

Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia

Annual Report of the Trustees Year Ended 31st December 2023

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 2023 were:

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| Stephen Smith | (Secretary) |
| James Arscott | (Assistant Secretary) |
| Richard Webb | (Treasurer) |
| Isaac Hughes | |
| Daniel Jones | |
| Trevor Wroughton | |

The trustees listed above were elected by a biannual (every two years) vote of the ecclesial membership in October 2022.

The Charity's governing document is a constitution modified and approved by all 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.

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 2023, 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 and a monthly Toddler Group started. All activities were open to the public, with the exception of the Quarterly and Annual Business meetings.

Membership increased from sixty-eight at the start of the year to 79 at the end of the year. The main reason for the increase was the baptisms of 17 Iranian refugees who have been attending

our services since July 2022 when the government placed them in hotels in Worcester. These refugees, in addition to attending our services on a Sunday, were supported by the ecclesia with communal lunches, English lessons, Bible instruction classes as well as other support.

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 attend on the day or encouraged to 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 conducted 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 from the ecclesia to other Christadelphian charities as well as local charities that we are happy to help, such as Worcester Foodbank, Maggs Day Centre, Cruse, Worcestershire Association of Carers and Acorns Hospice.

With regard to the Ecclesial finances, the trustees remain of the opinion that the balance of funds in hand on 31st December 2023 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 workstreams 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 biannual election October 2022

Richard Webb (Treasurer)
appointed by biannual election October 2022

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The top signature is for Stephen Smith, and the bottom signature is for Richard Webb. Both signatures are written in dark ink and are placed over horizontal dotted lines.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Worcester Christadelphian Ecclesia

No (if any)
1166096

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Receipts and payments accounts

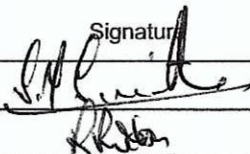

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| For the period from | Period start date 01 January 2023 | To | Period end date 31 December 2023 |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|

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 £ |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Collections | 19,529 | 27,399 | - | 46,928 | 27,696 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 19,529 | 27,399 | - | 46,928 | 27,696 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 19,529 | 27,399 | - | 46,928 | 27,696 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| General administrative expenses | 15,412 | - | - | 15,412 | 11,403 |
| Utilities | 2,418 | - | - | 2,418 | 1,412 |
| Insurance | 1,213 | - | - | 1,213 | 967 |
| Professional fees | 325 | - | - | 325 | 300 |
| Donations to external charities & causes | - | 21,343 | - | 21,343 | 29,299 |
| Preaching and outreach expenses | - | 1,661 | - | 1,661 | 985 |
| Funds held as custodian trustee returned to donor | - | - | - | - | 5,000 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 19,368 | 23,004 | - | 42,372 | 49,366 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 19,368 | 23,004 | - | 42,372 | 49,366 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 161 | 4,395 | - | 4,556 | - 21,670 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - 125 | 125 | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 2,359 | 23,626 | - | 25,985 | 47,655 |
| Cash funds this year end | 2,395 | 28,146 | - | 30,541 | 25,985 |

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 | 2,395 | 35 | - |
| | Deposit account | - | 28,111 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 2,395 | 28,146 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| 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 asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
| |  | STEPHEN A. SMITH | 4-03-24 |
| |  | RICHARD P WEBB | 4/3/24 |