

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
1 FEBRUARY 2020 to 31 January 2021

Acts London

Charity No: 1159704

Weekly Saturday & Sunday Meetings

Our weekly meetings in early 2020 were initially healthy but as the pandemic set in and lockdown measures announced, we saw a dip in numbers. We consolidated our meetings in our London, Bristol, Edinburgh and newly launched Cambridge locations. And converted them into online gatherings via Zoom. We also started producing and broadcasting our Sunday Worship Service on to Facebook and YouTube.

Our average weekly attendance in 2020 was about 80 people every weekend. As a good handful of students in our congregation returned to their home countries to shelter from the pandemic.

Because of the temporary closure of universities and classes being switched to online, we were limited in our outreach of international students studying in the UK this year.

But we continue to care for a growing number of locals joining us, including members from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, China in our church who were once students and have now graduated to become young professionals in the workforce.

Our weekly meetings, now pivoted to an online video experience, are still open to all and feature a lively contemporary worship experience with worship music, prayer being offered, preaching from the Bible and socialising after via Zoom.

Its aim is to provide an avenue for Christians to worship and grow in their faith despite the lockdown. As well as for members of the public to discover and learn more about Christianity. Especially the hope that Jesus provides in this life and the eternal. This is especially important when so many were surrounded by fear and death in the midst of last year's pandemic.

Audio recordings of our weekly sermons are available for public listening on websites like Sound Cloud and mobile apps like Apple Podcast and Spotify.

And in addition to that, videos of our services are now also available on Facebook and YouTube. This has been very helpful in our outreach among the young.

Small Group Meetings

In order, to give members a better understanding of the Bible and create a closer bond with each other, we host small mid-week meetings via Zoom on Wednesday nights, where questions on faith can be asked and answered in a relaxed environment.

Besides Bible study, members in all locations also meet fortnightly for Prayer Meetings on Tuesday nights, we meet to pray for each other. As well as God's peace, blessing and protection over the UK. This is done online via Zoom as well.

Public Evangelism

To raise awareness of Christianity among the public, our church launched a series of talks online using materials from "Alpha", a widely used evangelism course initially curated by Holy Trinity Brompton, London. We ran this 10-week course, twice in 2020 and it lead to many new friends joining each other over the internet to discover Christianity for themselves. In total, this course was attended by about 30 people and lead to some converting to Christianity.

Helping The Homeless

While pandemic restrictions reduced our ability to help with the homeless, our church did unite for a bigger Christmas initiative to help bring comfort to those less fortunate. Before Christmas lockdown was announced, our group actively helped those in need by preparing and giving out parcels with food, toiletries, socks and gloves. This was a coordinated work across our locations in London, Bristol, Edinburgh and Cambridge during the winter months.

Marriage Enrichment Course

Due to the struggle of lockdown and working from home, we were mindful to provide marriage counselling and support for those who need it. This included an online marriage seminar to help spouses in church work on their communication and friendship in the midst of a global climate of fear, uncertainty and stress. The aim of the course was to strengthen the bonds of marriage and family. We had 8 married couples who participated.

Easter and Christmas Celebrations

While we were unable to celebrate Easter in person this time, for 21-days leading up to the Easter weekend, the whole church entered into a season of prayer and fasting to reflect on our personal growth as Christians and pray for persecuted Christians around the world. This year we also focussed our prayer on a cure for the global pandemic, as well as the mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our NHS staff and other frontline workers. Our usual in-person Christmas Service was done online this year.

Volunteers

Except for Pastor David Yeow's involvement, all our activities are supported by volunteers who give of their time and talents freely. We encourage all our members to volunteer at our weekly meetings. And over the pandemic that meant people volunteering to film themselves preaching, singing & praying, edit videos for our church services, host Zoom sessions for bible study & prayer and help out with charitable acts with the homeless.

Registered Charity No:1159704

Acts London

Financial Statement for the year
Ended 31st January 2021

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Acts London
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 31.01.2021

	General Fund	Total
	£	£
Income		
General Offering & Donations	109,720	109,720
Total	109,720	109,720
Expenses		
Rent & Rates	31,113	31,113
Light and Heat	721	721
Salaries, NI and payroll costs	23,000	23,000
Meeting venue hire cost	8,888	8,888
Telephone	950	950
Refreshment at meetings	2,950	2,950
Insurance	300	300
Campsite fees	405	405
Sundry Expenses	293	293
Accountancy	562	562
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-
Payroll costs	341	341
Total	69,523	69,523
Tax payable	7,637	7,637
Surplus for the year	32,560	32,560

Acts London
Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2021

	31.01.2021	31.01.2020
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings-Net Book Value	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Current Assets		
Other Debtors	550	550
Prepayments	-	4,348
Cash at bank	64,316	18,519
	<u>64,866</u>	<u>23,417</u>
Current Liabilities		
Directors' current accounts	250	250
Tax Payable	7,637	675
Accrued Expenses	2,515	588
Amounts due to Acts Malaysia	14,063	14,063
	<u>24,465</u>	<u>15,576</u>
Net Liabilities	<u>40,402</u>	<u>7,842</u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	7,842	4,963
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	32,560	2,879
Balance Carries Forward	<u>40,402</u>	<u>7,842</u>

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**Accountants' Report to the Trustees of Acts London
on the Financial Statements for the
Year ended 31st January 2021**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011(the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales- ICAEW.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any usual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- The accounts do not accord with such records:
- Where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the charities SORP (FRS102)
- any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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29th October 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
ACTS LONDON

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST January 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159704

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 31/01/2021.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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 Trust'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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

29/10/2021

Name:

MR MEHBOOB KESHANI

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.