

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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Year ended 30 September 2021

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The church Trustees present their report and accounts for year ending 31st September 2021

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

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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.

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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.

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Strategies

We want to make our church an accessible and welcoming venue where all Christian or those who wish to know more about our faith, can gather together to learn about their religion and worship. At our 'Christian events we share the teachings of Jesus and the nature of our faith with non-Christian. In addition to an open day, we also hold an open week each year when we invite congregations from all the local Christian churches to visit us and learn more about Christianity.

An important part of our faith is charitable giving, according to one's income, in accordance with biblical principle and we are pleased to receive special donations for the sole purpose of the relief of need and financial hardship of Christians in Nigeria who have insufficient money to cover their basic needs for shelter, food, clothing or who are destitute with no means of support.

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

How our activities deliver public benefit

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.

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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.

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: 06/04/2022.

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Receipts & Payments account from 1 October 2020 to September 2021

	Unrestricted funds 2021	Unrestricted funds 2020
Receipts		
Giving's	58,196	40,512
Donations	4,537	0
Tax refund	27,210	0
Total	89,943	40,512
Payments		
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
Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicle	26,870	0
Equipment	3,811	0
Total	30,681	0
Current asset		
Bank	7,000	9,930
Total	37,681	9,930
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	37,681	9,930

Signed by Dickson Olabisi on behalf of all the trustees.

Date: 08/04/22