775 more than they were in 2020. The cash fund balance amounted to £66,770 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 2021 figures, the unrestricted cash fund of £65,336 is sufficient to cover 1.7 years of 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). Charity Trustees are nominated by the retiring body of Charity Trustees and then voted upon in a general meeting by the church members. There were no new Charity Trustees in 2021. The general meeting for 2021 was properly convened in August 2021 according to the legal requirements applicable to physical meetings, with the primary aim of passing through all necessary resolutions by voting on a show of hands.

NCCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the church. There were 33 members in NCCC as at 31st December 2021.

Acknowledgement

We would like to give our heartfelt thanks to 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 2021 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	
Ms Sau Lai LEE	

Approved by the NCCC Charity Trustees on 5th July 2022 and signed on their behalf by Mrs Sau Lai LEE (the current NCCC Chairperson):



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1ST JANUARY 2021 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	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					
Church Assistant Support	-	6,779	-	6,779	5,919
Church Outings	672	-	-	672	-
Honorarium to Guest Speakers	120	-	-	120	-
Offertory	17,863	4,500	-	22,363	15,179
Offertory - Gift Aid	30,042	960	-	31,002	25,411
Others	82	-	-	82	-
Rent	56	-	-	56	-
Student Ministry Donations	-	1,838	-	1,838	2,453
Sub total (Gross receipts)	48,835	14,077	-	62,912	48,962
Asset and Investment Sales					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	48,835	14,077	-	62,912	48,962
Payments					
Church Assistant Support	-	6,779	-	6,779	5,919
Church Outings	1,054	-	-	1,054	-
General Administration	2,466	-	-	2,466	1,704
Gifts	440	-	-	440	392
Honorarium to Guest Speakers	2,636	-	-	2,636	1,540
Meals & Refreshment	483	-	-	483	86
NI & Tax	4,803	-	-	4,803	4,327
Offertory	1,825	3,726	-	5,551	1,205
Offertory - Gift Aid	-	300	-	300	-
Others	825	-	-	825	324
Rent	4,324	-	-	4,324	4,279
Salary	26,217	-	-	26,217	25,548
Student Ministry – Donations	-	1,838	-	1,838	2,453
Sunday School	473	-	-	473	-
Tuition Fee	-	-	-	-	80
Sub total	45,546	12,643	-	58,189	47,857
Asset and Investment Purchases					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,546	12,643	-	58,189	47,857
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,289	1,434	-	4,723	1,105
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	62,047	-	-	62,047	60,943
Cash funds this year end	65,336	1,434	-	66,770	62,048

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Details	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment Funds (to the nearest £)
Cash Funds	Bank	65,336	1,434	-


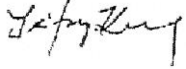


	Details	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Restricted Funds (to the nearest £)	Endowment Funds (to the nearest £)
Other Monetary Assets		-	-	-

	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				

Approved by NCCC on 5th July 2022 and signed by all Charity Trustees:

Print Name	Signature	Print Name	Signature
Mrs Sau Lai CHAN		Ms Isabel KUONG	
Ms Tai Tai WAN		Mr Paul CHUNG	

NOTES*

- The financial statements of NCCC have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, 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 2021 were £20,700 and £6,935 respectively. The Payments items "Salary" (including pension) and "NI & Tax" added up to £31,019, with the difference of £3,384 represented by the statutory requirements of our contribution to their pension and NI. The financial support given to Rev. Philip Chun Man YIP and the Church Assistant during 2021 was entirely granted by the Evangelical Free Church of China – Hong Kong Overseas Missions Board.
- The NCCC Board of Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021 was comprised of Mr Derek KOO, Mrs Sau Lai CHAN, Ms Tai Tai WAN, Ms Annie CHAN and Ms Angela LAI. Since Mr Derek KOO and Ms Annie CHAN finished their 3-year tenure on 31st December 2021, and Ms Angela LAI resigned on 19th June 2022, the above financial statements were therefore approved and signed by the remaining Charity Trustees as presented above.

* These notes form part of the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Northampton Chinese Christian Church ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2021 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 did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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18th June 2022