

**CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH**

Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31March 2024

Charity number: 1151253

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

### **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024.**

The church Trustees present their report and accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

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

#### **Correspondence address:**

Head office  
53 High Street  
St Mary Cray  
Orpington  
BR5 3NJ

#### **Branch:**

CCC Sidcup Kent 3  
(Sittingbourne Parish)  
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Sittingbourne  
Kent  
ME10 3EG

#### **Trustees**

Olatunji Odesanya  
Oluwole Akinyooye  
Dickson Olabisi Chair  
Emmanuel George  
Juliana Aderonke Shabi  
Elizabeth Adetokunbo Vestappen

#### **Bankers:**

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

#### **Independent Examiner**

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

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### **Trustee's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 (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.

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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, Christian and non-Christian 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 celebrate the death of Christ with a holy communion meal. We also offer a monthly service of thanksgiving for our members and the community.

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**Financial review**

**Reserves policy**

We hold cash at bank of £4,577 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 £122,141 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: 14/05/2024

## **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 31/03/2024

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: 14/05/2024



## CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST SIDCUP KENT PARISH

### Receipts & Payments account from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted
	£
Funds	2024
Receipts	
Giving's	122,141
Donations	
Tax refund	13,538
Interest	87
Total	135,766
Payments	
License	65
Insurance	1,504
Travelling	9,339
Care & hospitality	4,114
Literature books	275
Publicity	3,197
Utilities	6,640
Rent	48,674
Telephone bills	1,814
Donations	1,750
Accounting	1,950
Office expenses	1,000
Honorarium	3,115
Repairs	180
Salaries	34,256
Outreach	21,518
Total	139,391
Net of receipts	-3,625
Unrestricted funds B/F	47,136
Unrestricted funds C/F	43,511

### Statement of assets & liabilities as at 31 March 2024

Fixed Assets	2024	2023
	£	£
Motor vehicle	26,870	26,870
Equipment	12,064	12,064
Total	38,934	38,934
Current asset		
Bank	4,577	8,202
Total	43,511	47,136
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	43,511	47,136