



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2021

Charity name Church of Christ

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1169423

Charity's principal address Commercial Road,

Tunbridge Wells,

Kent

Postcode

TN11 2RR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Dare			
2	Ann Marjorie Mason			
3	Jonathan Robert Daniell			
4	Jack Ingle			
5	Lynn Allen			
6	Leo Harvey			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted Charitable Incorporated Organisation

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Appointment of charity trustees

1. At the first annual general meeting of the members of the CIO all the charity trustees shall retire from office;
2. At every [subsequent] annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;
3. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;
4. The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause;
5. The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause [15] (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause [12(3)] on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;
6. A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

12. Charity trustees

3. Number of charity trustees

- a) There must be at least five charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.
- b. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

15. Retirement and removal of charity trustees

1. A charity trustee ceases to hold office if he or she:

a) retires by notifying the CIO in writing (but only if enough charity trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation takes effect to form a quorum for meetings);

b) is absent without the permission of the charity trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated;

c) dies;

d) in the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;

e) [is removed by the members of the CIO in accordance with sub-clause (2) of this clause;] or

f) is disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of section 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision).

2. A charity trustee shall be removed from office if a resolution to remove that trustee is proposed at a general meeting of the members called for that purpose and properly convened in accordance with clause [11], and the resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the meeting.

3. A resolution to remove a charity trustee in accordance with this clause shall not take effect unless the individual concerned has been given at least 14 clear days' notice in writing that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify removal from office, and has been given a reasonable opportunity of making oral and/or written representations to the members of the CIO.]

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Church of Christ is committed to the following policies, which are maintained in accordance with guidelines, in consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage these risks:

Safeguarding Child protection
 Safeguarding Vulnerable adults
 Anti-Bullying
 Data protection
 Acceptable use of IT
 Health and Safety
 Privacy Notice
 Lone Working
 Investment
 Social Media
 Equal opportunities and diversity
 Complaints
 Anti-bribery
 Risk Assessments

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

The principal purpose of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the principles of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ (FCC).

The advancement of the Christian faith religion, mainly but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature.

To advance the Christian faith in Tunbridge Wells for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, talks, events, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature to enlighten others about the Christian faith.

The church may also advance education and carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and/or other parts of the world, including feeding the poor, working with children and young people, visiting the sick and elderly, supporting the homeless and those in need...

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Church of Christ is a growing family friendly, community Church, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds, and race. Without Covid restrictions, we would normally hold cafe style services weekly, with the aim of providing engaging and relaxed times of worship. Sunday Services, online during Covid times, include lively and varied worship, prayers, Bible based and relevant preaching and the sharing of Communion. Services are informal and inspirational and combine both new and traditional ways of Celebrating God.

Weekly 'Sunday Special' groups take place during our services for children/youth aged 3-16. Due to Covid restrictions these were held for only a small portion of the year. YouTube videos and activity sheets were sent to parents during those months we could not hold Sunday Special. These groups and online activities seek to teach our youngsters about Christ, his life and the benefits of a relationship with him through age-related fun Bible learning sessions run by a team of creative, caring and dedicated teachers.

Due to Covid Restrictions our children's outreach this year has been limited. Our annual summer holiday camp for children and youth aged 7-16 was cancelled, and our monthly 'Exhilarate' club for primary children aged 4-11 was also cancelled. Our Youth Group which would normally meet at least once a month, was limited to meetings from

September - December. Due to Covid restrictions our Halloween (Light), Christmas and other Children's parties were cancelled.

Without Covid Restrictions, our community outreach and pastoral care would normally include holding an open service on Easter Morning, providing a meeting space for local groups, and running a twice weekly soup bowl. We have given out packed lunches from the door of the church and signposted to agencies for support, and allowed one support group to meet. From 1 October, we have seen a new venture, Mosaic Resource Centre, come into being. This now houses the daily Soup Bowl as well as provided other services for the lonely, homeless, or marginalised. While this no longer meets in our building, several from our Church family are involved in volunteering with this ministry.

Thankfully, we have been able to continue financial support for overseas initiatives: Geon Christian Children's Home in South Korea, Brian Jennings (with wife, Comfort) is a Church of Christ missionary in Ghana, West Africa; Unsung Heroes (subsidiary of Pro-Vision International - PVI) - a Southern Africa based Christian missions serving agency; the wider The Persecuted Church; along with the Bible Society. Locally and nationally, we have supported Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors, Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ, as well as our national Fellowship of Churches of Christ.

In planning the activities for Church of Christ during the reporting year the trustees have considered and had regard for the commission's guidance on public benefit with decisions made to further advance the Christian faith in Tunbridge Wells. Specifically, that through these activities to advance the Christian faith, to further educate and to carry out charitable work, this will be for the benefit of the public in accordance with the principles of the Fellowship of Churches of Christ (FCC).

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Worship and Prayer

Sermons in 2021 included:

- teaching on our purpose as a congregation – growing Up in our Intimacy with Christ – Growing In as we build a healthy Church Community and growing Out as we bless our local community.
- Our teaching through Lent focused on 'Worship in the Wilderness' teaching on how God often calls us to the wilderness in order to teach us valuable lessons about faith, trust and obedience.
- We taught through the book of Malachi, highlighting God's faithfulness, despite our disobedience.
- We had a series on marriage and singleness and Godly relationships.
- In August, we began meeting together outside in a local park and local school grounds. Our teaching focused on being part God's family and what that meant.
- We began meeting again in the building in September and focused on the invitations Jesus extends to us to follow Him.
- We had a short series of talks and studies on the environment.
- We looked at different characters in the Christmas story through the season of Advent.

We have livestreamed our services so those who live afar, or those who have been apprehensive about returning to the building could still join us. From January to the end of July, our worship times were uploaded to Youtube with most people watching from home, while a few people came to the building to watch together. We have had viewers from USA, Portugal, Czech Republic and varying places around the UK.

Prayer support has been offered through the healthy engagement and involvement of church members via a whatsapp group, as well as prayer needs being made known to the wider congregation via emails, when appropriate. From September onwards, prayer support and ministry have been offered informally, with church members ministering to one another when needed. Church members are encouraged to meet up with others for prayer support and encouragement, providing care, support, and comfort with words, compassion, and sensitivity.

Throughout the year our midweek groups met via zoom providing opportunities for fellowship, prayer and Bible study, designed to encourage and equip people in their faith. Various people led discussions on different Bible topics – these were interactive, informative, and good opportunities for people to be connected with God and with one another. A popular series was the 'Wellbeing Journey' which engaged people in thinking about their physical, financial, relational, mental, emotional wellbeing. We shared a hybrid study (in person and online) on 'Caring for Creation' which focused on our treatment of the environment from a Biblical perspective. During Advent we enjoyed a series of sharing our favourite Christmas Carols and hearing stories of how and why they were written. Offering online meeting opportunities has enabled us to make sure individual needs were made known and met.

Sunday Special for 3-11s did not meet in person from January – August. Internet Links were sent each week for age-appropriate material for parents to help their children engage with Bible material. Our Sunday Special began meeting from September, but with a reduced attendance from pre-Covid days. Invitations have regularly been sent to parents and children inviting them to re-engage with Sunday Special. We are open to trying different things to engage with children in our community.

Our Youth Group was unable to meet in person from January – August, however, one of our older teens has been in regular phone contact with many of the younger youth, encouraging them in their faith and praying with them. From September, we have had monthly youth meetings at the Church building which have been well attended and great times of learning and fun.

The baptism pool at Church of Christ enables a fully immersive commitment of faith. However, this reporting year there have been no baptisms to report.

We were able to rejoice in 1 wedding that took place at our building between 2 of our members and officiated by our minister. Many in the congregation provided food and decorations on the day to bless the couple as they begin their lives together as husband and wife.

All who attend our services at Church of Christ (in the building or online) benefit from our teachings and worship, learning how Christ may be working in each of our lives and through us into the wider community. We seek to encourage the practise of Christian principles within the lives of those who attend our services. Recognising there will always be differences in belief and practices we uphold the value of the Church as a missional community and seek to work to fulfil the great commission of Jesus. As God calls us into partnership with Himself, so we seek to express this value in our working together with our community so all may have a relationship with Christ.

Children's Outreach

Due to continued Covid restrictions in 2021, we were unable to resume our monthly children's club. We weren't able to run our annual weekend camp, or have a summer Holiday club. We hope to resume greater outreach activities in 2022.

Our youth met monthly from September – December for food, teaching and activities with an average of 10 young people attending. The NOISE a youth social action project run at Easter with other churches in town had to be cancelled.

Community Outreach /Pastoral Care

We believe in helping those in need. At Church of Christ, we do this by serving the community around us, particularly those in great hardship and need. We met the needs of the local homeless community through giving out sandwiches every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from our building from January – September. From October, this service has moved to the Mosaic Resource Centre (described above). This provides a place of food and nourishment for those in need, as well as opportunities for conversation and friendship benefiting those who are lonely or marginalised. We have signposted people and families in need to Community Ladders which are run out of several local churches.

Church of Christ has been involved with building community bridges with the diverse local area especially with the nearby mosque. Despite Covid restrictions, our minister and his wife have maintained contact with various people in the mosque via phone and text and the occasional social distanced walk, including the Mosque's Imam and his wife. An interfaith women's group was able to meet prior to Christmas at our Church building.

Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to reach out to our local community in ways we have done so in the past, including; a Good Friday

Witness in our town centre joining Christians from other churches as an act of witness to Jesus' death and resurrection, a 'Sunrise Easter Service' in a local park, sharing in our worship and praise for the benefit of knowing that in Jesus dying on the cross all may be saved through a relationship with Christ.

However, throughout Covid, each person in our Church fellowship has been encouraged to find ways to connect meaningfully with neighbours, work colleagues and others on their 'frontlines' (those places they regularly go and rub shoulders people who are not yet Christians). This has resulted in a variety of organic activity taking place including Christmas carols being sung outside on one road; summer street parties, the delivery of Easter and Christmas cards to those in close proximity to our church building, the offer of prayer to neighbours; litter picking on various roads; prayer walking in different neighbourhoods; establishing local neighbourhood WhatsApp groups to keep neighbours connected and needs known.

A men's group met online to encourage and support one another, and once Covid Restrictions were lifted a men's breakfast was hosted, drawing in men from both the church and the wider community.

CREATE Community Choir began using our building from September, while the Drug Addicts Anonymous (DAA) group was able to hold their meetings throughout the year for their weekly support group. A 'Chronic Pain' group began using the building on a monthly basis towards the end of the year, providing help and support for those suffering from chronic pain.

Our minister continues to be involved in supporting and developing the work of local Christian community groups and events in the following ways:

- Chairman of Street Pastors - a group who pray for and reach out to young adults out socialising in the town centre during the late/early hours at weekends,
- Secretary of the Churches for Tunbridge Wells committee – an umbrella organisation overseeing much of the Christian social action work in the town,
- Organising Church Leaders prayer lunches - drawing church leaders from all denominations together for prayer, encouragement and support,
- Organising annual Week of Prayer events - drawing people from various churches together for prayer.
- Supporting a Church planting initiative in Ilford, Essex by chairing the trustees and meeting with the Church planter on a regular basis.

NOTE – Most of the above were affected in some way due to Covid Restrictions, but continued to operate either in a reduced capacity, or via online activities.

Overseas Initiatives - supporting the wider Christian community

Church of Christ has supported, through the voluntary giving of the congregation, the following overseas Initiatives, as well as local initiatives through prayer and finance:

- Geon Christian Children's Home in South Korea - We particularly sponsor a teenage boy, who was abandoned but is now greatly cared for in this loving orphanage.
- Brian Jennings (with wife, Comfort) is a Church of Christ missionary in Ghana, West Africa - He teaches many young pastors at Ghana Christian College. Some of his students travel far to take the gospel to unreached territories. We are supporting Brian as he

begins to mentor young leaders as he develops the ministry of Barnabas House.

- The Persecuted Church is a particular focus for our church, and we support organisations such as Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Release International and Open Doors.
- Unsung Heroes (subsidiary of Pro-vision International) is a Christian Missions Serving Agency with caring roots deeply entrenched in community development in Africa's Southern region with hearts that are invested in accomplishing the wellbeing of its peoples. The agency provides mentoring, resource acquisition and management services which build capacity into leader's lives and sustainability into life-giving community projects.
- Bible Society – providing Bibles and Bible teaching resources for peoples around the world.
- Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors – a local Christian Charity with people from 15 different churches working together to patrol our streets from 10pm-1am 4 nights a month to minister to those enjoying the night-time economy.
- Tunbridge Wells Youth for Christ – a local Christian Charity working with young people in schools through assemblies and mentoring and working in some of the more deprived areas of the town helping churches run children's and youth clubs for local communities.
- Fellowship of Churches of Christ – this is the denomination to which we belong, and we are pleased to be able to support its work and ongoing mission to both support existing Churches, as well as to see new Churches planted through their church planting initiatives.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Church of Christ is a small church with an average annual income of £39,956.

£42,675 is currently held as Restricted Funds for use with approval of the Trustees. Of this amount, Reserves of £30,855 are ring fenced for specific considerations including:

Approximately four/five months' running costs to be spent at any such time a drop in income leads to the requirement to make use of reserves. Additional sums are held in reserve for emergency or ongoing building maintenance and repairs, for investment in mission outreach in our local community and to cover the amount received from the US which would cease to be paid at any time Cliff Allen's appointment at Church of Christ ends.

The Reserves Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis, or at any such time as the financial position of the church changes to have a significant impact on the running of the church.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

NEO HARLEY

CHRIS DARE

Position (eg
Secretary,
Chair, etc)

CHAIRMAN

VICE - CHAIRMAN.

Date

19/6/22

19/6/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2021		31/12/2021

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					
Offerings	40,747	-	-	40,747	-
Grant and Church hire	1,945	-	-	1,945	-
Raising funds for community activities	201	-	-	201	-
Interest received	64	-	-	64	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,957	-	-	42,957	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,957	-	-	42,957	-
A3 Payments					
Admin and running costs	5,262	-	-	5,262	-
Personnel and speakers	18,803	-	-	18,803	-
Community activities and offerings	10,628	-	-	10,628	-
Other	640	-	-	640	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,333	-	-	35,333	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,333	-	-	35,333	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,624	-	-	7,624	-
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,179	42,676	-	50,855	-
Cash funds this year end	15,803	42,676	-	58,479	-

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	Current account	8,367	-	-
	Investment fund	-	31,076	-
	CAF account	7,436	11,600	-
	Total cash funds	15,803	42,676	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


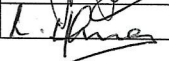
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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
	CHRIS DARE	19/06/22
	LEO HARVEY	19/6/22



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Church of Christ Tunbridge Wells

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December, 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1169423

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments Accounts/Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Form CC16a)

(Remember to insert the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

110853396. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

AMBillingham

Date:

26/5/2022

Name:

ANNE-MARIE BILLINGHAM

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.