

# CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

England & Wales · Charity number 1151253

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2013-03-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 53 High Street  
St. Mary Cray  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** 3.2 THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:3.2.1 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 FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;3.2.2 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT; AND3.2.3 TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.3.3 THE TRUSTEES MUST USE THE INCOME AND MAY USE THE CAPITAL OF THE CHURCH IN PROMOTING THE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** Celestial Church Of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish is currently operating as a public church.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£174,191	£175,469	-	-
2024-03-31	£135,766	£139,391	-	-
2023-03-31	£139,610	£130,155	-	-
2021-09-30	£89,943	£62,192	-	-
2020-09-30	£40,512	£6,131	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DICKSON OLABISI</b>	Chair	2013-03-04
EMMANUEL GEORGE		2014-02-25
Elizabeth Adetokunbo Vestappen		2023-04-01
Juliana Aderonke Shabi		2023-04-01
OLUWOLE AKINYOOYE		2020-02-23
Olatunji Odesanya		2021-02-01

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Church Street  
Sittingbourne, Kent  
ME10 3EG

CCC Sidcup Kent Bromley Parish  
28 East Street Bromley North  
BR11QU  
CCC Sidcup Kent Parish Canterbury  
Hawks Lane, Canterbury  
CT1 2NU.

#### **Trustees**

Olatunji Odesanya  
Oluwole Akinyooye  
Dickson Olabisi Chair  
Emmanuel George

#### **Bankers:**

Lloyds bank  
577-179 High St,  
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#### **Independent Examiner**

Mr A Ajayi-Obe  
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**Financial review**

**Reserves policy**

We hold cash at bank of £3,299 all of which is unrestricted. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

**Principal funding sources**

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**Declaration**

The trustee declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.  
signed on behalf of the trustees.

Name: Mr Dickson Olabisi

Signature:

Date: 15/04/2025

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Celestial Church of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2025

As the charity's trustees, you 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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.

Name: Ayo Ajayi-Obe MA  
Address: 10 Denham Grove Bracknell RG12 7PT

Date & signed: 15/04/2025

## CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

### Receipts & Payments account from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Funds	2025	2024
Receipts		
Giving's	148,553	122,141
Tax refund	25,441	13,538
Interest	197	87
Total	174,191	135,766
Payments		
License	240	65
Insurance	2,735	1,504
Travelling	8,607	9,339
Care & hospitality	10,677	4,114
Literature books	90	275
Publicity	0	3,197
Utilities	3,982	6,640
Rent	73,393	48,674
Telephone bills	1,006	1,814
Donations	2,250	1,750
Accounting	2,550	1,950
Office expenses	1,412	1,000
Honorarium	2,120	3,115
Repairs	1,615	180
Salaries	42,571	34,256
Outreach	22,221	21,518
Total	175,469	139,391
Net of receipts	-1,278	-3,625
Unrestricted funds B/F	43,511	47,136
Unrestricted funds C/F	42,233	43,511

### Statement of assets & liabilities as at 31 March 2025

Fixed Assets	2025	2024
Motor vehicle	26,870	26,870
Equipment	12,064	12,064
Total	38,934	38,934
Current asset		
Bank	3,299	4,577
Total	42,233	43,511
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	42,233	43,511

Signed on behalf of the trustees  
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15/04/2025

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**Financial review**

Reserves policy

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Name: Mr Dickson Olabisi

Signature:

Date: 14/05/2024

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	Unrestricted
	£
Funds	2024
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Donations	
Tax refund	13,538
Interest	87
Total	135,766
Payments	
License	65
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Travelling	9,339
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Current asset		
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**Strategies**

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Prayers: The Church is open seven days a week.

Monday: Bible studies/ computer training

Tuesday: Prayer meetings

Wednesday: Seekers service/Mercy day service

Thursday: New Moon Service

Friday: Power Day Service

Saturday: Choir practice

Sunday: The Lord's Day

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**Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023(cont.)**

Festivals: The church prepares food during Christmas for those attending our services who wish to celebrate the birth of Christ. During Easter, we also celebrate the death of Christ with a holy communion meal. We also offer a monthly service of thanksgiving for our members and the community.

**Financial review**

Reserves policy

We hold cash at bank of £8,202 all of which is unrestricted. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

**Principal funding sources**

The charity's main source of income is giving. Giving at both Sunday worship and midweek services amounted to £124,013 whilst this represents an increase from the previous year, given the economic conditions currently affecting our local community this level of voluntary giving is both generous and encouraging.

**Declaration**

The trustee declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.  
signed on behalf of the trustees.

Name: Mr Dickson Olabisi

Signature:

Date: 28/06/2023

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Celestial Church of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish**

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/03/2023

As the charity's trustees, you 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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Name: Ayo Ajayi-Obe MA  
Address: 10 Denham Grove Bracknell RG12 7PT

Date & signed: 28/06/2023

## CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

### Receipts & Payments account from 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2023

Funds	Unrestricted 2023	Unrestricted 2021
<b>Receipts</b>		
Giving's	119,511	58,196
Donations	4,502	4,537
Tax refund	15,590	27,210
Interest	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,610</b>	<b>89,943</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
License	80	80
Insurance	2,839	1,897
Travelling	15,055	6,205
Care & hospitality	6,527	5,734
Literature	0	283
Publicity	1,686	1,552
Utilities	6,181	1,815
Rent	41,728	27,480
Telephone bills	3,959	1,716
Donations	1,020	0
Accounts	1,774	3,000
Office expenses	889	
Honorarium		300
Repairs	4,242	3,769
Salaries	22,202	8,361
Outreach	21,723	0
Training	250	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,155</b>	<b>62,192</b>
Net of receipts	9,455	27,751
Unrestricted funds B/F	37,681	9,930
Unrestricted funds C/F	47,136	37,681

### Statement of assets & liabilities as at 31 March 2023

	2023	2021
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Motor vehicle	26,870	26,870
Equipment	12,064	3,811
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,934</b>	<b>30,681</b>
<b>Current asset</b>		
Bank	8,202	7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,136</b>	<b>37,681</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted funds	47,136	37,681

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1151253

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**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

**Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 September 2021**

**Charity number: 1151253**

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## CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

### Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended September 2021

The church Trustees present their report and accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> September 2021

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees, and advisers

#### **Correspondence address**

53 High Street  
St. Mary Cray  
Orpington  
BR5 3NJ

#### **Trustees**

Olatunji Odesanya  
Oluwole Akinyooye  
Dickson Olabisi **Chair**  
Emmanuel George

#### **Bankers**

Lloyds bank  
577-179 High St,  
Orpington  
BR6 0LJ

#### **Independent Examiner**

Mr A Ajayi-Obe  
10 Denham Grove  
Bracknell  
RG12 7PT

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**  
**Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2021 (cont.)**

**2. Structure, Governance, and Management**

**a. Governing documents**

Celestial church of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish is constituted as a charitable Trust. It is governed by a constitution approved by members on 15 March 2013.

**b. Method of appointment or election of trustees**

Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed by a simple majority at a meeting of the Spiritual Leadership. [The appointment must be confirmed by Deed where property is held.] Every future Trustee must sign a declaration of willingness to act as a Trustee of the Church before he or she is eligible to vote at any meeting of the Trustees.

**c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of management committee.**

Following appointment, new Trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the constitution and a guide to the policies and procedures adopted by our charity, a number of publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including guidance on charities and public benefits and the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

This ensures that they are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the charities act.

**d. Organisational structure and decision making**

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The Trustees give their time and receive no remuneration or other financial benefit.

The trustees meet together as a body monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to the running of the church and activities provided by the charity.

To assist in the smooth running of the charity the trustees have set up a leadership team to help them oversee certain aspects of the charity's work.

## **CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

### **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2021(cont.)**

#### **e. Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the risks the charity faces and have drawn up a risk matrix which identifies the major risk areas of activity, the nature of those risks, the likelihood of the risk happening, and measures taken to manage them. The trustees review this matrix regularly at their meetings. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place or arrangements are in hand to manage the risks that have been identified. In particular, insurance cover is in place and the finances of the church are kept under review. Appropriate Criminal records checks (DBS), supported by regular review policies, and are made for all who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the church.

#### **f. Relationship with any related parties**

Celestial Church of Christ Sidcup Kent has related party transactions with the Celestial Church of Christ Great Britain which is our umbrella organisation.

### **3. Objectives and activities**

#### **Our aims**

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's constitution and are summarised as follows:

To advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in such parts of the united Kingdom for the benefit of the public in particular through the holding of prayer meetings, worship service, lectures, the public celebration of religious festivals and the distribution of literature on the Christian faith to enlighten others.

#### **Our objectives**

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Our dual aims remain to provide a facility where Christian can worship and to provide a community facility for all the inhabitants of Sidcup and Orpington. Our long-term ambition is to build the self-confidence of Orpington area and Nigeria Christians in their faith and through our community facilities and activities help make our area a peaceful, vibrant and harmonious community.

## **CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

### **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2021 (cont.)**

#### **Strategies**

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An important part of our strategy is community welfare and education. Our activities including classes, health initiatives and seminars are widely advertised, and we welcome the participation of all in our local community, Christians and non-Christians alike. Most of our activities are free and supported by donations.

#### **Use of volunteers**

Volunteers are an important resource in both our faith and community work. Volunteers are involved in most of our faith and community activities, and we have over 30 people regularly giving their time. All our trustees also give of their time freely. We encourage all members of our Church to be involved in voluntary activities and to share their skills with others. All those volunteers working with projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked.

#### **Activities and achievements**

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The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who worship at our Church and the wider community.

##### **Religious activities**

Our Church provides a centre for our prayers and worship and for the activities associated with our faith. During the year under review, we offered a range of religious services and activities including:

Prayers: The Church is open two days a week (Wednesday & Sunday). During the week we have over 30 people who regularly attend mid-week prayers and bible studies and over 60 who regularly attend Sunday worship service.

Festivals: The church prepares food during Christmas for those attending our services who wish to celebrate the birth of Christ during Easter, we also celebrated the death of Christ with a Holy Communion meal. We also offer a monthly service of thanksgiving for, peace and blessings be upon him, our members and the community.

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**  
**Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2020 (cont.)**

**Financial review**

**Reserves policy**

We hold cash at bank of £7,000 all of which is unrestricted. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.

**Principal funding sources**

The charity's main source of income is giving. Giving at both Sunday worship and midweek festival amounted to £89,943 whilst this represents an increase from the previous year, given the economic conditions currently affecting our local community this level of voluntary giving is both generous and encouraging.

**Declaration**

The trustee declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.

Name: Mr Dickson Olabisi

Signature:

Date: 08/04/22

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Celestial Church of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30/09/2021.

As the charity's trustees, you 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Name: Ayo Ajayi-Obe MA

Address: 10 Denham Grove Bracknell RG12 7PT

Date & signed: 06/04/2022.

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**  
**Receipts & Payments account from 1 October 2020 to September 2021**

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
<b>Receipts</b>		
Giving's	58,196	40,512
Donations	4,537	0
Tax refund	27,210	0
Total	89,943	40,512
<b>Payments</b>		
License	80	57
Insurance	1,897	92
Travelling	6,205	1,964
Care & hospitality	5,734	2,565
literature	283	269
Publicity	1,552	760
Utilities	1,815	2,484
Rent	27,480	17,100
Telephone bills	1,716	411
Donations		1,500
accounts	3,000	1,084
Honorarium	300	5,515
Repairs	3,769	580
Salaries	8,361	
Total	62,192	34,381
Net of receipts	27,751	6,131
Unrestricted funds B/F	9,930	3,799
Unrestricted funds C/F	37,681	9,930

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Motor vehicle	26,870	0
Equipment	3,811	0
Total	30,681	0
<b>Current asset</b>		
Bank	7,000	9,930
Total	37,681	9,930
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted funds	37,681	9,930

Signed by Dickson Olabisi on behalf of all the trustees.

Date: 08/04/22

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

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CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 30 September 2020

Charity number: 1151253

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*CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH*

*Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended September 2000.*

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*Correspondence address*

*53 High Street  
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*Trustees*

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Olatunji Odesanya  
Oluwole Akinyooye  
Dickson olabisi Chair  
Emmanuel George*

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### **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2020 (cont.)**

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**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**  
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**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**  
**Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2020 (cont.)**

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*Financial review*

*Reserve's policy*

*We hold cash at bank of £9,930 all of which is unrestricted. These funds are held in order to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.*

*Principal funding sources*

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*Declaration*

*The trustee declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.  
signed on behalf of the trustees.*

*Name: Mr Dickson Olabisi*

*Signature:*

*Date :08/06/21*

## ***Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Celestial Church of Christ Sidcup Kent Parish***

### *Responsibilities and basis of report*

*I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 30/09/2020.*

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*Name: Ayo Ajayi-Obe MA*

*Address: 10 Denham Grove Bracknell RG12 7PT*

*Date & signed: 06/05/2021.*

*CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH*

*Receipts & Payments account from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020*

*Receipts and payments*

*Unrestricted funds*

<i>Receipts</i>	
<i>Giving's</i>	<i>40,512</i>
<i>Payments</i>	
<i>License</i>	<i>57</i>
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>92</i>
<i>Travelling</i>	<i>1,964</i>
<i>Care &amp; hospitality</i>	<i>2,565</i>
<i>literature</i>	<i>269</i>
<i>Publicity</i>	<i>760</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>2,484</i>
<i>Rent</i>	<i>17,100</i>
<i>Telephone bills</i>	<i>411</i>
<i>Donations</i>	<i>1,500</i>
<i>Equip</i>	<i>1,084</i>
<i>Events</i>	<i>5,515</i>
<i>Repairs</i>	<i>580</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>34,381</i>
<i>Net of receipts</i>	<i>6,131</i>
<i>Unrestricted funds B/F</i>	<i>3,799</i>
<i>Unrestricted funds C/F</i>	<i>9,930</i>

*Section B Statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 September 2020*

*Current assets*

*Cash at bank* *9,930*

*Reserves*

*Unrestricted funds* *9,930*

*Signed by Dickson Olabisi on behalf of all the trustees.*

*Date: 06/05/21*