

Pershore Christadelphian Ecclesia

Annual Report for the period ended

30th September 2020

The ecclesia was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from 29th March 2016 in accordance with the requirements of the 2006 Charity Act. The report follows the guidelines set out by the Commission and constitutes a report approved by the ecclesia at the Ecclesial Members Meeting held on 10th March 2021.

Trustees Annual Report

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Pershore Christadelphian Ecclesia

Registered Charity Number: 1166249

Charity's Principal Address: The Christadelphian Hall, 40 Paddock Close, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1HJ, England.

Names of the trustees:

James Morgan	Secretary
Paul Newman	Treasurer
Anthony Higginson	

Section B: Structure, Governance & Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution of Pershore Christadelphian Ecclesia CIO approved 18th November 2015 at the Annual General Meeting of the members.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with an annual turnover of over £25,000

Trustee Selection Methods: Annual election by members

Additional Information: The trustees are selected from the members of the CIO and are 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 ecclesias.

Section C: Objectives & 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 and members, through the holding of meetings for the preaching of the Gospel, providing Bible based teaching in public venues with no attendance fees or

charges for course materials, providing a range of free publications which support preaching, 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 the Christadelphians through regular weekly Sunday meetings for the preaching of the Gospel.
2. The provision of open access religious teaching through Sunday School, youth activities and Bible seminars for adults.
3. The publication of booklets, leaflets and other materials to help the public and its members understand the teaching of the Bible.
4. Charitable activities involving the pastoral care of their elderly, both locally and UK wide. Support for families and individual members with particular physical or spiritual needs and contributions to a wide range of charities and good causes both in the UK and overseas.
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.
6. The provision and maintenance of an attractive and welcoming hall for the dissemination of our core beliefs, and which, at the members' discretion, may be available for activities by others.

With the exception of meetings of the members of the charity known as Ecclesial Business 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 began the period with a membership of 80 adult members.

The ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 78 adult members.

The average attendance of members at services and other activities increased slightly compared to the previous year.

Summary of activities

In the proportion of the year unaffected by Covid-19 national lockdowns, two meetings were held each Sunday including a public evening meeting for the proclamation of the Gospel. A meeting was held each Wednesday evening for the study of the Bible to which all are welcome. Sunday Schools and other proclamation meetings were also regularly held. With the introduction of the national lockdown our meetings moved online to comply with national regulations.

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

Section E: Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments accounts 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 either via monthly standing order gift aid payments or through the weekly bag collection. Bag collections have been suspended since the first national lockdown, so additional contributions from members have been received by bank transfer or cheque.

Funds donated specifically for external charities are typically forwarded to the relevant organisation within three months of the donation. During the year, the final instalment of a loan from Christadelphian Hall & Buildings Society was repaid.

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Receipts and Payments Accounts For the year to 30 September 2020


	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	2019 £
Receipts				
Collections from donors	3,776	4,428	8,204	12,486
Gift aid receipts & income tax recovered	9,685	10,510	20,195	20,848
Youth activity contributions	489		489	842
Legacy	15,000		15,000	
Subtotal	28,950	14,938	43,888	34,176
Investment income	58		58	80
Total Receipts	29,008	14,938	43,946	34,256
Payments				
Youth activities	1,037		1,037	2,001
Preaching activities	1,587		1,587	3,217
Meeting Room costs	6,885		6,885	7,523
General running costs	1,125		1,125	2,351
Local welfare needs				573
Donations to appeals	150		150	450
Christadelphian Preaching Organisations	259	9,919	10,178	9,237
Christadelphian Welfare Organisations		6,784	6,784	7,322
Total Payments	11,043	16,703	27,746	32,674
Net receipts/(payments)	17,965	(1,765)	16,200	1,582
Opening Funds	18,557	4,578	23,135	21,533
Cash Funds this year end	36,522	2,813	39,335	23,135

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Asset for use of Ecclesia: Ecclesial Hall	236,876		236,876	236,876
Cash Funds	36,522	2,813	39,335	23,135
Christadelphian charity fund loan				(5,000)

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


James Morgan
Secretary


Paul Newman
Treasurer

Date 10 March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees / members of Pershore Christadelphian Ecclesia

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on page 3 - 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the 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 you as 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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Jamie Robson
Abberley House
Martin Hussingtree



Date: 10 March 2021