

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
AGAPE CENTRE HAVANT



RCCG AGAPE CENTRE HAVANT
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2024

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Corporate Information

Registered Charity Number: 1167951

Principal Office: St Faith's Church House,
The Pallant,
Havant
PO9 3TU

Board of Trustees: Mrs Akosua Fraikue
Mr Ademola Adenugba
Mr Carl Kofi Tsikata
Mr Temitayo Oloruntuyi

Bankers: HSBC

Board of Trustee's Report

1.0 Introduction

The Board of Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st May 2024.

1.1 Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit "Charities and Public Benefit".

1.2 Structure, Governance and Management

1.2.1 Governing Document

The charity is constituted as a "Trust" and Governed by 'Trust Deed' dated 24th May 2015.

1.2.2 Trustee Appointments

Trustees are appointed under the terms of the trust deed.

1.2.3 Organisational Structure

The spiritual aspect of the church is handled by the Parish Pastor and the day-to-day running of the charity is overseen by the Trustees and Board of Ministers, who meet regularly to review the operations of the church and also make decisions on major issues affecting the church.

1.2.4 Related Party Relationship

The charity is a member of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), a global church with parishes in over 190 countries. The relationship is governed by an "Agreement for Common Purposes" between the parish and RCCG. The referenced "Agreement for Common Purposes" document is constantly monitored and recommended for updates, to take cognisance of unfolding events (policies, regulations) in the United Kingdom.

1.2.5 Risk Management

The trustee board performs its duty of safeguarding the charity against major risk. The board regularly reviews the charity's governance structures, policies, procedures and practices. It recommends strategic and operational options and implements adequate prudent controls and preventative action to safeguard the assets of the charity, as well as its reputation.

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2.0 Objectives and Global Outreach

2.1 Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are categorised under the following five themes:

- To teach the sound word of God, leading to result oriented prayers
- To further the advancement of Christian faith and educating members of the community as necessary.
- To organise children and youth activities, to promote unity in the course of developing deeper spiritual growth.
- To provide hospitality to visiting ministers of Gospel.
- To work in cooperation with other Christian organisations and support events to enable achievement of Christian aims and objectives.

2.2 Achievement and Performance

At Agape Centre, we have always engaged, and we continue to engage, in teaching the word of God in the Bible during all our meetings on every Sunday mornings, Tuesday evenings and Thursday evenings. Like many organisations, many of our activities which were affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic in year 2020-21, the functioning of the charity has now largely returned back to normality. Also, our income (donations) and our ability to collect donations from members or attendees to our services has been improving since Covid-19 situation in the society has improved.

We have restarted our Tuesday evening prayer meetings, and we are continuing our first Thursdays of every month Holy Communion evening service where we share the Lord's Supper. On the last Thursdays of every month, we are holding House Fellowship online via zoom. We hope to resume doing this in various member's home, enabling a deeper study of the word of God within the home setting, soon. We engage in Bible study on zoom every Thursdays of the month except the last Thursday of the month.

On every Sundays, we engaged in Sunday school. This is not just for children but also for adults where we engage in teaching, discussion, and enlightenment of members in the fundamental aspects of our Christian faith. During these sessions, as in Bible Study as well, members were able to bring questions and seek answers to their questions as they developed their understanding and knowledge of the Christian faith.

The main service held on every Sunday includes periods of praising and worshipping God, session of prayer for the peace and prosperity of our nations (United Kingdom and other countries of the world), community, families, and individuals. We believe our prayers is helping people to know more about God, to live a more meaningful and fulfilling life and this has been a source of comfort, strength and stability to many families and individuals in our church and community.

During our Sunday meetings, depending on attendance, we held a short teaching and fun activity session for young children and teenagers among us promoting their understanding and growth in the Christian faith while also engaging them in general learning and stimulating activities. These sessions may include video

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presentations, Christian films and gaming activities, art and craft activities, storytelling and role-playing, etc. Within this year, we have started similar age-appropriate meetings for teenagers (called Emerging Leader's Church), which is a separate meeting every Sunday except first Sunday of the month and special event Sundays. We believe these meetings should develop in our children, teenagers and young adults, a good foundation for being able to learn the basic principles of life, developing them in good moral behaviour and ability to correctly engage and contribute positively to society, now and in the future.

On Good Friday, March 2024, we engaged children in the community together with members' children in art and craft activities at the Meridian Shopping Centre in Havant. This was preceded by a children's activity session, which we hosted in August 2023, involving local community children and parent participating in various activities including games, singing, and dancing, dance competition, playing on the bouncy castle, face painting, etc while also introducing parents to the Christian faith.

We continue to be a part of Havant and Bedhampton Churches Together (HBCT) group. We engage and actively participate in the activities of this local Churches Together (in England) group. In January 2024, we organised and hosted one day of the weeklong "Prayer for Unity" or "Week of Prayer" programme of the Churches Together in England. We provided light refreshments at the end of the meeting which was very well attended.

Furthermore, as part of our agreement of common purpose with the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Central Office UK, we have continued to contribute to World Evangelical Mission, and Central Office Fund. Also, we make a small regular donation towards a RCCG mission activity called Habitation of Hope. Habitation of Hope is a charity that take care of street kids between the ages of 7-17 years in Africa.

Through the national UK charity organisation known as "Compassion UK", we have continued to support the spiritual and educational development of a child in Nepal, who would not have otherwise had any opportunity to access good secular or Christian religious education. We regularly receive update about the development and growth of this child, and we sometimes send gift and items to him during his birthdays and at festive periods.

Since March 2020, when the Coronavirus restrictions and remote working/connectivity capabilities became popular, we have been able to take advantage of that to develop our capability to connect and conduct our services with members and the public, online. Currently our Tuesday and Thursday meetings are being held virtually while our Sunday services are hybrid services (i.e. combination of virtual and in person meetings). We are maintaining an online presence via zoom, Facebook and YouTube. Our presence in the online spaces has resulted in many more members of the public knowing more and having access to our services online as and when they wish.

At the beginning of year 2023, we commenced virtual early morning prayer meetings starting at 6am for only 30 mins, Monday to Friday, to deepen members' prayer life and spiritual development. We also hold night time prayers online every Friday night except the first Friday of the Month. Many has found this very refreshing

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starting their day in God's presence and setting a positive productive tone for the rest of the days.

Moreover, in January 2024, we saw the need to raise the awareness of members to the importance of living a healthy more productive lifestyle, taking control of ones own health and wellbeing and reducing demand on the NHS, we organised an event called "Focus on Health" where health professionals among us including doctors, nurses, health care support workers, pharmacists, etc voluntarily came together to educate people on health matter at that event. The event was well attended, and the volunteer health professionals used appropriate equipment like blood pressure monitor, blood-sugar monitors, etc to check willing attendees' basic health parameters and signpost them accordingly to relevant primary or secondary health agencies to assist them further where relevant. Those not needing further follow-up were educated on how to continue to maintain healthy living and well-being.

In February 2024, we also focused our teachings on how people can maintain healthy fruitful relationships within their family, among their colleagues at work or with their employers/employees, with governments and with other people in general. We believe that if good relationships can be maintained in the smallest units of society (i.e. family), the society, at large, would be better for it. The interactive nature of this event, whereby questions were able to be asked anonymously and answers based on sound Biblical principles and concepts were provided has evidently helped and helping families within our membership.

As part of Mothering Sunday celebration, in March 2024, our women's group held a breakfast meeting where full English breakfast was served while women discussed pertinent issues germane to the health and well-being and empowerment of women. This event held on a Saturday morning was very well attended and women are looking forward to making this at least an annual meeting to empower women.

All our events and activities are organised free of charge to everyone including member of the public. We are wholly financed through voluntary donations made by church members in form of tithe and offerings.

Board of Trustee's Report

Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The appended financial statements have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Full Name: Ademola Adenugba

Signature:

Position: Trustee

Date: 19 January 2025

Statement of Assets & Liabilities: Year Ended 31st May 2024

	Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a	
	RCCG Agape Centre Havant		1167951			
	Receipts and payments accounts					
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date		
		01 June 2023		31 May 2024		
Section A Receipts and payments						
	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Voluntary donations	52,092	-	-	52,092	42,658	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,092	-	-	52,092	42,658	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	52,092	-	-	52,092	42,658	
A3 Payments						
Hall hire	7,678	-	-	7,678	6,033	
Welfare	3,593	-	-	3,593	925	
Training & development		-	-	-	400	
Mission support	2,798	-	-	2,798	1,866	
RCCG Central Office	13,026	-	-	13,026	3,788	
Subscriptions	144	-	-	144		
Worship & meeting costs	11,659	-	-	11,659	2,183	
Other costs	6,614	-	-	6,614	4,597	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	422	-	-	422	127	
Sub total	45,934	-	-	45,934	19,919	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Computer equipment		-	-	-	1,326	
Other fixed asset	23,708	-	-	23,708	3,515	
Sub total	23,708	-	-	23,708	4,841	
Total payments	69,642	-	-	69,642	24,760	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,550	-	-	- 17,550	17,898	
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,171	-	-	35,171	17,273	
Cash funds this year end	17,621	-	-	17,621	35,171	

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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	As at 31 May 2024	17,621	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	17,621	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ademola Adenugba		
		Chairman of Trustees		

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: The Redeemed Christian Church of God Agape Centre Havant

On accounts for the year ended: 31st May 2024

Charity No: 1167951

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Signed:



Date: 19 March 2025

Name: Tobi Labeodan, for and on behalf Chedders Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ACCA

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