

Solihull Christadelphian Ecclesia

Trustees Annual Report

for the year ended 30th September 2021

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
Paul Davison
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 96 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 (this is not happening because of covid restrictions) 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 again been challenging in view of lockdowns, but we have held more meetings in our room and are encouraging more members to attend, we are still providing 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 taxpayers 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 2021

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	2020-21	2019-20
Receipts												
	Members' contributions	8,749		2,331		3,199	2,722	0		9,998	27,000	25,244
	Gift Aid tax refund	1,783		379		474	367			2,062	5,065	0
	Donations from non-members	889									889	1,577
	Sales - Magazines & diaries	1,211									1,211	975
	Interest	5									5	175
	Hofmeyer Trust + CBF						2,596				2,596	7,996
	Local Charities									347	347	2,391
		12,638	0	2,710	0	3,673	5,685	0	0	12,407	37,113	38,358
Payments												
	General Expenses											
	Utilities	5,901									5,901	5,793
	Catering	437									437	589
	Houskeeping	54									54	406
	Magazines & diaries	1,812									1,812	1,331
	Printing	288									288	458
	Donations	3,293									3,293	100
	Speakers' expenses	0									0	370
	Equipment	1,385									1,385	2,619
	Insurance	2,028									2,028	1,923
	Sundries	2,130									2,130	2,308
	Building & maintenance			1,192							1,192	587
	Preaching					1,020					1,020	5,693
	Welfare						3,492				3,492	9,210
	Sunday School							0			0	900
	Outside Charities									12,062	12,062	12,262
	Local Charities									347	347	2,391
		17,327	0	1,192	0	1,020	3,492	0	0	12,409	35,440	46,940
Surplus / -Deficit		-4,689	0	1,519	0	2,653	2,193	0	0	-2	1,673	-8,582
Transfers		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opening balances at 1st October		8,743	22,319	7,926	0	5,620	7,941	2,114	0	2	54,665	63,247
Closing balances at 30th September		4,054	22,319	9,444	0	8,274	10,133	2,114	0	0	56,338	54,665

Balances held in: Bank Account: 12,838
COIF Account: 43,500
56,338

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th September 2021

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds						Totals	
	General	Legacies	Building & Maint	CH Boiler Replace	Local Preaching	Local Welfare	Sunday School	Youth Weekend	Outside charities	2020-21	2019-20
Total Cash Funds	4,054	22,319	9,444	0	8,274	10,133	2,114	0	0	56,338	54,665

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

J D Hudson
Secretary

S J Buckler
Treasurer

Date 27.10.21

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 2021 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 27.07.2022