



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1st January 2020	To	31st December 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Church of God in Birmingham CIO
Other names charity is known by	NONE
Registered charity number (if any)	1166052
Charity's principal address	19 Alleyne Road Erdington Birmingham Postcode B24 8EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Malcolm Jefferson	Chairman		EXISTING TRUSTEES
2	Stephen Hickling	Secretary		
3	John Ashley Bowler			
4	James Thomas Needham			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of treasurer (Optional information)

Philip Malcolm Jefferson

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation Model
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Persons who are appointed Elders of The Church of God in Birmingham by the biblical protocol approved by the Churches of God

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The day to day management of activities of the Church is carried out by Trustees/Elders in conjunction with appointed Deacons and committees in which other church members may participate. The Elders and Deacons hold regular meetings to discuss the wellbeing of the church and the activities planned. These meetings include reviews of finance, outreach work in the community, teaching in the church and general pastoral issues. In addition, the Elders hold regular meetings to discuss spiritual issues, the appointment of deacons and the recognition of Elders. Management accounts are produced on a monthly basis by the Treasurer and are reviewed by the Elders and Deacons. An update on Fund balances is provided by the Treasurer to Elders and Deacons, in conjunction with any necessary financial decisions that arise during the year. These accounts are available to all church members.

Risk assessment:
The Church has a Safeguarding Policy relating to Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.
The Church has a Health & Safety Policy and regular checks are made to ensure this policy is maintained.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian faith and of other charitable purposes as the Trustees shall decide, all as an expression of the Statement of Faith in the Trust Model.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

There were 43 church members on the roll at 1st January 2020. The majority of these attend the Sunday worship service regularly.

2020 did not start well for the charity.

On 1st January a window was forced and PA equipment stolen. This was the subject of an insurance claim.

In March the Covid-19 pandemic changed the way in which we have operated. During the first lockdown we were not allowed to meet in our church premises from 22nd March until 5th July inclusive and in the second lockdown from 8th to 29th November.

This meant that we were not able to meet for worship during those periods and all our other activities as detailed below moved on-line.

We initiated an on-line thanksgiving meeting on Sunday mornings and an on-line teaching meeting on Sunday afternoons. Our Tuesday evening prayer times and 'thought for the week' also moved on-line.

We have been able to continue contact with the local community with Mums & Toddlers, Kids Club, Youth Club and Quiz Nights all on-line. We also produced a newsletter and distributed it locally.

We were not able to hold our summer 'Church in the Park' sessions on Sundays in June and July because of the restrictions in place at the time.

In addition to work in the immediate locality we have encouraged children and young people to attend events held under the auspices of the Midlands District of Churches of God at different venues all on-line. The annual Camp was cancelled due to the restrictions.

Statement of Public Benefit

All Trustees are aware of the Charities Acts public benefit requirements so that the purposes and activities of the church are geared to meeting those requirements as well as the spiritual needs of the public as an expression of the Statement of Faith in the Trust Model.

The neighbouring community may benefit from the promotion of the Christian faith and the promotion of church fellowship.

None of the Trustees receives any private benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

It is our policy to make financial contributions to other activities of Churches of God in the UK and throughout the world as spiritual and social needs arise.

The charity has no employees, all work, practical and spiritual is done by volunteer members of the church.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

2020 has proved a challenging year for everyone but it has proved to us that we have an innovative and 'can do' team of group leaders.

Mums & Toddler's: We have maintained contact with our families with Easter and Christmas mailings. We have a WhatsApp group and a closed Facebook group where we post craft, songs, bible stories and activity videos each week. The families are able to communicate with us through these groups sharing ideas and photos and requests for support.

Youth Club: Our contact has been predominantly on-line with videos produced each week to enable the children to still have regular activities such as crafts, games and quizzes and bible talks. We have been in regular contact with parents and sought their views on what the children would want to do.

Kids Club: We commenced a zoom kids club in May 2020. It is aimed at the 4 -11 age group. Each week children and their families both local to Birmingham and further afield have joined us for songs, games, crafts, and bible stories.

Social events: The social events for the community have proved a bit more difficult. However, the quiz night has transferred successfully on-line and has been happening more frequently. We have added an encouraging bible message to the format. This has been well received.

Alpha: In September we ran our first on-line ALPHA course. We plan to run these two or three times each year.

Outreach: During the latter part of the year, when social distancing permitted, we had a table in the ARCC car park with Christian literature. In the build up to Christmas we also had a table in Erdington High St and collected for the Bethany Food Bank. We would normally have sung carols but sadly this was not appropriate this year.

We were not able to hold "Church in the Park" in the summer months.

**Summary of the
main
achievements of
the charity
during the year**

See above

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The funds of the church are held under the following headings:

UNRESTRICTED**General Expenses**

This fund covers all general expenses of the running of the church.

Local Outreach

This fund covers the cost of equipment and literature for outreach in the community.

Youth Work

This fund covers the cost of transport to events and camp subsidies.

Need

This fund is used to help those in financial need both for members of the church and those in the wider community.

RESTRICTED**Hall Development**

The fund is used to further develop the usefulness of the church building.

Legacies

No legacies have been received during 2020.

Lord's Servants

All the money in this fund is distributed to full time evangelists working amongst Churches of God.

Appeals

From time to time there are special appeals for which collections are made.

It is the Trustees' policy to maintain a positive balance in each fund.

The unrestricted funds are considered by the Trustees and acknowledged by donors that they may, in the event of extreme expense, be used for any purpose. For management purposes they are kept separate and reviewed as though they were separate.

The restricted funds must be used for the designated purpose only.

All funds are now held in a current account with Lloyds Bank plc.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

At year end none of the funds were in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy ed.

Receipts and donations to the funds are mainly from church members, either weekly via the collection box, directly to the church bank account through Faster Payment or via the Churches of God Central Gifts Fund (charity 299106) in conjunction with gift aid.

Normal expenditure has been covered by local church members.

Local Outreach and Youth Work funds have supported activities among the local community.

In previous years we were able to collect donations of food regularly for the Bethany Food Bank in Erdington, Birmingham. As we have been prevented from meeting together for much of the year we have mainly supported the food bank through monetary donations from the Need Fund.

We continued to support 'TOY-LINK', run by Birmingham City Mission at Christmas.

Section F

Other optional information

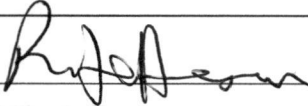

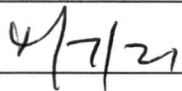
Looking to the New Year 2021, in God's will and in addition to activities already mentioned, we plan to run another on-line ALPHA course and such other events that may be for the benefit of the local community. We are longing to resume all our youth work and the park work as soon as restrictions allow. Meanwhile we aim to continue to keep in touch with all groups on-line.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Philip Jefferson	Stephen Hickling
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Church of God in Birmingham CIO

No (if any)
1166052

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st January 2020	To	Period end date 31st December 2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income	16,879	15,002	-	31,881	35,092
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,879	15,002	-	31,881	35,092
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,879	15,002	-	31,881	35,092
A3 Payments					
General Expenses	8,290	-	-	8,290	4,810
Local Outreach	519	-	-	519	2,757
Youth Work	293	-	-	293	2,612
Need	2,202	-	-	2,202	2,910
Lord's Servants	-	7,800	-	7,800	6,200
Special Appeals	-	2,588	-	2,588	1,990
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,304	10,388	-	21,692	21,279
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Hall Development Fund	-	5,683	-	5,683	4,372
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	5,683	-	5,683	4,372
Total payments	11,304	16,071	-	27,375	25,651
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,575	- 1,069	-	4,506	9,441
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,349	9,874	-	18,223	8,782
Cash funds this year end	13,924	8,805	-	22,729	18,223

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	13,924	8,805	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,924	8,805	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

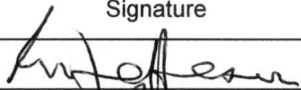

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Meeting Place of Church	Hall Development	419,495	-
	Meeting Place Contents	Hall Development	21,129	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Philip Malcolm Jefferson	4/7/21
	Stephen Hickling	4/7/21



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Church of God in Birmingham

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1166052

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(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 31/12/2020^{YYY}.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

5th July 2021

Name:

Luke Keegan

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

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.