

# **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 2022**

# **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 2022)**

Peter Turner (Secretary)

Graeme Rudland (Assistant Secretary)

David Wilkins (Treasurer)

Reg Carr

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 £23,142 with outstanding loans of £6,500.

Receipts from collections into our own funds (unrestricted funds) during the year at £13,468 were slightly higher than in 2021. The tax rebate received on Gift Aid contributions was £3,457.

Payments and donations of £20,711 were higher than in 2021, reflecting increased running costs – particularly energy costs and building maintenance - together with significant support given to worldwide and UK appeals.

We ended the year with an overall balance of £21,213, with outstanding loans of £4,500. Our financial situation is healthy, and we reviewed our Financial Reserve Policy during 2022.

Collections for third party charities (restricted funds) at £5,314, were higher than in 2021, reflecting the greater use of gift aid rather than coin and note collections. Funds held for those charities at the end of the year were sent early in 2023. 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 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 been slow to re-start in 2022 due to post-Covid caution as regards the gathering of people together. Our Church had been closed to physical church meetings until October 2021. We had conducted meetings of worship using the Zoom application during closure. During 2022 our main meetings to break bread together have been "hybrid" in that a

physical meeting has been held at the hall each Sunday, but some have preferred the continued use of the zoom application.

This has helped us to support the mental health of our members, and we continue to have midweek Bible Class meetings and “virtual” coffee mornings on Zoom. Towards the end of the year, we began monthly public witness events on Sunday mornings. Sporadic attendance at our Sunday meetings by people in the village has continued, including a number coming to a seasonal evening held near Christmas.

Our Monday Toddler group has been going strong all year. Numbers have been limited due to COVID risks, and necessary safety precautions. It is always fully booked with a waiting list, and averages 22 children at each weekly session. Its return has been welcomed by local families and the support provided by member helpers has made positive contributions to the mental health of some of the needier adults who attend. Charges are kept to a minimum recognising that some families are experiencing financial difficulties at the moment. Where necessary the Church provides financial assistance to the group, as well as bearing the cost of heating and lighting.

We again displayed a banner on the wall of the property during the Christmas and New Year periods and 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 has not met for some time due to the lack of children of the appropriate ages, but this is kept under constant review and teachers and structures are being developed with a view to re-starting Sunday School when the need arises. When Sunday School is active, 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 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 2022 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**

We take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously and have two appointed members who act as Designated Safeguarding Leads and are responsible for ensuring DBS checks are completed, training members and publicising their role so that they are widely known as points of contact in the event of safeguarding issues arising.

In terms of physical safety in using the building, again we take the safety of members and visitors seriously. Members are aware of the shared responsibility for all to notice 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 risks not immediately resolved. Regular inspections are made to the hall to ensure it remains secure and safe, in accordance with advice 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 2022 other maintenance issues were resolved 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 £5,314 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.

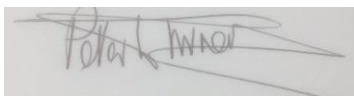
We ran a weekly Toddler Group for the local community, with an average weekly attendance of 22 children with their parents or carers. All our volunteers hold DBS certificates.

### **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Signed:



Date: 31 March 2023

Peter Turner

Secretary (at 31 December 2022)



Charity Name Barton Christadelphian Ecclesia		No (if any) 1165952	CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022

## 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	10,011	5,314	-	15,325	13,871
Tax Rebate on Gift Aid Contributions	3,457		-	3,457	3,318
Interest Earned	-	-	-	-	
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Loan	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,468</b>	<b>5,314</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>17,189</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>13,468</b>	<b>5,314</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,782</b>	<b>17,189</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations to external charities	1,070	4,574	-	5,644	6,202
Preaching/Outreach expenses	225		-	225	321
Building expenses	10,109		-	10,109	7,628
Pastoral & running costs	2,091		-	2,091	1,754
Utilities	2,642		-	2,642	1,654
Other external Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,137</b>	<b>4,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,711</b>	<b>17,558</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>16,137</b>	<b>4,574</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,711</b>	<b>17,558</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,669</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,929</b>	<b>- 369</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>22,832</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,142</b>	<b>23,511</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>20,163</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,213</b>	<b>23,142</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	20,048	1,050	-
	Cash	115	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>20,163</b>	<b>1,050</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	4,500	2025
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees (as at 31/12/2022)		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Peter Turner	31/03/2023