

Solihull Christadelphian Ecclesia

Trustees Annual Report

for the year ended 30th September 2020

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Solihull Christadelphian Ecclesia

Registered Charity Number: 1166081

Charity's principal address: 44 Widney Manor Road, Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3JQ

Names of the trustees during the year:

Paul Dryhurst
John Hudson
Simon Buckler
Steve Purkis
Mike Thompson
Matthew Scott
John Garner

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution comprising Governing Document and Practices and Procedures statement approved 29th July 2016 following a ballot of members

The Charity is an unincorporated association with an annual turnover of over £25,000

Trustee selection methods: Annual election by members

Additional information:

The Trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia. They are chosen from members familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia.

The ecclesia is part of a worldwide community of Christadelphian ecclesiae.

Section C: Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Christadelphian Statement of Faith for the benefit of the public, through the holding of meetings for worship, prayer and the preaching of the Gospel, providing religious teaching and publications, the promotion of charitable works and the provision of pastoral care.

Ways of carrying out these objects

1. The propagation of the faith held by Christadelphians through regular weekly Sunday services for communal worship, for prayer and for the preaching of the Gospel.
2. The provision of religious teaching and the nurturing of faith in all who will hear, including Bible

School and the Christadelphian Youth Circle for young people and Bible seminars and other Bible classes for adults.

3. The publication of booklets, leaflets and other materials to help members of the congregation and of the public to understand the teaching of the Bible.

4. Charitable activities involving the pastoral care of the elderly, support for families and for individual members with particular physical or spiritual needs and contributions to a wide range of other charities and good causes.

5. Activities to promote the building up of the Christadelphian community by social and communal activities in the context of the propagation and maintenance of our faith through word and deed.

With the exception of meetings of the members of the charity known as Ecclesial Members Meetings, all our activities are open to all. No fees are charged. No-one receives private benefits from the charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

Section D: Achievements and performance

The ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 95 adult members.

The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady.

Summary of activities

Our regular meetings include two meetings each Sunday morning, the first for the proclamation of the Gospel and the second for sharing of the bread and wine. A meeting is held each Wednesday evening for the study of the Bible. Other proclamation meetings are held from time to time.

There are regular activities for fellowship and recreation.

There is a network of practical support for elderly members, the sick and those with particular needs.

There are regular activities for young people provide religious teaching, social and networking activities.

This year has been challenging in view of lockdowns but we have held meetings in our room when able but continued to meet regularly in virtual ways by using the internet.

Section E: Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments accounts and Balance Sheet below.

The ecclesia does not have a reserves policy. All funds are held in instant access bank accounts. The balance in these funds at the end of the year was considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia. Most contributions from members are made through the weekly bag collection, with tax payers encouraged to use the Gift Aid provision. Funds donated specifically for external charities are forwarded to the relevant organisation within three months of the donation.

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Statement of Receipts and Payments - Year ended 30 September 2020

Fund Status: Bag Collections: Fund:		Unrestricted		Restricted							Year	
		1st	(No bag)	2nd					(No bag)	3rd	Totals	
		General	Legacies	Building & Maint	CH Boiler Replace	Local Preaching	Local Welfare	Sunday School	Youth Weekend	Outside charities	2019-20	2018-19
Receipts												
	Members' contributions	8,741		1,579		2,790	508			11,626	25,244	38,413
	Donations from non-members	871				325				381	1,577	2,256
	Sales - Magazines & diaries	975									975	1,253
	Interest	176									176	302
	Hofmeyer Trust/Welfare support						7,996				7,996	4,636
	Youth Weekend booking fees										0	350
	Local Charities									2,391	2,391	2,094
		10,763	0	1,579	0	3,115	8,504	0	0	14,398	38,359	49,304
Payments												
	General Expenses											
	Utilities	5,793									5,793	5,000
	Catering	589									589	1,087
	Houskeeping	406									406	522
	Magazines & diaries	1,331									1,331	1,489
	Printing	458									458	744
	Donations	100									100	3,024
	Speakers' expenses	370									370	940
	Equipment	2,619									2,619	1,031
	Insurance	1,923									1,923	1,820
	Sundries	2,311									2,311	1,352
	Building & maintenance			587							587	1,312
	Preaching					5,693					5,693	4,899
	Welfare						9,210				9,210	4,341
	Sunday School							900			900	0
	Youth Weekend										0	763
	Outside Charities									12,262	12,262	15,537
	Monthly Charity Box									2,391	2,391	2,176
			0								0	
		15,900	0	587	0	5,693	9,210	900	0	14,653	46,941	46,037
Surplus / -Deficit		-5,137	0	992	0	-2,578	-705	-900	0	-255	-8,582	3,267
Transfers		-5,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opening balances at 1st October		18,880	22,319	6,933	0	3,198	8,646	3,014	0	257	63,247	59,980
Closing balances at 30th September		8,743	22,319	7,926	0	5,620	7,941	2,114	0	2	54,665	63,247

Balances held in:

Bank Account:

COIF Account:

11,165

43,500

54,665

0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds							Totals	
	General	Legacies	Building & Maint	CH Boiler Replace	Local Preaching	Local Welfare	Sunday School	Youth Weekend	Outside charities	2019-20	2018-19
Total Cash Funds	8,743	22,319	7,926	0	5,620	7,941	2,114	0	2	54,665	63,247

Secretary

J D Hudson

Dated

25.8.2021

Treasurer

S J Buckler

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Christadelphian Ecclesia

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the Year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on page 3 of the annual report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date 20 August 2021