

Shirley Community Church
Charity Number 1153617

The Shirley Community Church Trustees
Report And Financial Statements For
The Year Ended 5th April 2024

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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	Jonathan Heyes Jane Heyes Lesley Grundy (resigned 07/05/2023) David Patterson (removed 16/05/2023) Gheorge Ciorna (appointed 05/06/2023; resigned 31/07/2023) Dr Alexander Pichler-Tennenberg (appointed 31/07/2023; resigned 29/12/2023) Rev Guichun Jun (appointed 29/12/2023)
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 2024

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 5th April 2024. 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 as of 5th April 2024 consists of Mr Gheorge Ciorna, Mr Stephen Williams, Mr Jonathan Heyes and Mrs Jane Heyes. 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 2024. 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 a memorandum of change dated 20th August 2023.

Shirley Community Church 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, especially the first few weeks, were some of the most difficult in the history of the Church. The previous year had ended with the resignation of the Senior Minister (Gheorge Ciorna) and one of the other Church elders on the leadership team. The first weeks of April 2023 found the Church leadership attempting to deal with the issue that led to the resignations as well as continuing to lead the Church. In early May one of the trustees resigned.

The issue was brought to a conclusion in May 2023 when one of the trustees was removed from their position. Gheorge Ciorna was invited to return as a trustee from 5th June 2023 and reappointed as senior minister with effect from 1st July 2023. The Church's other employee, Kijung Kim resigned from their position effective from the end of June 2023. The Kim family were living in Church House, next to the Church, and remained there until mid-August 2023 when they left to take up a new appointment in Bath. Gheorge Ciorna resigned as a trustee on 31st July 2023 when a new trustee Dr Alexander Pichler-Tennenberg was appointed. Dr Pichler-Tennenberg was also appointed to the leadership team but resigned later in the year in November 2023. He also resigned as a trustee on 29th December 2023 and a new trustee, Rev. Guichun Jun a former senior minister at the Church, was appointed.

In late August 2023 Gheorge Ciorna and his family took up residence in Church House on a licence. In November 2023 permission was granted from the Charity Commission to sell Church House to Gheorge and Olga Ciorna. As of the end of the reporting year the sale had not been progressed but was anticipated to be completed by the end of November 2024.

At the conclusion of the issue mentioned some people in the Church took the decision to move on to other Churches. As a result, the Church activities were reviewed. In July 2023 the Little Lambs group for parents and toddlers was closed. At the end of December 2023 the Monday Coffee Morning was also closed. The future of both groups remains under review and may be introduced again in the future. A youth meeting was re-launched in the autumn of 2023 on a Friday evening and held on a weekly basis. The group was originally run in collaboration with the Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC). By the end of the reporting year there were two separate meetings being held, one by BCEC and one by SCC.

Although some people had chosen to leave the Church as mentioned, the Sunday morning meeting continued to see new people joining including various ethnic groups. The prayer meeting continues to meet every Tuesday evening in the Church building. In January 2024 a new Sunday evening meeting was introduced which is held every two weeks. During the week small groups meet in various homes as well as a group meeting every other Saturday in the Church building. The series of quarterly breakfasts for both men and women continued until the summer of 2023 and were provided free of charge to the local community. In July 2023 there was a subsidised community day trip to Barry Island. Three quarters of the group were not regular Church attenders. The Youth Group meeting met monthly on a Friday evening. On New Years Eve 2023 a Church fellowship time was held in the early 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) although this arrangement came to an end in the summer of 2023. Birmingham Chinese Evangelical Church (BCEC) continue to use the building for a Cantonese meeting every Sunday afternoon. They also held an extended meeting on Christmas Eve and a further meeting on the evening of 30th December.

The generous giving of members means that the support of activities and projects continued from the start of the reporting year. At the end of the reporting year the Church had two employees, the Senior Minister and a directly employed cleaner. In February 2023 an outside company was employed for cleaning the Church but this contract was ended and a new person employed directly by the Church from February 2024. All regular overseas support was reviewed and the decision taken to end support for Platform 67 and Project Wingi in Tanzania were ended. The support for feeding centres in Moldova was ended as the charity arranging this was closed down. From September 2023 an external company, Highland Payroll Services, were engaged to calculate payroll each month.

Financial review

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The accounts show an excess of expenditure of income for the reporting year. However there was an issue with the electricity supplier whereby the Church was overcharged for electricity. This was resolved at the end of the reporting year but the refund of the excess paid was not made until after the start of the new reporting year.

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 are two employees at the end of the reporting period, the Senior Minister and a cleaner.

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 trustees



Jonathan Heyes
Chairperson

15th October 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 2024

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 Creese

Date: 24/6/2024

Name: MARTIN CREESE

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

ACCA QUALIFIED.

Address:

20 POLINA AVENUE
SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL
B90 2NW

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

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2023		05/04/2024

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	41,412			41,412	56,037
Rental Income	3,875			3,875	8,525
Hire of Premises	7,317			7,317	5,189
Gift Aid received	8,333			8,333	6,468
Interest Received	152			152	23
Gifts Received	895			895	8,295
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	61,984	-	-	61,984	84,537
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	61,984	-	-	61,984	84,537
A3 Payments					
Employment costs	40,349			40,349	40,277
Utility costs	7,392			7,392	3,407
Administration costs	10,817			10,817	8,730
Repairs and Maintenance	3,667			3,667	13,110
Bank Charges	-			-	-
Donations	2,558			2,558	11,778
Legal Costs	612			612	-
				-	
				-	
Sub total	65,395	-	-	65,395	77,302
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	65,395	-	-	65,395	77,302
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,411	-	-	- 3,411	7,235
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,673		-	33,673	26,438
Cash funds this year end	30,262	-	-	30,262	33,673

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	15,838	-	
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	14,424		
	Total cash funds	30,262	-	-
	(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	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Church Land and Buildings	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	800,000
	Residential Property adjoining Church	Lloyds Bank Current Account	-	310,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	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 2020/21 £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2022/23 £	2023/24	Total 2023/24 £
<u>Receipts</u>					
Donations	30,980	48,090	56,037		41,412
Gifts received	9,850	9,000	8,295		895
Gift Aid recovered	6,033		6,468		8,333
Rental Income from Church House	7,147	10,075	8,525		3,875
Use of church Premises	0	1,187	5,189		7,317
Interest Received from Bank	3	2	23		152
	54,013	68,354	84,537		61,984
<u>Payments</u>					
Employment Costs	35,289	38,373	40,277		40,349
Utility	2,420	1,703	3,407		7,392
Gas				1,733	
Electricity				5,177	
Communications				483	
Administration	5,081	7,177	8,730		10,817
Sunday School				400	
Coffee Morning/Toddlers				61	
Church Meetings and Events				66	
Books & Publications				105	
Music License				332	
Safeguarding				238	
Insurance				1,649	
Equipment				1,035	
IT & Stationery				530	
Other Consumables				663	
Letting Agents Fees				572	
Miscellaneous				0	
Cleaning				5,167	
Building	734	6,874	13,110		3,667
Repairs and Maintenance				2,057	
Church house				1,610	
Gifts and Donations	2,896	16,600	11,778		2,558
Bank Charges	15	0	0		0
Legal Costs	0	0	0		612
	46,435	70,727	77,303		65,396

Bank Balances				
Current Accounts	12,565	10,190	19,401	15,838
Deposit Accounts	16,247	16,248	14,272	14,424
	28,812	26,438	33,672	30,262