

Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia

Annual Report of the Trustees Year Ended 31st December 2022

Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia is a Registered Charity no. 1166096 (16th March 2016). The address is St George's Lane North, Barbourne, Worcester WR1 1QX.

Trustees

The trustees who managed the Charity in 2022 were:

Stephen Smith	(Secretary)
James Arscott	(Assistant Secretary)
Neil Strange	(Treasurer)
Daniel Jones	
David Meakin	
David Vincent	

The trustees listed above were elected by a biannual (every two years) vote of the ecclesial membership in October 2020.

The Charity's governing document is a constitution modified and approved by all the members of the ecclesia on 28th August 2022. The trustees consist of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer and other members of the Arranging Committee. The election of members to act as trustees is by nomination and secret ballot which all members of the Ecclesia are entitled to participate in.

In order to ensure a smooth transition Neil Strange our retiring treasurer worked closely during the latter part of 2022 with Richard Webb who officially stepped into this role from the start of 2023.

The Work of the Charity

This is defined as:

- To further the spiritual growth of the members
- Promote Bible based Christianity within Worcester, and throughout the UK
- Support other charitable organisations of a Christian nature or as seen fit by the Ecclesia

The Ecclesia held weekly services on a Sunday and Thursday throughout 2022, both in the hall and on-line via Zoom as well as other services, preaching and social activities. A small Sunday School ran on a regular basis. All activities were open to the public with the exception of the Quarterly and Annual Business meetings

Membership reduced from 102 at the start of the year to 65 at the end of the year. The main reason for the reduction was the creation of a Community Church in Droitwich to which a significant number of members transferred.

In July 2022 the government placed Iranian refugees in a hotel in Worcester. Around 15-20 of these refugees attended our services on a Sunday. In addition a communal lunch, English lessons and other support were provided to them.

Policy Documents

The Ecclesia has a Health and Safety Policy, and a Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy which requires all trustees and ecclesial volunteers to be DBS checked on a regular basis.

Fire Safety and insurance requirements are also complied with. We also hold yearly refresher sessions on Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection which members are encouraged to attend on the day or review the session notes online after the event.

Financial Support

Income is derived primarily from member donations, covenants and Gift Aid and all the work of the Ecclesia is carried out on a voluntary basis. Nearly all of the ecclesia's activities are provided free of charge to members and non-members alike. We have procedures in place to ensure that travel and financial expenses are covered. Money is distributed to other Christadelphian charities as well as local charities that we are happy to help, such as Maggs Day Centre, Cruse, Sight Concern and Acorns Hospice.

With regard to the Ecclesial finances, the trustees remain of the opinion that the balance of funds in hand at 31st December 2022 was satisfactory, and that the current level of receipts and payments are such that the Charity can continue to function during the coming year.

Organisation

We allocate specific activities and work streams to our Arranging Committee members with a view to sharing the workload and ensuring that all our activities are specifically approved by the Committee.

The Arranging Committee have also taken the view that Preaching, Welfare and Youth activities should have additional input from the wider Ecclesia and each now has a specific sub-committee reporting back to the Arranging Committee.


We thank Our Heavenly Father for all his continued blessings as we strive to serve Him and thank all those who have participated in and supported the work of the ecclesia in the past year.

On behalf of the Charity's trustees

Stephen Smith (Secretary)
appointed by bi annual election October 2020

 14/3/23

Neil Strange (Treasurer)
appointed by bi annual election October 2020

 15/3/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia	No (if any) 1166096
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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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					
Collections	11,331	16,365	-	27,696	52,839
Funds held as custodian trustee	-	-	-	-	5,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,331	16,365	-	27,696	57,839
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,331	16,365	-	27,696	57,839
A3 Payments					
General administrative expenses	11,403	-	-	11,403	3,271
Utilities	1,412	-	-	1,412	736
Insurance	967	-	-	967	913
Professional fees	300	-	-	300	400
Donations to external charities & causes	-	29,299	-	29,299	42,610
Preaching and outreach expenses	-	985	-	985	223
Funds held as custodian trustee returned to donor	-	5,000	-	5,000	2,675
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,082	35,284	-	49,366	50,828
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,082	35,284	-	49,366	50,828
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,751	- 18,919	-	- 21,670	7,011
A5 Transfers between funds	- 1,000	1,000	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,110	41,545	-	47,655	40,644
Cash funds this year end	2,359	23,626	-	25,985	47,655

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	Community account 1	2,359	3,626	-
	Deposit account		20,000	-
	Community account 2	-		-
	Total cash funds	2,359	23,626	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

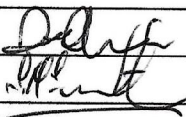
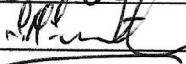
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	DANIEL JONES	04/04/23
	LUCY SMITH	04/04/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)** 1166096

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 December 2022**.

**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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Karen Rogers

Date: 4 April 2023

Name:

Karen Rogers

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:**

Chartered Tax Adviser

Address:

The Paddock
9 Old Northwick Lane
Worcester WR3 7LY

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.