

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD
1 FEBRUARY 2021 to 31 January 2022

Acts London

Charity No: 1159704

Activities and Achievements

Weekly Saturday & Sunday Meetings

Our weekly meetings in early 2021 were still being organised and held online due to the second lockdown. When the lockdown was eased in May, with indoor meetings allowed up to 30 people, our weekly meetings in London resumed in person, while still being video-streamed live on to Facebook and Youtube for our other members in London, Bristol, Edinburgh and Cambridge.

When all legal limits for indoor meetings were lifted in July 2021, we removed the need for RSVPs for our weekly meetings in London and made plans for our communities in Bristol and Edinburgh to reopen their doors in September that year.

By the end of the year our average weekly attendance in 2021 was about 100 people every weekend. With universities resuming their classes, we were slowly able to reach out to international students from Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, and China again. We also started to see more international young working adults join our church.

Our weekly meetings, now a mix of in-person and online, remain open to all and feature a lively contemporary worship experience with worship music, prayers being offered, preaching and teaching from the Bible and socialising over a meal.

Our aim is to provide an avenue for Christians to worship and grow in their faith. 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 of those still nervous about attending physical meetings or those living with the elderly.

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. When limits for indoor meetings were relaxed in May 2021, our small groups resumed in person. Our small groups are held in homes of our members.

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 was done online via Zoom for the whole of 2021.

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 2021 and it led 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 led 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. Our group actively helped those in need by serving hot drinks 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.

Church Weekend Away

Once legal limits for indoor meetings were removed, we were able to organise a combined church weekend away called the Acts UK Getaway at the Dalesdown Christian Centre in Horsham, West Sussex from the 12th to 14th November 2021.

We had a total of 85 members joining, including young working adults and university students from London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Cambridge and Nottingham.

The aim of the getaway was to deepen our faith in God, our love for Jesus and our compassion for people. The event was open to all members of the public, provided they sign-up with a subsidized registration fee of £90 per person which covers their transportation, meals and lodgings for 3 days and 2 nights.

We also organised various sport activities in the afternoons to foster better teamwork and friendship among participants.

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 the ethical distribution of the vaccine globally, as well as the mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our NHS staff and other frontline workers rolling out the vaccine initiative locally.

Our usual in-person Christmas Service was also done online this year.

Water Baptisms

Our efforts in sharing the gospel and discipling people in accordance to the teachings of Jesus continue to bear good fruit. We had 3 adult baptisms in 2021.

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 2022

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Acts London
Income and Expenditure Statement
for the year ended 31.01.2022

	General Fund	Total
	£	£
Income		
General Offering & Donations	131,141	131,141
Total	131,141	131,141
Expenses		
Rent & Rates	31,203	31,203
Light and Heat	685	685
Salaries, NI and payroll costs	23,000	23,000
Meeting venue hire cost	14,569	14,569
Telephone	965	965
Post & stationery	100	100
Travelling	2,626	2,626
Refreshment at meetings	1,308	1,308
Insurance	300	300
Campsite fees	3,430	3,430
Sundry Expenses	1,880	1,880
Accountancy	572	572
Payroll costs	341	341
Donation to Charities	1,762	1,762
	82,741	82,741
Depreciation - Fixtures & fittings	88	88
Total	82,653	82,653
Tax payable	9,112	9,112
Surplus for the year	39,200	39,200

Acts London
Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2021

	31.01.2022	31.01.2021
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Fixtures & Fittings-Net Book Value	354	1
	<u>354</u>	<u>1</u>
Current Assets		
Other Debtors	550	550
Prepayments	2,458	-
Cash at bank	101,873	64,316
	<u>104,881</u>	<u>64,866</u>
Current Liabilities		
Directors' current accounts	250	250
Tax Payable	9,112	7,637
Accrued Expenses	2,208	2,515
Amounts due to Acts Malaysia	14,063	14,063
	<u>25,633</u>	<u>24,465</u>
Net Liabilities	<u><u>79,602</u></u>	<u><u>40,402</u></u>
General Fund		
Balance Brought Forward	40,402	7,842
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	39,200	32,560
Balance Carries Forward	<u><u>79,602</u></u>	<u><u>40,402</u></u>

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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:

13/09/2022

Name:

MR MEHBOOB KESHANI

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qualification(s) or body
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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.