



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1st January 2023

To

31st December 2023

## 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			
5				
6				
7				
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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.

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 and these accounts are available to all church members.

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 such 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 41 church members on the roll at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.  
The majority of these attend the Sunday worship service regularly.

During the year we have continued our activities both within the church and the wider community. This includes our worship services, teaching and prayer.

We have been able to continue contact with the local community with Mums & Toddlers Club, Kids Club and Youth Club. These weekly events have been advertised in our regular newsletters and have proved very popular.

In addition to work in the immediate locality we have encouraged children and young people, both in the church and from the events we run, to attend events held under the auspices of other churches of God in the Fellowship. These events included a regional summer camp and international youth fellowship rally.

**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

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

We have been actively engaged with the local community with various social outreach events, over the past twelve months, including a Fun Day; Skittles and Barbecue events and a Quiz & Curry Night.

In the lead up to Christmas we held a Light Up event, with visitors experiencing a time of socialising with friends, and a choice of activities for the children to enjoy. We also had a workshop for local ladies who tried their hand at Christmas Wreath making.

### MUM'S & TODDLERS

A small number of church members and members of the local community run a stay and play group every Tuesday morning during term time called Tumbles. It is well attended with over 20 families on the register and we often have families on the waiting list as well. It is a relaxed and friendly group offering families a chance to chat whilst supervising their children playing. We provide refreshments at snack time, a craft/sensory/quiet zone activity and singing/bubble time.

### YOUTH WORK

In 2023 Potter's Clay for the church teenage children continued. We meet most months and alternate between Bible Studies and social activities. The social activities include games nights, bowling and a BBQ. We also organised a weekend for the group which consisted of Bible Study, sport and games in the Peak District.

Our community youth work has been very successful as we have run a youth club for children aged ten and upwards for many years which now has seen a resurgence. The kid's club that started in 2022 for children of school age to age ten has continued. These have been very successful enabling children to come together to participate in games, sports, craft, singing and bible stories. Around 40 different children have attended across both clubs during the year and many children and their families have attended other church activities. We ran an Easter holiday club in 2023 for primary aged children, this took place on three days and a

great time was had by the children that attended, with craft, games and stories.

#### OUTREACH

We have continued to offer Bible Study courses this year, Alpha, Christianity Explored and Faith Explored.

During June and July, we visited the local Park on several Sunday afternoons. This incorporated a range of free family activities and a bible message.

Approximately once a month we visited the local High Street on a Saturday afternoon offering free Christian literature for adults and children.

Summary of the  
main  
achievements of  
the charity  
during the year



## Section E Financial review

### 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 church activities.

##### **Local Outreach**

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

##### **Youth Work**

This fund covers the cost of equipment, 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 local community. Families of Tumbles children have been supported with food and household items during the year.

#### **RESTRICTED**

##### **Hall Development**

This fund is used to further develop and maintain the usefulness of the church building.

##### **Legacies**

No legacies have been received during 2023.

##### **Lord's Servants**

All the money in this fund is gifted to full time evangelists working amongst the Fellowship of Churches of God and to their widows where appropriate.

##### **Appeals**

From time to time there are special appeals for which collections are made. During the year this included gifts to our sister church in Nottingham to help fund their rebuild project.

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.

We continued to support 'TOY-LINK', the Toys for Christmas initiative run by Birmingham City Mission.

## Section F


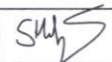
## Other optional information

## 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 Malcolm Jefferson	Stephen Hickling
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary
Date	20/04/24	





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Church of God in Birmingham CIO

Charity No.  
1166052

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

From what date  
1st January 2023

To

Revised end date  
31st December 2023

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Income	19,538	16,798	-	36,336	35,666
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>16,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,336</b>	<b>35,666</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>19,538</b>	<b>16,798</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,336</b>	<b>35,666</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
General Expenses	6,731	-	-	6,731	5,440
Need	6,962	-	-	6,962	6,557
Local Outreach	2,760	-	-	2,760	2,743
Youth Work	2,167	-	-	2,167	2,575
Lord's Servants	-	8,250	-	8,250	11,000
Special Appeals	-	6,301	-	6,301	5,800
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>14,551</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,171</b>	<b>34,115</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Hall Development Fund	-	4,079	-	4,079	864
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,079</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,079</b>	<b>864</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>18,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,250</b>	<b>34,979</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>- 1,832</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 914</b>	<b>687</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,313	7,076	-	18,389	17,702
Cash funds this year end	12,231	5,244	-	17,475	18,389

## 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	12,231	5,244	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,231</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

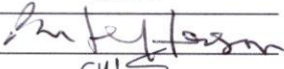

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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 the Church	Hall Development	423,574	-
	Meeting Place Contents	Hall Development	27,522	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Philip Malcolm Jefferson	20/4/24
	Stephen Hickling	20.04.2024





# 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 CIO

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1166052

Set out on pages

1-2

(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 31/12/2023.

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:

24/04/2024

Name:

Luke Keegan

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

Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants

Address:

Greendawn Accounting Limited

1A The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN



**Section B****Disclosure**

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.**