

Shirley Community Church
Charity Number 1153617

The Shirley Community Church Trustees
Report And Financial Statements For
The Year Ended 5th April 2023

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Shirley Community Church
Legal And Administrative Information

Charity Number	1153617
Registered Office	Shirley Community Church Green Lane Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 1AA
Trustees	Gheorghe Ciorna (resigned from 12 th January 2023) Lesley Grundy Jane Heyes Jonathan Heyes (Chairperson) David Patterson
Chairperson	Jonathan Heyes
Treasurer	Jonathan Heyes 16 Skelcher Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands B90 2EZ

Shirley Community Church Trustees Report For The Year Ended 5th April 2023

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 5th April 2023. The trustees who served during this time and the current trustees are shown on page 3.

Structure, Governance And Management

The Trustees delegate the day-to-day business matters of the Church to the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team consists of all Trustees plus Mr Stephen Williams and the Youth & Community Pastor Kijung Kim. Some of the practical matters are delegated to sub-groups (e.g., Deacons).

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2023. Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting practices set out on page 5 and comply with the charity's applicable law.

Shirley Community Church is constituted under a trust dated 12th December 2012 and is a registered charity, number 1153617. Its address for meeting and administration purposes is Shirley Community Church, Green Lane, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 1AA.

Objectives And Activities

The objectives of the Church are for the public benefit to advance the Christian faith in Shirley, Solihull and in such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Leadership Team may from time to time think fit.

Activities And Performance

The reporting year began with all Church activities fully active again following the lifting of all Covid-19 restrictions. The Sunday morning meeting continued to see growth in numbers of people attending and included various ethnic groups. This included people from Iran, eastern Europe and some Hong Kong families who have relocated to the UK. The prayer meeting continues to meet every Tuesday evening in the Church building. During the week small groups meet in various homes as well as a group meeting every other Saturday in the Church building.

During the week the Coffee Morning continued to meet on a Monday morning. Numbers attending have remained stable. The Coffee Morning was noted by the local council as being a "warm space", that is a public and open place for people to attend where it was warm. Little Lambs, the mothers and toddlers' group, continued to meet every Wednesday morning during term time. The series of quarterly breakfasts for both men and women continued as well and were provided free of charge to the local community. In July 2022 there was a subsidised community day trip to Weston-Super-Mare. Three quarters of the group were not regular church attenders. The Youth Group meeting met monthly on a Friday evening.

The outside groups that used the church building all continued to meet. The Brownies group meet on a Monday evening during term time. The Art Group meet twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday during term time. The building frequently hosted a team from Good News for Everyone! (formerly GideonsUK). In July 2022 the Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC) started to use the Church for a Cantonese meeting every Sunday afternoon. There were some practical issues to overcome, most notably the transition from the Church's Sunday morning meeting to the BCEC meeting but these were soon resolved. BCEC met every Sunday afternoon with the exception of a weekend in October when they celebrated their 30th anniversary. On Christmas Day 2022 they held their usual meeting and then organised a social event for their attendees until 9.00 pm in the evening.

In August a major capital project was undertaken and the Minor Hall in the Church had a new laminated floor laid.

In the autumn of 2022 the Church once again sponsored a Tier 2 (Minister of Religion) visa for Kijung Kim. Although the visa was granted in December 2022, there were concerns about the quantity of work available to justify the position of Youth & Community Pastor and so in January 2023 notification of possible redundancy was issued. This was still a possibility at the end of the reporting year. In February 2023 the cleaner resigned from their position. In March 2023 Gheorghe Ciorna resigned as Senior Minister of the Church. The reporting year ended with the Church having only one employee and being without a minister.

The generous giving of members means that the support of activities and projects has continued, and the Senior Minister's and Youth & Community Pastor's roles resourced. Overseas links were maintained with support going to Platform 67, Project Wingi in Tanzania and feeding centres in Moldova.

Financial review (to be completed)

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The Charity is principally funded by gifts and offerings from those attending the church. This income is either through receipts direct to the bank account, or in the weekly offering taken up during the Sunday Service. Additional income is received from the use of the church premises for meetings. There is also a residential property owned by the Church, which is let to a tenant, which generates further income.

The largest cost to the Charity is that of employment. There is one employee at the end of the reporting period, the Youth & Community Pastor.

The Charity has a policy of supporting other Christian charities and makes gifts in the support of this aim.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Law) applicable to charities in England and Wales. This requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP,
- Make Judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so and presumes that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the board

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jonathan Heyes'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'H' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Jonathan Heyes
Chairperson

10th January 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

5th APRIL 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1153617

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Martin Cress

Date:

7/1/2024

Name:

MARTIN CRESS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACCA

Address:

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SHIRLEY

B90 2NW

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Charity Name	No (if any)
Shirley Community Church	1153617

Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2022		05/04/2023

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - gifts and offerings	56,037			56,037	48,090
Rental Income	8,525			8,525	10,075
Hire of Premises	5,189			5,189	1,187
Gift Aid received	6,468			6,468	-
Interest Received	23			23	2
Gifts Received	8,295			8,295	9,000
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	84,537	-	-	84,537	68,354
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	84,537	-	-	84,537	68,354
A3 Payments					
Employment costs	40,277			40,277	38,374
Utility costs	3,407			3,407	1,703
Administration costs	8,730			8,730	7,177
Repairs and Maintenance	13,110			13,110	6,874
Bank Charges				-	-
Donations	11,778			11,778	16,600
Legal Costs				-	-
				-	
Sub total	77,302	-	-	77,302	70,728
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	77,302	-	-	77,302	70,728
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,235	-	-	7,235	- 2,374
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,438		-	26,438	28,812
Cash funds this year end	33,673	-	-	33,673	26,438

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	19,401	-	
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	14,272		
	Total cash funds	33,673	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Land and Buildings	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	700,000
	Residential Property adjoining Church	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	200,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

Shirley Community Church

Receipts and Payments

	Total 2019/20 £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2021/22 £	2022/23	Total 2022/23 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	26,063	30,980	48,090		56,037
Gifts received	8,250	9,850	9,000		8,295
Gift Aid recovered	6,108	6,033			6,468
Rental Income from Church House	4,003	7,147	10,075		8,525
Use of church Premises	4,039	0	1,187		5,189
Interest Received from Bank	6	3	2		23
	48,469	54,013	68,354		84,537
<u>Payments</u>					
Employment Costs	13,202	35,289	38,373		40,277
Utility	2,647	2,420	1,703		3,407
Gas				1,891	
Electricity				996	
Communications				520	
Administration	7,210	5,081	7,177		8,730
Sunday School				413	
Coffee Morning/Toddlers				575	
Church Meetings and Events				262	
Promotion Materials incl banners				692	
Music License				306	
Safeguarding				157	
Insurance				1,526	
Equipment				123	
IT & Stationery				1,333	
Other Consumables				1,487	
Letting Agents Fees				818	
Miscellaneous				533	
Cleaning				505	
Building	13,699	734	6,874		13,110
Repairs and Maintenance				6,397	
Church house				6,714	
Gifts and Donations	9,945	2,896	16,600		11,778
Bank Charges	0	15	0		0
Legal Costs	0	0	0		0
	46,703	46,435	70,727		77,303

Bank Balances				
Current Accounts	9,993	12,565	10,190	19,401
Deposit Accounts	11,244	16,247	16,248	14,272
	21,237	28,812	28,812	33,672