

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

England & Wales · Charity number 1163488

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2015-09-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE BIBLE-BASED CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTADELPHIAN BELIEFS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHRISTADELPHIAN COMMUNITY AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH: THE HOLDING OF AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPEN TO ANYONE INTERESTED TO ATTEND FOR WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, TO INCREASE BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING AND LEARN EFFECTIVE METHODS OF PREACHING; PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR WORSHIP; PROVIDING GRANTS TO HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE, COME TO A SAFE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO WORSHIP, LEARN, CHALLENGE AND GROW IN THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH; PROMOTING CHRIST-LIKE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS ALL.

Activities: To advance Bible-based Christian faith in accordance with Christadelphian beliefs for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and anyone interested in the practical application of Christian faith through: 1. The holding of an Annual Conference 2. Producing and distributing resource materials for worship and 3. Providing grants towards youth work in the wider community

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Australia
- New Zealand
- United States
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £69,181 | £45,764 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £62,706 | £55,369 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £41,130 | £53,535 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £38,373 | £31,409 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £9,754 | £36,556 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| JAMES EDWARD RILEY | Chair | 2020-02-12 |
| Alison Mary Tarrant | | 2015-09-09 |
| David Cox | | 2020-02-12 |
| Dr JOY STANDEVEN | | 2015-09-09 |
| JACQUELINE BILTON | | 2015-09-09 |
| JAMES BILTON | | 2015-09-09 |
| Miranda Jane Peel | | 2023-10-01 |
| Robert Andrew Redmond Peel | | 2023-10-01 |

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Annual report and accounts

Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Administrative Information

Name: Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

Charity number: 1163488

Principal address: 10 Wentworth Drive, Weybridge, KT13 9AJ

Trustees:

- Mr James Bilton
- Mrs Jacqueline Bilton
- Mr David Cox
- Mr Redmond Peel
- Mrs Miranda Peel
- Mr James Riley
- Mr Keith Riley
- Mrs Mary Riley
- Dr Joy Standeven (Secretary)
- Mrs Alison Tarrant
- Mr James Whitehorn (Treasurer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity and its property are managed and administered by a committee of Charity Trustees. All the Trustees of the Charity are members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee. They are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Charity. Members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee other than the Trustees are Members of the Charity.

The method of appointment of Trustees of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee is set out in clause 10 of The Constitution of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services (the governing document) dated 26th June 2015. The Trustees have taken steps to ensure that they all understand the charity's purpose (objects) and rules as set out in the constitution and are aware of their responsibilities to comply with Charity Commission guidance as set out in 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)'.

The Trustees met four times during the year (including the annual general meeting held on 5th October 2024 with an average level of attendance of 90%). Trustees receive no remuneration for their services. Reasonable expenses may be reimbursed in accordance with the charity's expenses policy

Government and Charity regulations, together with the development of technology, now enable management meetings to be held face-to-face, virtual - on-line using Zoom, or using a hybrid format; all options we take advantage of to reduce unnecessary travel expenditure.

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, including financial sustainability, venue contractual commitments, and safeguarding. Appropriate systems and policies are in place to mitigate these risks, and risk is kept under regular review.

Objectives and Activities

To advance Bible-based Christian faith in accordance with Christadelphian beliefs for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and anyone interested in the practical application of Christian faith through:

1. The holding of an Annual Conference open to anyone interested to attend for worship, spiritual renewal, to increase Biblical understanding and learn effective methods of preaching.
2. Producing and distributing resource materials for worship.
3. Providing grants to help as many people as possible, especially young people, come to a safe place at the annual conference to worship, learn, challenge and grow in their faith
4. Promoting Christ-like behaviour towards all

When planning our activities for the year the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, specifically, guidelines on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular our intention is to focus activities on varied aspects of faith in practice by:

- Providing opportunities at the annual conference for learning about the Bible and effective methods of preaching including outreach work that helps individuals who wish to develop a close and positive relationship with God.
- The production and distribution of materials to aid worship.
- Offering as low a price as possible, with special reductions for young people and any who find the full cost of conference difficult, so as to enable as many people as possible to attend conference.

A principle underlying the conference weekend is that it should be inclusive, embracing all ages, all backgrounds, all views, all characters, those already committed to Christian belief and those still searching.

The age range at conference is wide (characteristically under 18 – 90+ years). A safe-guarding policy is applied for delegates under the age of 18 who will be present under the responsibility of their parent(s) or under the specific responsibility of another adult delegate. The under-18 booking form requires a signed declaration of care.

Whilst all those aged 25 years of age and under are automatically granted a significant two-thirds reduction in the weekend charge, any delegate can apply for, and be granted, the 50% subsidised attendance rate. Trustees' attention is focussed on enabling conference attendance by as many as possible.

The object of promoting Christ-like behaviour towards all means that no individual or group will be treated any less favourably than any other, all will be welcome and given access to conference. By joining in activities with others it is the trustees wish that all will feel support and encouragement as everyone tries to shape their lifestyle to be the best that Christians aim for it to be.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Conference

The event, held from 14–16 March 2025, marked the 62nd celebration of the annual conference, once again hosted at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hertfordshire. High Leigh continues to be an excellent venue, offering warm hospitality and the facilities required to support a conference of this scale.

In common with many conference venues, High Leigh has had to make significant changes to its contractual terms in response to the ongoing impact of the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis on

the hospitality sector. While these changes have presented challenges, the committee has been able to meet them thanks to the generosity of conference delegates.

A total of 224 delegates attended the 2025 conference, with ages ranging from 16 to over 90 years. Participants travelled not only from across the UK but also from Europe, Canada, and the USA. Several attendees were joining the conference for the first time, and many benefited from subsidised places, including all delegates aged 25 and under.

As has been customary for many years, the programme was structured to offer a choice of group activities on Saturday, followed by plenary sessions for the remainder of the weekend. On Saturday, seventeen focus groups were offered, covering a wide range of aspects of Christian life. Of these, three were delivered in masterclass format, eleven as interactive workshops, and three as practical sessions. The masterclasses were delivered live and also recorded for later access, enabling delegates unable to attend in person to benefit from these sessions in their own time. Each delegate selected two focus groups to attend, with plenary praise and social sessions taking place on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning, the main study for this year's conference, "Finding Meaning in an Anxious Generation," was led by one of our members. This was followed in the afternoon by a Celebration Communion Service, which provided a fitting conclusion to the weekend.

In keeping with a tradition maintained for more than sixty years, delegates were invited to complete a detailed questionnaire covering all aspects of the conference. The response rate of approximately 80% was very encouraging. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, offering strong validation of the committee's work, alongside thoughtful suggestions to inform future planning. The comments and ideas received will be invaluable in shaping future events, including an innovative new venture planned for the forthcoming summer: Family Hoddesdon.

The Worship Team coordinated music throughout the weekend, with several delegates participating in the band. Their contribution was widely praised and added significantly to the quality of worship.

In addition to the structured programme, a prayer room was available as a quiet space for reflection and prayer. Delegates also had opportunities to purchase additional resources, including copies of the conference worship books and a small selection of other titles relevant to topics of current interest within the Christian community. The venue provided many comfortable indoor social spaces for relaxation and conversation, as well as extensive, well-maintained gardens for walking and informal fellowship.

The conference collection, together with donations made during and since the event, has been instrumental in enabling the committee to meet the requirements of the revised venue contract while maintaining the subsidy fund. This fund remains essential in ensuring that delegates, young and old, can attend the conference regardless of personal financial circumstances.

Overall, the 2025 conference was judged to be a great success, with both delegates and committee members expressing high levels of satisfaction and optimism as planning begins for 2026.

Production and distribution of materials for worship resources

The primary worship resource produced by the committee is *Praise the Lord* (PTL), a hard-backed compilation of 300 hymns, containing full musical scores and lyrics. This publication serves first and foremost as a hymnal drawn from both Christian and Christadelphian traditions, and is widely used

throughout the Christadelphian community, as well as by a small number of related groups. During the year, 92 copies of the PTL hymnbook were sold.

To complement this core resource and to support a broader and more contemporary range of worship, the committee also maintains a supplementary collection titled *Praise the Lord 2016* (PTL 2016). First released in 2016, this smaller volume contains 37 more contemporary hymns. During the reporting year, 60 copies of PTL 2016 were sold.

In addition to the ongoing provision of printed worship materials, electronic versions of both PTL and PTL 2016 continue to be made available for use on personal devices. Sales of these digital editions also took place during the year, enabling wider and more flexible access to these worship resources.

Provision of grants towards attendance at conference

In last year's report, the trustees highlighted the need to review the impact of significantly increased conference charges, particularly in relation to maintaining high levels of attendance among young people. Following this review, and having regard to Charity Commission guidance, the trustees confirmed, that supporting conference attendance by young people should be prioritised as a core funding objective of the charity.

As a result, grants providing a 66% reduction in conference charges were awarded to all applicants aged 25 and under who wished to attend. This approach has enabled continued strong youth participation despite rising costs.

As costs continue to increase across all areas of conference provision, conference charges for all delegates will remain under ongoing review, with adjustments made where necessary to ensure both financial sustainability and accessibility.

Financial review

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services financial situation for the year ended 2025. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis

| | 31.03.24 | 31.03.25 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Conference Account | £0.00 | £8,485.91 |
| On Going Services | £18,820.62 | £20,140.84 |
| Subsidy Fund | £17,949.46 | £31,560.91 |
| Youth project Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | £11,752.65 | £11,752.65 |
| Total | £48,522.73 | £71,940.31 |
| Movement in Year | | £23,471.58 |

Note: All funds shown are unrestricted, with internal designations applied by the trustees

Year ending 31 March 2025

(Full financial breakdown provided in *Appendix 1*)

Total **receipts on unrestricted funds** for the year amounted to **£69,181.85**, comprising the following:

- **£52,250.43** in net delegate fees received, together with **£36.47** interest income.
- **£3,283.50** from sales of the committee's publication *Praise the Lord* during the financial year.
- **£13,611.45** in donations and Gift Aid reclaimed, representing one-off donations made to Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services by members of the public, together with associated Gift Aid receipts.

Total **expenditure** for the year amounted to **£ (45,764.27)**. The principal movements are explained below.

Costs relating to the use of High Leigh Conference Centre totalled £42,888.00 in respect of the 2025 conference. A further £10,262.40 relating to the same conference was paid after the year end and is therefore not included in this report due to the accounting treatment applied. Inclusion of this post year-end cost would have inflated the period-end expenditure and placed the conference account into a loss position, consistent with previous accounting periods.

Additional costs of £2,556.77 were incurred in relation to the general running of the conference and administrative expenses. These included costs associated with the *Praise the Lord* and *Praise the Lord 2016* songbooks, such as postage, storage, and handling.

An amount of £319.50 was also incurred for event hall hire to facilitate the Summer Family Day, a new initiative aimed at supporting all-age worship and activities. This event took place on Saturday 21 June 2025, and further details will be included in the 2026 annual report.

In line with the trustees' decision to prioritise young people's attendance at conference, in line with Charity Commission guidance and consistent with the charity's objects, no separate grants were made to youth work during the year. Support for young people was instead delivered directly through subsidised conference attendance, as reflected in the charity's stated objects.

In October 2024 the Committee agreed to change the objects of the charity to focus our grants on supporting youth attendance at conference rather than through dedicated youth projects. For this reason the Youth Project Fund is now closed .

The trustees consider it prudent to maintain reserves sufficient to meet conference-related contractual commitments, support subsidised attendance, and provide financial stability in the event of unforeseen circumstances. At 31 March 2025, unrestricted reserves were considered adequate for these purposes, considering additional payments made after the year end. The trustees will continue to review reserve levels annually.

Contributions made by volunteers

We are grateful for the many volunteers who contribute so much to the running of our Conference and the production of our music resources.

In running our Conference

- Focus Group leaders

- Incidental session leaders
- All plenary session leaders
- Media technicians

all give their services voluntarily.

In the production of music resources:

- those who seek copyright permission
- those who type set the music and words
- those who develop Apps

all give their services voluntarily which means that our costs are minimised in the production of our publications and together with digital media are made available at well below real cost.

Appendix 1: Full Breakdown of Accounts

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

Year ended 31 March 2025

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|--|-------------------|
| BALANCE SHEET | 31.03.25 |
| Lloyds Current | 31,061.48 |
| Lloyds Investment | 3,306.25 |
| Lloyds Bookings | 37,572.58 |
| | <u>71,940.31</u> |
| Represented by: | |
| Conference Account | 8,485.91 |
| On Going Services | 20,140.84 |
| Subsidy Fund | 31,560.91 |
| Youth Project Fund | 0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | 11,752.65 |
| | <u>71,940.31</u> |
| CONFERENCE ACCOUNT | 31.03.25 |
| Gross Delegate fees | 57,929.88 |
| Refunds | -788.00 |
| Subsidised places incl students | -4,350.00 |
| Service charges | -541.45 |
| Net Delegate fees received after refunds & donations | 52,250.43 |
| Bank Interest | 36.47 |
| INCOME | <u>52,286.90</u> |
| High Leigh Centre | -42,888.00 |
| Liability insurance | -538.49 |
| Copyright & Direct Expenses | -55.00 |
| Family Day | -319.50 |
| EXPENSES | <u>-43,800.99</u> |
| SURPLUS for the year | 8,485.91 |
| Transfer to subsidy fund | 0.00 |
| Brought forward balance | 0.00 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>8,485.91</u> |
| ON GOING SERVICES | 31.03.25 |
| Sales incl. postage repaid | 3,283.50 |
| INCOME | <u>3,283.50</u> |
| Admin, Committee expenses & Other | -1,963.28 |
| Movement on the year | 1,320.22 |
| Transfer to subsidy fund | 0.00 |
| Brought forward balance | 18,820.62 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>20,140.84</u> |
| SUBSIDY FUND | 31.03.25 |
| Brought forward | 17,949.46 |
| Collection and Donations (inc Gift Aid) | 13,611.45 |

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| Transfer to Conference Account | 0.00 |
| Transfer from On going services | <u>0.00</u> |
| Carried forward | <u><u>31,560.91</u></u> |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| YOUTH PROJECT FUND | 31.03.25 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Brought forward | 0.00 |
| Grants awarded and paid | 0.00 |
| Transfer from Legacy Account | <u>0.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u><u>0.00</u></u> |

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| LEGACY FUND | 31.03.25 |
|--------------------|-----------------|

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Brought forward | 11,752.65 |
| Donations | 0.00 |
| Transfer to YPF | <u>0.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u><u>11,752.65</u></u> |

Appendix 2: Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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| Charity Name Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services |
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

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| 31/03/25 | Charity no (if any) | 1163488 |
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/03/25.

**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.

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.

Signed: Christian Carter

Date: 17/12/2025

Name: Christian Carter

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

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Accounts

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

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Year Ended 31 March 2024

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| Charity number: | 1163488 | | |
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| Trustees: | Mr James Bilton | | |
| | Mrs Jacqueline Bilton | | |
| | Mr David Cox | | |
| | Mr Redmond Peel | | |
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| | Mr James Riley | | |
| | Mr Keith Riley | | |
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3. Providing grants towards youth work in the wider community consistent with the objects of the association.
4. Promoting Christ-like behaviour towards all interested in the practical application of Christian faith.

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- The production and distribution of materials to aid worship.
- Promoting awareness of opportunities for seeking a grant to support activities for young people that are consistent with the objects of the association.

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Achievements and Performance

Annual Conference

The event, held from 22nd – 24th March in 2024, marked the 61st celebration of the annual conference, all held at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hertfordshire, an excellent venue offering great hospitality and all the facilities we need. In line with other conference venues significant changes have had to be made to their contracts to compensate for the impact the pandemic and cost of living crises have had on hospitality venues. Whilst, for us, these have been a challenge, we have been able to meet them due to generous donations from some of the 238 delegates, ages ranging from 16 – 90+ years who attended in 2024,

not only from the UK but from Europe, Canada and the USA as well. Of these, 27 attendees were at conference for the first time, 36 attendees took subsidised places, of which 23 were under 25 years of age.

As has been customary for many years, the weekend programme was structured to offer a choice of group activities during the day on Saturday followed by plenary sessions for the rest of the weekend. Of the seventeen different group activities (called focus groups) run on Saturday, covering aspects of the Christian life, four ran in Master class format, eleven were interactive workshops and three were practical sessions. The master classes were offered live as well as being recorded for later listening, enabling some delegates unable to attend in person to benefit from specific topics in their own time. Each conference delegate chose two group activities to attend on Saturday with plenary praise and social sessions in the evening. On Sunday morning the main study for this year's conference, 'Let me show you a better way' was led by one of our members, followed in the afternoon by a Celebration communion service to conclude the event.

As has happened consistently, every year for more than sixty years, the delegates were asked to complete a questionnaire on every aspect of the weekend they attended. Overall, the comments received offered strong support validating the work of the committee, together with some suggestions for future consideration. The response rate (62%) was good, with many very positive comments, ideas and views useful for shaping future events.

The Worship Team co-ordinated music over the weekend and several delegates participated in the band which was highly praised.

In addition to the structured programme, a prayer room was set aside as a quiet space for participants to engage in prayer, and opportunities were provided to purchase additional resources with copies of our worship books, together with one or two other selected books relevant to specific topics currently of interest to Christians. There were many comfortable indoor social spaces for couples or groups to relax and extensive well-tended gardens for walks.

A collection at Conference together with donations, both at conference and since, have proved a great help to the committee to meet the terms of the new contract together with retaining the subsidy fund that enables delegates, young or old, to attend the conference irrespective of their own personal circumstances.

Altogether this year's conference was judged to have been a great success with both the delegates and the committee satisfied and having positive projections for 2025.

Production and distribution of materials for worship resources

The primary worship resource we produce as a committee is the 'Praise the Lord' (PTL) hard-backed compilation of 300 songs (full score music and words). This, first and foremost, is a book of hymns from Christian and Christadelphian sources used throughout the Christadelphian community and more widely by one or two related groups. During the year, 75 copies of the full compilation were sold.

To further enhance the variety of our worship and maintain a library of contemporary resources, a smaller supplementary collection of songs, 'Praise the Lord 2016' (PTL 2016), so titled due to its release in 2016, comprising 37 more modern hymns, also sold more than 100 during the year. In addition to our ongoing hardcopy worship materials, electronic versions of both the full PTL and PTL 2016 have been made available for personal devices and sales of these were also made during the year.

Provision of grants towards youth work in the wider community

Requests were received for Youth Project funding for help with hiring a minibus for use at camp, as well as replacement of a large tent for young people's use at camp. Once the safeguarding rules applied at camp had been checked these requests were granted; total grants of £1,145 were made.

The trustees wish to retain young people's attendance at the annual conference and the impact of significantly increased charges for that event suggest a review of this object would be timely.

Financial review

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services financial situation for the year ended 2024.

| | 31.03.23 | 31.03.24 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Conference Account | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| On Going Services | £16,388.17 | £18,820.62 |
| Subsidy Fund | £11,899.42 | £17,949.46 |
| Youth project Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | £12,897.65 | £11,752.65 |
| Total | £41,185.24 | £48,522.73 |
| Movement in Year | | £7,337.49 |

Commentary for the accounts, year ending 31/03/24 (full breakdown in Appendix 1).

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £62,706.49. This was represented by:

- £50,368.20 net delegate fees received and £34.45 interest.
- £3,455.85 relating to sales of our publication Praise the Lord throughout the financial year.
- £8,847.99 donations and gift aid reclaimed. This was the sum of one-off donations made to Hoddesdon Christadelphian services by the general public and gift aid receipts.

Total expenses were (£55,369.00). We have grouped our explanation under the main account movements in our explanation below.

High Leigh Centre costs totalling £52,377.00 in relation to the 2024 conference.

A further £1,847.00 costs in relation to the running costs of the conference and administrative expenses including costs associated with the PTL and PTL 2016 songbooks (postage storage and handling).

Grants Awarded accounted for £1,145.00.

Contributions made by volunteers

We are grateful for the many volunteers who contribute so much to the running of our Conference and the production of our music resources.

In running our Conference;

- Focus Group leaders
- Incidental session leaders
- All plenary session leaders
- Media technicians

all give their services voluntarily.

In the production of music resources:

- those who seek copyright permission
- those who type set the music and words
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all give their services voluntarily which means that our costs are minimised in the production of our publications and together with digital media are made available at well below real cost.

Appendix 1: Full Breakdown of Accounts

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

Year ended 31st March 2024

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| BALANCE SHEET | 31.03.24 |
| Lloyds Current | 35,016.98 |
| Lloyds Investment | 3,269.78 |
| Lloyds Bookings | 10,235.97 |
| | <u>48,522.73</u> |
| Represented by: | |
| Conference Account | 0.00 |
| On Going Services | 18,820.62 |
| Subsidy Fund | 17,949.46 |
| Youth Project Fund | 0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | 11,752.65 |
| | <u>48,522.73</u> |
| CONFERENCE ACCOUNT | 31.03.24 |
| Gross Delegate fees | 58,393.20 |
| Refunds | -2,005.00 |
| Subsidised places incl students | -6,020.00 |
| Net Delegate fees received after refunds & donations | 50,368.20 |
| Bank Interest | 34.45 |
| INCOME | <u>50,402.65</u> |
| High Leigh Centre | -52,377.00 |
| Liability insurance | -548.60 |
| Copyright & Direct Expenses | -275.00 |
| EXPENSES | <u>-53,200.60</u> |
| DEFICIT for the year | -2,797.95 |
| Transfer from subsidy fund | 2,797.95 |
| Brought forward balance | 0.00 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>0.00</u> |
| ON GOING SERVICES | 31.03.24 |
| Sales incl. postage repaid | 3,455.85 |
| INCOME | <u>3,455.85</u> |
| Admin, Committee expenses & Other | -1,023.40 |
| Movement on the year | 2,432.45 |
| Transfer to subsidy fund | 0.00 |
| Brought forward balance | 16,388.17 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>18,820.62</u> |
| SUBSIDY FUND | 31.03.24 |
| Brought forward | 11,899.42 |
| Collection and Donations (inc Gift Aid) | 8,847.99 |

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| Transfer to Conference Account | -2,797.95 |
| Transfer from On going services | <u>0.00</u> |
| Carried forward | <u><u>17,949.46</u></u> |

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| YOUTH PROJECT FUND | 31.03.24 |
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| Brought forward | 0.00 |
| Grants awarded and paid | -1,145.00 |
| Transfer from Legacy Account | <u>1,145.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u><u>0.00</u></u> |

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| LEGACY FUND | 31.03.24 |
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| Brought forward | 12,897.65 |
| Donations | 0.00 |
| Transfer to YPF | <u>-1,145.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u><u>11,752.65</u></u> |

Appendix 2: Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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| Charity Name Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services |
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

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| 31/03/24 | Charity no (if any) | 1163488 |
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/03/24.

**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.

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.

Signed:

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| Christian Carter | Date: | |
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Name: Christian Carter

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1163488

Accounts

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

Registered Charity no. 1163488

Annual report and accounts

Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Administrative Information

Name: Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

Charity number: 1163488

Principal address: 10 Wentworth Dene, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9AJ

Trustees:

- Mr James Bilton
- Mrs Jacqueline Bilton
- Mr David Cox
- Mr James Riley
- Mr Keith Riley
- Mrs Mary Riley
- Dr Joy Standeven (Secretary)
- Mrs Alison Tarrant
- Mr James Whitehorn (Treasurer)

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity and its property are managed and administered by a committee of Charity Trustees. All the Trustees of the Charity are members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee. They are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Charity. Members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee other than the Trustees are Members of the Charity.

The method of appointment of Trustees of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee is set out in clause 10 of The Constitution of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services (the governing document) dated 26th June 2015. The Trustees have taken steps to ensure that they all understand the charity's purpose (objects) and rules as set out in the constitution and are aware of their responsibilities to comply with Charity Commission guidance as set out in 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)'.

The Trustees met five times during the year (including the annual general meeting held on 15th October 2023) with an average level of attendance of 91%.

Government and Charity regulations, together with the development of technology, now enable management meetings to be wholly on-line using Zoom, or using a hybrid format, options we take advantage of to reduce unnecessary travel expenditure.

Objectives and Activities

To advance Bible-based Christian faith in accordance with Christadelphian beliefs for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and anyone interested in the practical application of Christian faith through:

1. The holding of an Annual Conference open to anyone interested to attend for worship, spiritual renewal, to increase Biblical understanding and learn effective methods of preaching.
2. Producing and distributing resource materials for worship.
3. Providing grants towards youth work in the wider community consistent with the objects of the association.
4. Promoting Christ-like behaviour towards all interested in the practical application of Christian faith.

When planning our activities for the year the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidelines on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidelines on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we try to enable people of the Christadelphian community, and anyone interested in the practical application of Christian faith to live this out through:

- The annual conference providing an opportunity for; worship and prayer; learning about the Bible and developing a close relationship with Jesus
- Production and distribution of materials for worship
- Provision of grants for youth work in the wider community.

A principle underlying the conference weekend is that it should be inclusive, embracing all ages, all backgrounds, all views, all characters.

The age range at conference is wide (characteristically under 18 – 80+ years). A safe-guarding policy is applied for delegates under the age of 18 who will be present under the responsibility of their parent(s) or under the specific responsibility of another adult delegate. Attendance at Conference is subject to a signed declaration as required in the Under-18 booking form. Delegates 25 years of age and under, together with those of limited means, can apply for a significantly reduced attendance rate.

The object of promoting Christ-like behaviour towards all means that no individual or group will be treated any less favourably than any other, all will be welcome and given access to conference. By joining in activities with others it is the trustees wish that all will feel support and encouragement as everyone tries to shape their lifestyle to be the best that Christians aim for it to be.

Achievements and Performance

Annual Conference

The event held from 17 – 19 March in 2023 marked the 60th celebration of our annual conference, all held at High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hertfordshire, an excellent venue offering great hospitality and all the facilities we need. Close to 200 delegates attended, not simply from the UK but included six from Canada and the USA, and with delegates ages ranging from 16 – 80+ years.

As has been customary for many years, the weekend programme was structured to offer a choice of group activities during the day on Saturday followed by

plenary sessions on Saturday evening and Sunday. Of the seventeen different group activities (Workshops and Master classes) covering aspects of the Christian pilgrimage, the two Master classes were streamed live on YouTube enabling some delegates unable to attend in person to benefit from specific topics. Each delegate chose two group activities to attend on Saturday morning and afternoon with plenary praise and social sessions in the evening. On Sunday morning the main study of this year's conference, 'A Mid-Faith Crisis' was led by one of our trustees James Riley, followed in the afternoon by a Celebration communion service to conclude the conference. All of the Sunday programme was streamed live on YouTube.

As has happened consistently, every year for sixty years, the delegates, both those who participated in-person or on-line, were asked to complete a questionnaire on every aspect of the weekend, as their views are central to shaping future conferences. Overall, the comments on the programme were very positive with results validating the work of the committee together with some suggestions for future consideration including minor changes to timing to ease out the strenuous weekend programme. Whilst the response rate was acceptable (60%) the committee noted the need to encourage greater participation with the opportunity to promote new topics for the future.

The Worship Team co-ordinated music over the weekend and several delegates participated in the band. This year, being the 60th celebration, a Praise Song Competition was held which produced two winners, one from the UK and one from Australia.

In addition to the structured programme, a prayer room was set aside as a quiet space for participants to engage in prayer, and opportunities were provided to purchase additional resources with copies of our song books for worship, together with one or two other selected books relevant to specific topics currently of interest to Christian groups. In view of the increasing costs of hospitality, due to the cost-of-living crisis, no special celebrations were held to mark the 60th event although Christian Conference Trust, our hosts, generously helped us to celebrate by providing some sparkling drinks on Saturday evening.

Donations and a collection at Conference were broadly in line with pre-pandemic years helping the committee to retain the subsidy fund that enables delegates, young or old, to attend the conference irrespective of their own personal circumstances.

Altogether this year's conference was judged to have been a success since both the delegates and the committee were satisfied and have positive projections for 2024.

Production and distribution of materials for worship resources

The primary worship resource we produce as a committee is the 'Praise the Lord' (PTL) hard-backed compilation of 300 songs (full score music and words). This, first and foremost, is a book of hymns from Christian and Christadelphian sources used throughout the Christadelphian community and more widely by one or two related groups.

To further enhance the variety of our worship and maintain a library of contemporary resources, we also produce a supplementary collection of songs, 'Praise the Lord 2016' (PTL 2016), comprising 37 more modern hymns. A reprint of 1000 hard copies was undertaken during 2016-17 which included a smaller A5 version to complement the A4 for musicians.

For the year ending 31st March 2023 worship book sales of both the full hard-backed version, and the smaller supplementary collection, PTL 16, were reduced, compared with years prior to that, but still 90 of the full collection and 32 of the supplementary books were recorded as sold. Reduced sales are due, in part, to the total circulation over the years since publication now accounting for some 40,000+ song book copies distributed, and the widespread projection of the song words onto big screens which has the benefit of singers keeping their heads up thus improving the quality of the sound. In addition to our ongoing hardcopy worship materials, electronic versions of both the full PTL and PTL 2016 have been made available for personal devices.

Provision of grants towards youth work in the wider community

A request was received for Youth Project funding for screens to divide up a hall used for Kids Club activities at one of our churches in the Midlands (£350); this was granted once safeguarding had been checked.

Financial review

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services financial situation for the year ended 2023.

| | 31.03.22 | 31.03.23 |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Conference Account | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| On Going Services | £25,553.83 | £16,388.17 |
| Subsidy Fund | £14,540.16 | £11,899.42 |
| Youth project Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | £13,496.65 | £12,897.65 |
| Total | £53,590.64 | £41,185.24 |
| Movement in Year | | (£12,405.40) |

Commentary for the accounts, year ending 31/03/23 (full breakdown in Appendix 1):

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £41,129.74. This was represented by:
 - £37,004.44 net delegate fees received and £6.14 interest.
 - £3,191.01 relating to sales of our publication Praise the Lord throughout the financial year.

- £928.15 donations and gift aid reclaimed. This was the sum of one-off donations made to Hoddesdon Christadelphian services by the general public and gift aid receipts.

Total expenses were (£53,535.14). We have grouped our explanation under the main account movements in our explanation below.

High Leigh Centre costs totalling £50,020.00 in relation to the 2023 conference. A further £559.47 costs in relation to the running costs of the conference and administrative expenses.

The sales of both the PTL and PTL 2016 songbooks incur some cost (reprint, postage, storage, copyright and handling) accounting for £2,356.67.

Grants Awarded accounted for £599.

Contributions made by volunteers

We are grateful for the many volunteers who contribute so much to the running of our Conference and the production of our music resources.

In running our Conference;

- Focus Group leaders
- Incidental session leaders
- All plenary session leaders
- Media technicians (more needed to assist with hybrid events this year)

all give their services voluntarily.

In the production of music resources:

- those who seek copyright permission
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- those who develop Apps

all give their services voluntarily which means that our costs are minimised in the production of our publications and together with digital media are made available at well below real cost.

HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

Year ended 31st March 2023

BALANCE SHEET

31.03.23

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Lloyds Current | 26,908.88 |
| Lloyds Investment | 3,235.33 |
| Lloyds Bookings | 11,041.03 |
| | <u>41,185.24</u> |

Represented by:

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Conference Account | 0.00 |
| On Going Services | 16,388.17 |
| Subsidy Fund | 11,899.42 |
| Youth Project Fund | 0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | 12,897.65 |
| | <u>41,185.24</u> |

CONFERENCE ACCOUNT

31.03.23

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Gross Delegate fees | 47,025.89 |
| Refunds | -4,071.45 |
| Subsidised places incl students | -5,950.00 |
| Net Delegate fees received after refunds & donations | 37,004.44 |
| Bank Interest | 6.14 |
| INCOME | <u>37,010.58</u> |
| High Leigh Centre | -50,020.00 |
| Committee meetings & Admin | 0.00 |
| Liability insurance | -559.47 |
| Equipment and Production costs | 0.00 |
| EXPENSES | <u>-50,579.47</u> |

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DEFICIT for the year

13,568.89

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| Transfer from subsidy fund | 13,568.89 |
| Brought forward balance | 0.00 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>0.00</u> |

ON GOING SERVICES

31.03.23

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Sales incl. postage repaid | 3,191.01 |
| INCOME | <u>3,191.01</u> |
| Admin, Committee expenses & Other | -1,203.60 |
| Equipment and Production costs | -1,153.07 |
| Movement on the year | 834.34 |
| Transfer to subsidy fund | -10,000.00 |
| Brought forward balance | 25,553.83 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>16,388.17</u> |

SUBSIDY FUND

31.03.23

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| Brought forward | 14,540.16 |
| Collection and Donations (inc Gift Aid) | 928.15 |
| Transfer to Conference Account | -13,568.89 |
| Transfer from On going services | 10,000.00 |

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| Carried forward | <u>11,899.42</u> |
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| YOUTH PROJECT FUND | 31.03.23 |
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| Brought forward | 0.00 |
| Grants awarded and paid | -599.00 |
| Transfer from Legacy Account | <u>599.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u>0.00</u> |

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| LEGACY FUND | 31.03.23 |
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| Brought forward | 13,496.65 |
| Donations | 0.00 |
| Transfer to YPF | <u>-599.00</u> |
| Carried Forward | <u>12,897.65</u> |

Appendix 2: Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

Report to the trustees/ members of

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| Charity Name Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services |
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On accounts for the year ended

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| 31/03/23 | Charity no (if any) | 1163488 |
|----------|----------------------------|---------|

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/03/23.

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.

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.

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| Signed: Christian Carter | Date: 11/12/2023 |
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| Name: Christian Carter |
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| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): | Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales |
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| Address: | Orion Gate, Guildford Rd, Woking, GU22 7NJ |
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HODDESDON CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

England & Wales - Charity number 1163488

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Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

Registered Charity no. 1163488

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Administrative Information

| | | |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Name: | Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services | |
| Charity number: | 1163488 | |
| Principal address: | 37 Bentley Place, Baker Street, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8BF | |
| Trustees: | Mr James Bilton | |
| | Mrs Jacqueline Bilton | |
| | Mr David Cox | |
| | Mr James Riley | |
| | Mr Keith Riley | |
| | Mrs Mary Riley | |
| | Dr Joy Standeven | (Secretary) |
| | Mrs Alison Tarrant | |
| | Mr James Whitehorn | (Treasurer) |

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity and its property are managed and administered by a committee of Charity Trustees. All the Trustees of the Charity are members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee. They are responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Charity. Members of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee other than the Trustees are Members of the Charity.

The method of appointment of Trustees of the Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services Committee is set out in clause 10 of The Constitution of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services (the governing document) dated 26th June 2015. The Trustees have taken steps to ensure that they all understand the charity's purpose (objects) and rules as set out in the constitution and are aware of their responsibilities to comply with Charity Commission guidance as set out in 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know, what you need to do (CC3)'.

The Trustees met six times during the year (including the annual general meeting held on 2nd October 2021) with an average level of attendance of 91%.

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Achievements and Performance

Annual Conference

Following the success of the Virtual Conference held in 2021, as noted in last year's Annual Report, and with the High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hertfordshire reopened, the trustees determined that the 2022 Conference should be a hybrid event if Covid-19 regulations permitted. Given that the Covid pandemic restrictions were still applicable in some places, for example delegates from Scotland arrived at Conference expecting compulsory mask wearing throughout, the committee were delighted that 180 in-person delegates attended, including four from North America; mask wearing was made a matter of personal choice.

The structure of the weekend programme consisted of a choice of focus group topics delivered on Saturday followed by plenary events mainly on Sunday. Focus group activities are delivered to groups of around 20 participants in different meeting rooms throughout the venue, each delegate choosing two topics. Of the fifteen topics that were covered on Saturday, five were offered in hybrid

format. Providing several focus group sessions, simultaneously to on-line and in-person delegates, from different halls and meeting rooms demanded extensive technical backup which was challenging and benefited from the limited amount of upgraded technical equipment purchased and a number of very competent and willing helpers. Plenary elements of the programme, including all praise sessions and the main study: 'New Testament Dynamics' led by John Launchbury from Oregon, present in person, were mostly held on Sunday and were more readily amenable to hybrid availability.

Delegates who participated, in-person or virtually, gave very positive responses to the quality of their experiences both on Saturday and Sunday. All aspects of the weekend were thoroughly reviewed by participants, as well as by the committee, and lessons learnt from the event will be used to shape future programmes. In total, over the weekend, more than 100 screens tuned in to join various online elements of the programme which are recorded and retained year-on-year to be available as evergreen content for viewing no matter when.

Trustees continue to want the conference to be driven and shaped by what attendees want, as it always has been, and the high response rate to the online survey confirmed 95% of those who responded were very satisfied with the work of the committee, in particular with the running of the conference. A subsidy fund is maintained to assist any who find the cost of the in-person event beyond their means and to encourage young people (those aged 25 years and under) a specially low, heavily subsidised rate is applied. As costs continue to rise with the impact of the national economic situation, this is a matter which the Trustees will keep in the forefront of their minds; it is their wish that no-one of any age is precluded from attending conference by financial issues.

Production and distribution of materials for worship resources

The primary worship resource we produce as a committee is the 'Praise the Lord' (PTL) hard-backed compilation of 300 songs (full score music and words). This, first and foremost, is a book of hymns from Christian and Christadelphian sources used throughout the Christadelphian community and more widely by one or two related groups.

To further enhance the variety of our worship and maintain a library of contemporary resources, we also produce a supplementary collection of songs, 'Praise the Lord 2016' (PTL 2016), comprising 37 more modern hymns. A reprint of 1000 hard copies was undertaken during 2016-17 which included a smaller A5 version.

For the year ending 31st March 2022 worship book sales of both the full hard-backed version, and the smaller supplementary collection, were reduced compared with previous years. This is due, in part, to the total circulation over the years since publication, now accounting for some 40,000 copies distributed. On-going sales are also impacted by the now widespread use at in-person events of projection of the song words onto big screens which has the benefit of singers keeping their heads up thus improving the quality of the sound.

In addition to our ongoing hardcopy worship material, electronic versions of both PTL and PTL 2016 are available in both PDF and Android App format for personal devices.

Provision of grants towards youth work in the wider community

Due to the impact of Covid-19 many in-person activities had to be suspended, which regrettably impacted on young people's clubs and camps such that no applications from UK based groups for grants were made during the year. However, through the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day charity, we were aware of the need for support for extra-curricular activities at the Crown City School in Kenya, a school and home that serves 100 children orphaned or abandoned by their parents in the village of Chewle, Kenya. A grant of £582 was made.

Financial review

Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services financial situation improved by £6,964.04 for the year ended 2022. This was a result of a one-off donation to the legacy fund of £5,000 (exc. gift aid). This accounted for the majority of the movement between years.

| | 31.03.21 | 31.03.22 |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Conference Account | £2,379.88 | £0.00 |
| On Going Services | £23,876.37 | £25,553.83 |
| Subsidy Fund | £11,291.70 | £14,540.16 |
| Youth project Fund | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | £9,078.65 | £13,496.65 |
| Total | £46,626.60 | £53,590.64 |
| Movement in Year | | £6,964.04 |

Commentary for the accounts, year ending 31/03/22 (full breakdown in Appendix 1):

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £38,373.10. This was represented by:

- £27,050 net delegate fees received and £0.35 interest.
- £2,395.59 relating to sales of our publication Praise the Lord throughout the financial year.
- £8,927.16 donations and gift aid reclaimed. This was the sum of one-off donations made to Hoddesdon Christadelphian services by the general public and gift aid receipts.

Total expenses were (£31,409.07). We have grouped our explanation under the main account movements in our explanation below.

High Leigh Centre costs totalling £27,032.60 in relation to the 2022 conference.

A further £3,076.33 costs in relation to the running costs of the conference and administrative expenses.

The sales of both the PTL and PTL 2016 songbooks, incur some cost (reprint, postage, storage, copyright and handling) accounting for (£718.14).

Grants Awarded accounted for £582.

Contributions made by volunteers

We are grateful for the many volunteers who contribute so much to the running of our Conference and the production of our music resources.

In running our Conference;

- Focus Group leaders
- Incidental session leaders
- All plenary session leaders
- Media technicians (more needed to assist with a hybrid conference event)

all give their services voluntarily.

In the production of music resources:

- those who seek copyright permission
- those who type set the music and words
- those who develop Apps

all give their services voluntarily which means that our costs are minimised in the production of our publications and together with digital media are made available at well below real cost.

Appendix 1

HODDESDON

CHRISTADELPHIAN SERVICES

Year ended 31st March 2022

| BALANCE SHEET | 31.03.22 |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Lloyds Current | 35,802.36 |
| Lloyds Investment | 3,229.19 |
| Lloyds Bookings | 14,559.09 |
| | <u>53,590.64</u> |
| Represented by: | |
| Conference Account | 0.00 |
| On Going Services | 25,553.83 |
| Subsidy Fund | 14,540.16 |
| Youth Project Fund | 0.00 |
| Legacy Fund | 13,496.65 |
| | <u>53,590.64</u> |

| CONFERENCE ACCOUNT | ye 31.03.22 |
|--|------------------------|
| Gross Delegate fees | 32,690.00 |
| Refunds | -1,390.00 |
| Subsidised places inc. students | -4,250.00 |
| Net Delegate fees received after refunds & donations | 27,050.00 |
| Bank Interest | 0.35 |
| INCOME | <u>27,050.35</u> |
| High Leigh Centre | -27,032.60 |
| Committee meetings & Admin | -359.07 |
| Liability insurance | -598.28 |
| Virtual Conference Equipment and Production costs | -2,118.98 |
| EXPENSES | <u>-30,108.93</u> |
| | - |
| | 3,058.58 |
| DEFICIT for the year | |
| Transfer from subsidy fund | 678.70 |
| Brought forward balance | 2,379.88 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>0.00</u> |

| ON GOING SERVICES | ye 31.03.22 |
|---|------------------------|
| Sales incl. postage repaid | 2,395.59 |
| INCOME | <u>2,395.59</u> |
| PTL production, copyright & Other costs | -359.07 |
| Admin, Committee expenses & Other | -359.07 |
| Movement on the year | 1,677.46 |
| Brought forward balance | 23,876.37 |
| Carried forward balance | <u>25,553.83</u> |

| SUBSIDY FUND | ye 31.03.22 |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Brought forward | 11,291.70 |

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|--|------------------|
| Collection and Donations (inc. Gift Aid) | 3,927.16 |
| Transfer to Conference Account | -678.70 |
| Carried forward | <u>14,540.16</u> |

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| YOUTH PROJECT FUND | ye |
| | 31.03.22 |
| Brought forward | 0.00 |
| Grants awarded and paid | -582.00 |
| Transfer from Legacy Account | 582.00 |
| Carried Forward | <u>0.00</u> |

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|--------------------|------------------|
| LEGACY FUND | ye |
| | 31.03.22 |
| Brought forward | 9,078.65 |
| Donations | 5,000.00 |
| Transfer to YPF | -582.00 |
| Carried Forward | <u>13,496.65</u> |

Appendix 2: Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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| Charity Name Hoddesdon Christadelphian Services |
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**On accounts for the year
ended**

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|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 31/03/22 | Charity no (if any) | 1163488 |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------|

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/03/22.

**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.

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.

Signed: Christian Carter

Date: 01/12/22

Name: Christian Carter

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

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