

# Solihull Christadelphian Ecclesia

## Trustees Annual Report

### for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### 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 – resigned during the year

Simon Buckler

Steve Purkis

Paul Davison

Andrew Parker

Mark Higgs

#### Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution comprising Governing Document and Practices and Procedures statement approved 29<sup>th</sup> 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 132 adult members.

The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady, having increased because of the growth of members.

### Summary of activities

Our regular meetings include a meeting each Sunday morning 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 we have got back normal with most 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 2023**

		Fund Status: Bag Collections: Fund:	Unrestricted		Restricted						Year		
			1st	(No bag)	2nd					(No bag)			3rd
			General	Legacies	Building & Maint	CH Boiler Replace	Local Preaching	Local Welfare	Sunday School	Youth Weekend	Outside charities	Totals	
											2022-23	2021-22	
Receipts													
	Members' contributions		12,840		2,082		5,992	4,783	0		10,543	36,239	32,540
	Gift Aid tax refund		2,851		527		848	556			2,173	6,955	5,489
	Donations from non-members		3,343									3,343	1,067
	Sales - Magazines & diaries		1,037									1,037	1,080
	Interest		1,538									1,538	196
	Hofmeyer Trust + CBF							0				0	1,228
	Local Charities										1,378	1,378	1,250
			21,609	0	2,609	0	6,840	5,339	0	0	14,094	50,491	42,850
Payments													
	General Expenses												
	Utilities		9,192									9,192	4,651
	Catering		778									778	160
	Houskeeping		782									782	213
	Magazines & diaries		1,328									1,328	1,432
	Printing		456									456	340
	Donations		3,422									3,422	257
	Speakers' expenses		150									150	15
	Equipment		1,340									1,340	793
	Insurance		2,203									2,203	2,013
	Sundries		1,440									1,440	1,421
	Building & maintenance				1,859							1,859	3,507
	Preaching						7,203					7,203	1,602
	Welfare							5,460				5,460	4,222
	Sunday School								0			0	2,114
	Outside Charities										12,716	12,716	10,970
	Local Charities										1,393	1,393	1,250
			21,091	0	1,859	0	7,203	5,460	0	0	14,109	49,722	34,960
Surplus / -Deficit			518	0	749	0	-363	-121	0	0	-15	768	7,890
Transfers			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opening balances at 1st October			8,191	22,319	9,274	0	12,180	12,249	0	0	15	64,228	56,338
Closing balances at 30th September			8,709	22,319	10,024	0	11,817	12,128	0	0	0	64,996	64,228

<b>Balances</b> held in:	Bank Account:	20,785
	Cash	711
	COIF Account:	43,500
		<u>64,996</u>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th September 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds							Totals	
	General	Legacies	Building & Maint	CH Boiler Replace	Local Preaching	Local Welfare	Sunday School	Youth Weekend	Outside charities	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	8,709	22,319	10,024	0	11,817	12,128	0	0	0	64,996	64,228

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A Parker  
Assistant Secretary

S J Buckler  
Treasurer

Dated 29.7.24

## **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 2023 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 29/07/2024