

# **BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA**

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission  
Charity number 1165952

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## **Annual Report**

**For the period  
1 January to 31 December 2021**

# **Annual Report of the Trustees**

## **Charity Name**

Barton-under-Needwood Christadelphian Ecclesia

Also known as: Barton Christadelphian Church

Charity number: 1165952

## **Principal Address**

Christadelphian Hall, 1 Park Road, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs. DE13 8DW

## **Trustees – The Arranging Committee (as at 31 December 2021)**

Peter Turner (Secretary)

Graeme Rudland (Assistant Secretary)

David Wilkins (Treasurer)

Philip Monk

Paul Holt

Most of the trustee meetings in the period were attended by all Trustees.

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, Burton on Trent (309897) branch, PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT

## **Structure and Governance**

The organisation is governed by a constitution adopted on 3 February 2016 and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, having previously been a Charitable Association.

The charity is the legal owner of its property and assets. The Trustees collectively are legally responsible for the day-to-day management and the financial assets of the Charity and are accountable to the members.

Trustees are appointed by the members by means of an annual ballot.

There are Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Equality, Conflicts of Interest and Financial Reserve policies in place.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and other than reimbursement of expenses receive no remuneration or other benefits.

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)'.

## **Objects and Activities**

The charity's purpose ('the objects') are

**To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Christadelphian interpretation of the Bible, for the benefit of the public in Barton-under-Needwood and surrounding villages in the East Staffordshire area.**

In particular by:

- holding meetings for worship, prayer, religious festivals and the preaching of the Gospel;
- providing religious teaching and publications to enlighten others on the Christadelphian faith;
- making our premises available for the benefit of the local community; and
- promotion of charitable works including, but not limited to: supporting the homeless, easing hardship and the provision of pastoral care.

## **Financial Overview**

We began the year with a balance of £23,509, with outstanding loans of £8,500.

Receipts from collections into our own funds (unrestricted funds) during the year at £12,193 were lower than in 2020. The tax rebate received on Gift Aid contributions during 2020 was £3,318 and is included in the above income total.

Payments and donations of £17,558 were lower than in 2020, reflecting the continued closure of the church to physical meetings for the whole year. Our payments included donations of £5,602 to worldwide and UK appeals.

We ended the year with an overall balance of £23,140, with outstanding loans of £6,500. Our financial situation is healthy, and we reviewed our Financial Reserve Policy during 2021.

Collections for third party charities (restricted funds) at £4,996, were also lower than in 2020. We are continuing our commitment to send donations of £50 per month to the Christadelphian Shunem Home charity to assist their cash flow, and £200 annually to the Meal-a-Day fund to assist in the funding of major projects in the developing world.

An Independent Examination of the accounts for the period was not required as total income did not exceed £25,000.

## **Outreach activities (including Toddler Group)**

Outreach activities have largely not been possible during the year, due to the continuing Covid 19 Pandemic which caused the closure of our church to physical meetings from March 2020 until October 2021. Since closure we conducted meetings of worship using the Zoom application.

To support the mental health of our members, many of whom have been isolated through shielding and living alone, we have held ZOOM coffee mornings on weekdays and one non-member has also attended almost every event. Another village resident has attended on a weekly basis.

We have been able to run our Monday Toddler group since October 2021, which has been welcomed by local families and has resulted in an average of 20 children attending. At Christmas we gave out goody bags to families from the Church doorway, in a socially distanced way and in line with Government requirements.

Rather than sending Christmas cards this year, which we have previously delivered by hand, we have invested in a banner which was displayed on the wall of the property during the Christmas and New Year periods.

We have been as yet unable to hold services to invite villagers to and in their place have utilised our website and Facebook page to present short messages designed to be helpful and thought provoking to support friends through difficult times.

### **Sunday School and Youth activities**

Our Sunday School met until the closure of the church in March 2020, but normally follows the state school terms. Classes are open to church members' children and to children from the surrounding area. Lessons follow a flexible plan of Bible-based teachings and stories from both the Old and the New Testaments. Our teachers are volunteers from within our Barton church membership and hold DBS certificates.

### **Welfare**

Welfare-based activities have been few over the period, the majority of which fall into our objective of providing pastoral care. As a group of Trustees we discuss matters of welfare concerning our membership, their families and, normally, visitors to our church as a regular agenda item at our meetings.

Welfare activities in 2021 have included sending cards and flowers to the unwell and providing a regular communication channel to our membership where matters of welfare are concerned. Much of the welfare within the church is carried out by our members, working behind the scenes, showing love to those around them, for which we are all grateful.

### **A safe environment**

The church takes the safety of members and visitors seriously. All members are reminded that there is a shared responsibility for all to notice and notify and report risks and hazards. Concerns are reported to the member responsible for Maintenance who takes appropriate action and reports to Trustees' committee meetings, with a plan designed to remove or minimise those risks.

In accordance with Government guidelines, physical meetings did not re-commence until October 2021, only to be suspended in December as the pandemic took hold again. Regular visits are made to the hall to ensure it remains secure and safe, in accordance with advice received from our insurers.

The maintenance of the building is of key importance to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the users of the building and its surrounding land. Regular maintenance includes:

- Annual Gas servicing of the boilers, carried out according to the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations and is undertaken during the months of December and January.
- The Electrical Installation of the building, which was tested in March 2014 in accordance with the British Standard 7671 – Requirements for Electrical Installations by a domestic installer registered with NICEIC. This is certificated for 10 years.
- Emergency exits and emergency light fittings which are tested monthly for correct operation.
- Fire Extinguisher testing and replacement
- Portable Appliance testing, in line with good practice
- Annual ladder inspections

During 2021 other maintenance issues were dealt with as and when they arose.

The building and its surroundings are subject to a programme of refurbishment which is reviewed by members, and projects are prioritised according to necessity and funding availability.

### **A public benefit**

During the period, we collected £4,996 for external charities, which included donations to the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day fund, supporting those in most need in many parts of the world, Christadelphian Care Homes throughout the UK, and Bible Mission work in Europe and Africa, among other funds.

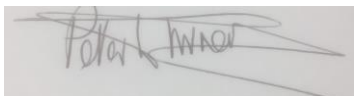
We ran a weekly Toddler Group for the local community from October 2021. In this brief period as many as 30 children and their parents or carers have attended. Our volunteers hold DBS certificates. Government Pandemic guidance has been followed at all times.

### **Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signed:



Date: 8 September 2022

Peter Turner

Secretary (at 31 December 2021)



Charity Name Barton Christadelphian Ecclesia		No (if any) 1165952		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/012021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021	

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Collections and Donations	8,875	4,996	-	13,871	14,754
Tax Rebate on Gift Aid Contributions	3,318	-	-	3,318	3,709
Interest Earned	-	-	-	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Loan	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>12,193</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>18,463</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12,193</b>	<b>4,996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,189</b>	<b>18,463</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to external charities	600	5,602	-	6,202	8,062
Preaching/Outreach expenses	321	-	-	321	251
Building expenses	7,628	-	-	7,628	3,580
Pastoral & running costs	1,754	-	-	1,754	2,561
Utilities	1,654	-	-	1,654	1,966
Other external Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>11,956</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,558</b>	<b>16,420</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>11,956</b>	<b>5,602</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,558</b>	<b>16,420</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>- 606</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 369</b>	<b>2,043</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>22,593</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,509</b>	<b>21,466</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>22,829</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,140</b>	<b>23,509</b>



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## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Lloyds Bank	22,726	310	-
	Cash	103	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>22,829</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Ecclesial Premises	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan for New Ceiling/Lighting	unrestricted	6,500	2025
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees (as at 31/12/2021)		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Peter Turner	08/09/2022