

THE OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1170592

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: We hold Sunday and mid-week meetings to mutually support and encourage one-another and to learn more about the Christian faith and its practical application in our lives. We seek to bless the local community through children's and youth groups and by taking refreshments to the nearby Skate-Park.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,623	£16,310	-	-
2024-03-31	£11,674	£12,297	-	-
2023-03-31	£11,624	£10,670	-	-
2022-03-31	£8,983	£9,970	-	-
2021-03-31	£7,924	£6,904	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV STUART JOHN BAILEY	Chair	2016-12-06
Simon Richard Nobbs		2018-12-05

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Pastor: Stuart Bailey
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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Review



*1 April 2024
to
31 March 2025*

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Spiritual leadership in the Fellowship resides with the Pastor and Elder(s).

Stuart Bailey, as well as being a Trustee is also the Pastor.

Simon Jeczalik is currently the Church's only Elder; as such, he shares Spiritual Oversight responsibility with the Pastor

As the Pastor of the Church, Stuart Bailey is prided with a small remuneration and permission to reside in the Manse. He therefore absents himself from decisions concerning either the Manse Property or his remuneration.

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- Providing practical help and care to families associated with, and known to, the Church.

Regular Activities

We meet every Sunday in the Church Building for Worship. The Service is open to all and advertised through local media, our own on-line presence and posters.

Each week, we have two Bible Study Groups which meet in people's homes or the Church Building. One of these groups meets on a Friday Morning to cater for people who prefer not to venture out in the evenings.

During the School Summer Break, we ran the "Christianity Explored" course for our members. This course, provided by "Christianity Explored Ministries" was a Bible-based course designed to help Christians live out their faith and proved very popular with the congregation.

Community Outreach Work

Throughout this year we have run a small group for children aged 5 to 11 years. The children who attend love coming and have learned substantial Biblical truths enabling them to maintain faithful lives in the very challenging environments of the modern educational system. We have integrated the children's work with our Sunday Meetings and the children regularly share what they have been learning with the wider congregation. They particularly enjoy leading the congregation in action songs.

During the School Summer Holiday we ran a Holiday Club attended by a large number of children from the local estate, helping us build relationships in the community. Like all our children's work, we were able to provide this free of charge.

At Christmas we combined the Carol Service with a Nativity Play performed by the children.

We also held an Easter Holiday Club. Lower-key than the Summer version, it enabled us to share the Biblical Message of Easter with a number of children. The Holiday Club concluded with an all-age activities day to which the children's families and members of the Coffee Morning were invited.

The Coffee Morning began in April 2023 with the aim of helping us connect with local adults. Attendance has varied from six to fifteen people, many coming from the adjacent sheltered housing complex.

Occasional special events at the Coffee Morning have included Christmas Carols, Games Mornings and the Easter Activity Day. This group continues to grow as it becomes more widely known across the estate.

Several members of the Coffee Morning group have started attending the Sunday meetings.

Social Assistance

We continue to provide practical help for a small number of local families

In one case, Church members have provided emergency, temporary care for two at-risk siblings. Although Social Services are no longer involved, we continue to work with the parent to offer guidance, support and assistance where necessary. This work has resulted in us becoming well-known on the local estate and helped boost our growing reputation.

Other Agencies

We have been pleased to continue supporting [Norwich Foodbank](#). We act as a collection point for food and deliver to their warehouse on a Monthly basis.

We have had visits from the leadership team of [Aid-Africa](#) and have been pleased to provide a financial contribution to their work and to support them in prayer. Their amazing practical work in Malawi is an encouragement to us all.

The Church Building is also a collection point for [Barnabas Aid](#). As the only Collection Point in East Anglia, people have travelled some distance to drop off food, clothing and medical items which are then passed on to the Barnabas Aid warehouse in Swindon. From there it is delivered across the globe to partner Churches who use it for humanitarian purposes.

Pastor and Trustee Remuneration

The Charity makes no remuneration on the basis of Trusteeship (indeed, at present it has not made any recompense of expenses).

However, one of the Trustees (Stuart Bailey) serves as Pastor for the Church. The remaining Trustees decided to make remuneration to Stuart in consideration of his work. In total, he received £3,000 this period.

The Trustees have also made it possible for Stuart and his family to reside in the Manse free of charge and to pay the Council Tax and Building's Insurance. Repairs and improvements to the Manse are discussed on a case-by-case basis by the Trustees.

Stuart remains responsible for all other utility bills at the Manse.

Fulfilment of Charity Objectives

The Constitution states that:

“The Object of the CIO, is for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.”

The Trustees are satisfied that we have fulfilled our Charitable Objectives; we have served the public benefit and have continued to advance the Christian Faith.

The Trustees are further satisfied that the two properties owned by the Charity are being used for the benefit of the Charity and its objectives.

Financial Review

Overview

The outgoings for this Reporting Period came to £16,310 including all bills and maintenance of a large Building. We are also discovering that the Manse requires some expenditure:

The Grage door, which has been in danger of falling off for several years, finally broke this year. It cost £1,200 to replace – the Pastor donated £600 towards the cost.

The Manse Roof is also needed repair to the Soffits, Facia and Guttering. The work was approved to go-ahead by the Trustees and a significant gift of £4,000 was received towards the costs. Although the expenditure was approved in this reporting period, it did not happen until 2025/26 and will show on next year's outgoings.

Income has been predominantly from the generous giving of our small membership, but has been added to through the use of The Building. We have been able to offer rented space for Bananalink to store their office materials (*Bananalink is a Charity for which Simon Nobbs is a Trustee*) raising £480 for the Church.

Total income this year was £17,623, including a total of £4,600 towards Manse repairs.

The Trustees continually seek to gain best value for money in all our outgoings as well as considering various possibilities to increase income.

Reserves Policy

The Financial Reserve was last reviewed by the Trustees in February 2024 and remained at £3,000, allowing for 3 months' outgoings.

Statement of Account for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Income	
Contributions (from members)	15,895
Gifts (from non-members)	100
Gift Aid	1,148
Building Hire and Storage	480
Total	£17,623

Expenditure	
Ministry Costs and Resources	
Pastor's Remuneration	3,000
Catering	76
Children's Work	137
Local Outreach	8
Publicity	10
Worship	43
Teaching Resources (including new pew Bibles)	386
Sub-Total	£3,660
Practical	
Building Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning	3,760
Building Utilities: Gas, Electric, Water, Alarm, Fire, Brown Bin	2,464
Church Insurance	1,559
Sub-Total	£7,783
Manse	
Manse Council Tax	1,777
Manse Buildings Insurance	301
Manse Maintenance	1,541
Sub-Total	£3,619
Admin	
Web-Site	249
Stationery / Admin (office Costs)	29
Safeguarding	74
CCLI License	243
Sub-Total	£595
Missionary Giving	£630
Sundries	£23
Grand Total	£16,310

Surplus/Deficit General Fund

+ **£1,313**

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		£1,387,600	£1,357,600
Add Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		£0	£0
Current Account Balance		£9,912	£8,599
Cash in hand		£0	£0
		<u>£9,912</u>	<u>£8,599</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
		£0	£0
Creditors and Accruals			
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Net Current Assets		£8,599	£9,222
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Estimated value (for insurance), £1,100,000
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Estimated Value £280,000 (based on recent local sales as at 31st December 2024)

The Open Door Christian Fellowship also owns the contents of “The Building” including:

- digital piano (valued at £600)
- 2 pianos (combined value approximately £7,000)

Affirmation

The Trustees affirm that they have approved the Trustees Report and Financial Statement above:



Alan Donnelly

Trustee

Date 11/11/25



Simon Nobbs

Trustee

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Date



Stuart Bailey

Chair of Trustees
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Date

11 Nov 25

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Regular Activities

We meet every Sunday in the Church Building for Worship. The Service is open to all and advertised through local media, our own on-line presence and posters. In this year, we have been joined by a number of International Students studying at the University of East Anglia who found us through the web-site.

Each week, we have two Bible Study Groups which meet in people's homes or the Church Building. One of these groups meets on a Friday Morning to cater for people who prefer not to venture out in the evenings.

During the School Summer Break, we ran the "Discipleship Explored" course for our members. This course, provided by "Christianity Explored Ministries" was a Bible-based course designed to help Christians live out their faith and proved very popular with the congregation.

Community Outreach Work

Having recently experimented with having the children's (age 5-11) and youth groups (12-18) meeting concurrently, we took the difficult decision to only run a single group this year for the younger children. Although numbers at this group remained very low, those who attend love coming and have learned substantial Biblical truths enabling them to maintain faithful lives in the very challenging environments of the modern educational system.

During the School Summer Holiday we ran a Holiday Club attended by a large number of children from the local estate, helping us build relationships in the community. Like all our children's work, we were able to provide this free of charge.

At Christmas we combined the Carol Service with a Nativity Play performed by the children. Attendance was above our expectations as many families and friends came to see the children and sing traditional carols.

This year, we also held an Easter Holiday Club. Lower-key than the Summer version, it enabled us to share the Biblical Message of Easter with a number of children. The Holiday Club concluded with an all-age activities day to which the children's families and members of the Coffee Morning were invited.

The Coffee Morning began in April 2023 with the aim of helping us connect with local adults. Attendance has varied from six to fifteen people, many coming from the adjacent sheltered housing complex.

Occasional special events at the Coffee Morning have included Christmas Carols, Games Mornings and the Easter Activity Day. This group continues to grow as it becomes more widely known across the estate.

Social Assistance

The Church has been able to provide practical help to a small number of families. We have assisted several to move home and been able to provide some basic provisions for those struggling to afford them.

In one case we have worked alongside Social Services to provide emergency, temporary care for two at-risk siblings. We continue to work with the parent to offer guidance, support and assistance where necessary. This work has resulted in positive commendations from Social Services, the Police Service, Local Councillors and from within the community.

Other Agencies

We have been pleased to continue supporting [Norwich Foodbank](#). We act as a collection point for food and deliver to their warehouse on a Monthly basis. So far, we have donated 1,000Kg to this excellent cause.

We have had visits from the leadership team of [Aid-Africa](#) and have been pleased to provide a financial contribution to their work and to support them in prayer. Their amazing practical work in Malawi is an encouragement to us all.

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However, one of the Trustees (Stuart Bailey) serves as full-time Pastor for the Church. The remaining Trustees decided to make remuneration to Stuart in consideration of his work. In total, he received £2,400 this period.

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Fulfilment of Charity Objectives

The Constitution states that:

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The Trustees are satisfied that, despite the very difficult circumstances placed upon us this year, we have fulfilled our Charitable Objectives; we have served the public benefit and have continued to advance the Christian Faith.

The Trustees are further satisfied that the two properties owned by the Charity are being used for the benefit of the Charity and its objectives and will do so all the more as we emerge from Covid restrictions and as the cost-of-living crisis takes hold of more people on the estate.

Financial Review

Overview

The outgoings for this Reporting Period came to £12,297 including all bills and maintenance of a large Building, Council Tax on the Manse.

Income has been predominantly from the generous giving of our small membership, but has been added to through the use of The Building. We have been able to offer it as a training venue for Med PTS Ambulance Services (for whom Stuart is an employee) and have rented space for Bananalink to store their office materials (Bananalink is a Charity for which Simon Nobbs is a Trustee). Together these enterprises contributed £792.

Total income this year was £11,674. This slight overspend was below what the Trustees had allowed for in the Budget. This reduced overspend can be attributed chiefly to:

- An increased level of giving from the Church congregation
- Investigations on a suspected damage drain revealed that the expected work was not necessary.

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Reserves Policy

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Statement of Account for the Period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Income	
Contributions (from members)	9,136.58
Gifts (from non-members)	200.00
Gift Aid	1,544.96
Building Hire and Storage	792
Total	£11,673.54

Expenditure	
Ministry Costs and Resources	
Pastor's Remuneration	2,400.00
Catering	188.55
Children's Work	181.88
Local Outreach	116.75
Publicity	44.00
Worship	32.21
Teaching Resources	64.62
Sub-Total	£3,028.01
Practical	
Building Maintenance, Repair and Cleaning	2,630.93
Building Utilities: Gas, Electric, Water, Alarm, Fire, Brown Bin	1227.25
Church Insurance	1,684.42
Sub-Total	£5,542.60
Manse	
Manse Council Tax	1,698.80
Manse Buildings Insurance	280.93
Manse Maintenance	442.20
Sub-Total	£2,421.93
Admin	
Web-Site	248.41
Stationery / Admin (office Costs)	30.64
Safeguarding	292.81
CCLI License	232.42
Sub-Total	£804.28
Missionary Giving	£500
Sundries	£0
Grand Total	£12,296.82

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		£1,357,600	£1,357,600
Add Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		£0	£0
Current Account Balance		£8,599	£9,222
Cash in hand		£0	£0
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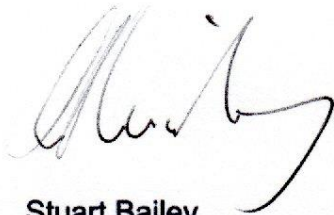


Simon Nobbs

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Date



Stuart Bailey

Chair of Trustees
(Pastor)

19 Nov 24

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Mr Gaius Marc Phillingham	Trustee (Resigned 28 th September 2022)
Mr Alan John Donnelly	Trustee (Appointed 25 February 2023)

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As the Pastor of the Church, Stuart Bailey is given permission to reside in the Manse. He therefore absents himself from decisions concerning either the Manse Property or his remuneration as Church Pastor.

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Summary of activities and achievements in this reporting period

Overview

Throughout this reporting period we have been gradually increasing our activities following the hiatus caused by Covid restrictions. The enforced break gave us an opportunity to rethink the areas of activity that we really wished to concentrate on and to consider new areas to explore.

Children's and Youth Work

Throughout the year we have run children's / youth groups. Without enough leaders to run two completely separate groups, we have constantly experimented with different formats (alternately weekly between and children's and a youth group; running the two groups together, splitting for age-appropriate teaching; starting the youth group immediately after the younger children left – using the same leaders). None of these are perfect answers and we were still searching for the best approach as the period closed.

In August we ran a week-long Children's Holiday Club. Aimed at children in Primary Education (School years 1 to 6), using a pirate theme to teach Biblical truths.



Through songs, drama, sketches, Bible lessons, crafts and games, the children spent the week searching for Pirate treasure and eventually discovered that the greatest treasure is knowing Christ Jesus as LORD.



The Club was provided free of charge and was attended by 12 children from the local Housing Estate. Many of the children were not previously known to the Church and this group gave us the springboard for our renewed children's groups in September. We also allowed 2 older children to attend as helpers – these children also became part of our on-going youth work.

Regular Activities

On Good Friday in April 2022, we “walked the cross” around the local Housing Estate and finished with a hymn in the sheltered housing complex next door to the Church Building. Several of the residents joined us for the hymn singing and then came into The Building to take communion with us. This has helped us engage with the community in the housing complex throughout the year; many joined us again for the Christmas Carol Service.

At Christmas, we were able to visit a near-by Care Home. We sang carols with them and shared a time of fellowship with the residents.

Sunday Service attendance has varied from around 10 to more than 20 over the period. Several of the children from our children's work occasionally join us and provide much extra energy and noise to the proceedings.

In June 2022 we held a Jubilee Service and Lunch to which we invited local residents. Several joined us and we were able to make contacts with a number of people from the local area.



Other Agencies

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Stuart remains responsible for all other utility bills at the Manse.

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The Trustees are satisfied that, despite the very difficult circumstances placed upon us this year, we have fulfilled our Charitable Objectives; we have served the public benefit and have continued to advance the Christian Faith.

The Trustees are further satisfied that the two properties owned by the Charity are being used for the benefit of the Charity and its objectives and will do so all the more as we emerge from Covid restrictions and as the cost-of-living crisis takes hold of more people on the estate.

Financial Review

Overview

The outgoings for this Reporting Period came to just over £10,670 including all bills and maintenance of a large Building, Council Tax on the Manse.

Income has been predominantly from the generous giving of our small membership, but has been added to through the use of The Building. We have been able to offer it as a training venue for Med PTS Ambulance Services (for whom Stuart is an employee) and have rented space for Bananalink to store their office materials (Bananalink is a Charity for which Simon Nobbs is a Trustee). Together these enterprises contributed £730.

Total income this year was £11,624 meaning that we returned to surplus in this Financial Year. However, it is worth noting that the Trustees expect a significant overspend in 2023/24 due to maintenance work that is required on the Church Building.

The Trustees continually seek to gain best value for money in all our outgoings as well as considering various possibilities to increase income.

Reserves Policy

The Financial Reserve was last reviewed by the Trustees in February 2023 and set at £3,000 which allows for 3 months' outgoings.

Statement of Account for the Period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Income	Notes	2023	2022
Giving		£9,120	£7,451
Reclaimed Gift-Aid		£1,524	£1,089
Sundry	1.	£ 980	£ 443
Total Income		£11,624	£8,983
Expenditure	Notes	2023	2022
Mission		£0,971	£0
Membership and Works of Service		£3,157	£2, 630
Ministry Resources		£0,293	£ 870
Ministry Costs		£2,864	£1,760
Practical and Administration		£6,542	£7,239
Building		£3,912	£4,374
Manse		£2,157	£1,739
Administration	2.	£0,473	£ 368
Sundry Others		£0	£101
Total Expenditure		£10,670	£9,970
Surplus/Deficit General Fund		<u>£+0,954</u>	<u>£-0,987</u>

Notes:

1. Sundry income for 2023 includes Building Hire, Government payment for Manse Fuel and a payment for conducting a funeral.
2. Administration costs include a replacement printer. This was not initially budgeted for, but agreed by the Trustees when the previous (10-year old printer) broke.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		£1,357,600	£1,357,600
Add Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		£0	£0
Current Account Balance		£9,222	£8,268
Cash in hand		£0	£0
		<u>£9,222</u>	<u>£8,268</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
		£0	£0
Creditors and Accruals			
		£0	£0
Net Current Assets		£9,222	£8,268
Net Assets		<u>£1,366,822</u>	<u>£1,365,868</u>

Fixed Assets

The Open Door Christian Fellowship owns two properties:

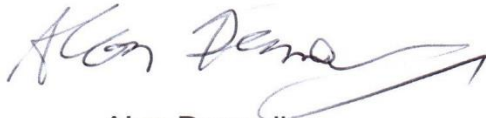
- The property known as “The Building” on Ramsey Close, Norwich, NR4 7BQ. Estimated value (for insurance), £1,100,000
- The Property known as “The Manse”, 90 Buckingham Road, Norwich, NR4 7DG. Estimated Value £250,000 (based on recent local sales)

The Open Door Christian Fellowship also owns the contents of “The Building” including:

- digital piano (valued at £600)
- 2 pianos (combined value approximately £7,000)

Affirmation

The Trustees affirm that they have approved the Trustees Report and Financial Statement above:



Alan Donnelly

Trustee

3 July 2023

Date



Simon Nobbs

Trustee

3 July 2023

Date



Stuart Bailey

Chair of Trustees
(Pastor)

3 July 23

Date

Accounts



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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Review

*1 April 2021
to
31 March 2022*

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Registered Charity Number

1170592

Charitable Objectives

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Charity's Principal Address

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Ramsey Close
Norwich
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www.eaton.church

Names of the Trustees who managed the Charity during this reporting period

Mr Stuart John Bailey	Trustee, Chair, Pastor
Mr Simon Nobbs	Trustee
Mr Gaius Marc Phillingham	Trustee

Trustee Selection

Trustees are selected and appointed by the current body of Trustees.

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document:	Constitution, 2 December 2016
How the Charity is constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee Selection Method:	Appointed by existing Trustees

Governance Structure

The Constitution states that:

“The spiritual government and leadership of the Church Fellowship for the purposes of which the CIO has been established shall remain with the Spiritual Leadership and to the extent to which the Charity Trustees are not synonymous with the Spiritual Leadership their powers shall be confined to the proper management and administration of the CIO in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and in furtherance of the Objects and in so doing they shall have full and proper regard to the Spiritual Leadership provided always that they shall not act outside their powers as conferred by this Constitution and by general law.”

Spiritual leadership in the Fellowship resides with the Pastor and Elder(s). Stuart Bailey, as well as being a Trustee is also the Pastor: he has been the only member of the Spiritual Leadership Team throughout the period covered by this report.

As the Pastor of the Church, Stuart Bailey is given permission to reside in the Manse. He therefore absents himself from decisions concerning either the Manse Property or his remuneration as Church Pastor.

The Trustees met four times in this reporting period to discuss the management and administration of the Charity, including (but not limited to) major decisions on spending, safeguarding and the proper maintenance of properties held by the Charity.

Minutes of all the Trustees meetings are available.

Bankers

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Legal advice and assistance with Charity formation provided by:

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and

Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
134 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2ES

Safeguarding advice and training provided by:

Christian Safeguarding Services
6 Marshalsea Road
London
SE1 1HL.

Summary of activities and achievements in this reporting period

Overview

Like all organisations, this reporting period saw us constantly struggling to know the best and safest ways of enabling meetings without subjecting anyone to unnecessary risks.

We started the year with very small-scale, socially distanced meetings and gradually eased back to near-normality across the reporting period (although with some restrictions still in place).

Children's and Youth Work

At the beginning of the year we were still not hosting any children's or youth activities due to Covid restrictions and the difficulty of managing active children.

In October 2021 we recommenced some small-scale children work meeting in the garden of our Premises. As only one person came to the Youth Group and the two who came to the younger Children's work were from the same family, we were able to manage Covid prevention well. At this stage, we did not advertise the groups beyond our own Congregation.

As the year progressed and restrictions were eased, we were pleased to welcome a small group of children from the local estate who were keen to be involved.

Regular Activities

The first Sunday of this reporting period was Easter Sunday (4th April 2021). We were delighted to be able to meet together for the first time in several months albeit in socially distanced circumstances with no singing.

At this early stage, we met for brief services with doors and windows open, face-coverings worn, seats separated by two metres and we encouraged people to move outside as soon as the service ended. Despite the restrictions, people were pleased to be able to meet and share their worship with Brothers and Sisters in the faith.

As the months progressed, we started sharing refreshments in the garden after the service, gradually moved seats closer together and eventually allowed the congregation to sing.

In the period from Easter 2021 to Easter 2022 we saw our average attendance grow from ten to twenty people and were pleased to welcome several young families to the congregation.

We were also able to re-introduce mid-week Bible studies which have been consistently attended by around ten people.

Although we have not run any kind of outreach programme (predominantly due to Covid restrictions), we have received contact from a number of local people looking for Spiritual guidance or a Church to attend. A number of them have come to faith through the meetings and become regular members of the congregation. We have been particularly pleased to be able to provide practical help and support to several parents struggling with child-care.

In the lead up to Christmas we held a short carol service in the grounds of Custance Court – a Sheltered Housing Complex next door to our Building. The event was well attended and many who were there later came to the main Carol Service held in our Building.

Other Agencies

We have been pleased to continue supporting Norwich Foodbank. We act as a collection point for food and deliver to their warehouse on a Monthly basis. So far, we have donated 990Kg to this excellent cause.

We also acted as a local collection point for Barnabas Aid (Registered UK charity number: 1092935) for their Ukraine appeal. As the only collection point in East Anglia, people came from many miles away to bring clothes, food and medicine which we were able to transport to their depot in Swindon in a borrowed ambulance training vehicle.

Pastor and Trustee Remuneration

The Charity makes no remuneration on the basis of Trusteeship (indeed, at present it has not made any recompense of expenses).

However, one of the Trustees (Stuart Bailey) serves as full-time Pastor for the Church. The remaining Trustees (in consultation with the Treasurer) decided to make remuneration to Stuart in consideration of his work. In total, he received £1,760 in this period.

The Trustees have also made it possible for Stuart and his family to reside in the Manse free of charge and to pay the Council Tax and Building's Insurance for the property. Repairs and improvements to the Manse are discussed on a case-by-case basis by the Trustees.

Stuart remains responsible for all other utility bills at the Manse.

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The Trustees are further satisfied that the two properties owned by the Charity are being used for the benefit of the Charity and its objectives and will do so all the more as we emerge from Covid restrictions and people on the local estate deal with higher costs of living.

Financial Review

Overview

The outgoings for this Reporting Period came to just over £9,970 including all bills and maintenance of a large Building, Council Tax on the Manse.

Total income this year was £8,983 meaning that for the first time, spending exceeded income. Despite this, the balance remains healthily above the reserves policy.

The Trustees continually seek to gain best value for money in all our outgoings as well as considering various possibilities to increase income.

Reserves Policy

The Financial Reserve was last reviewed by the Trustees in March 2022 and set at £3,000 which allows for 3 months' outgoings.

Statement of Account for the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Income and Expenditure

General Fund

Income	Notes	2022	2021
Giving (including Gift Aid)		£8,540	£7,753
Sundry	1.	£ 443	£ 171
Total Income		£8,983	£7,924
Expenditure	Notes	2022	2021
Mission		£0	£0
Membership and Works of Service		£2,630	£ 423
Ministry Resources		£ 870	£ 423
Ministry Costs		£1,760	
Practical and Administration		£7,239	£6,481
Building	2.	£4,626	£4,374
Manse	2.	£2,344	£1,739
Administration		£ 269	£ 368
Sundry Others		£101	£0
Total Expenditure		£9,970	£6,904
Surplus/Deficit General Fund		<u>£-0,987</u>	<u>£1,019</u>

Notes:

1. Sundry income includes a £263 electricity rebate after last year's overspend.
2. Building and Manse Maintenance includes replacement of fences blown down in storms.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2022	2021
Fixed Assets		£1,357,600	£1,357,600
Add Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments		£0	£0
Current Account Balance		£8,268	£9,256
Cash in hand		£0	£0
		<u>£8,268</u>	<u>£9,256</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
		£0	£0
Creditors and Accruals			
		£0	£0
Net Current Assets		£8,268	£9,256
Net Assets		<u>£1,365,368</u>	<u>£1,366,856</u>

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The Trustees affirm that they have approved the Trustees Report and Financial Statement above:



Gaius Philingham

28 September 2022

Trustee



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As the Pastor of the Church, Stuart Bailey is given permission to reside in the Manse. He therefore absents himself from decisions concerning the Manse Property and will do so from any future decisions regarding a salary or other remuneration.

The Trustees met five times to discuss the management and administration of the Charity, including (but not limited to) major decisions on spending, safeguarding and the proper maintenance of properties held by the Charity. Two of the meetings were ‘in-person’ while three were via Video-Link due to Covid restrictions

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Summary of activities and achievements in this reporting period

Overview

As for all organisations, this has been a testing year. The year began with us in a lockdown situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic and unable to meet in person. As each change was made to rules and advice from Government, we had to reassess what we were able to do and how we could work safely, effectively and within the law.

As a result, much of our regular work has been suspended throughout the year and we have had to learn quickly how to provide on-line services.

Children's and Youth Work

Sadly, we have not been able to undertake any formal children's or youth work this year.

For part of the year, we could have run children's groups but the guidelines would have restricted activities to such an extent that we did not think any of our regular children would have wanted to attend (there would have been no games or singing and each child would have had to sit at a separate table).

As we operate on a housing estate, we were able to keep in touch with many of the young people and saw them regularly as we were walking around the estate. It our hope that the contact we have maintained will enable us to get the groups back together as soon as it is safe to do so.

Regular Activities

During the stricter lock-down periods, we moved our services to on-line only. These were performed in the Church Manse by Stuart (Pastor) and his wife, Mandy. The majority of our members were able to view the service this way, but those who couldn't were provided with a CD recording as soon as possible after the service had finished. Delivering the CDs gave us an opportunity to check in with our older members and see if there was anything we could do to help. As such we were able to maintain pastoral contact with all our congregation throughout the year.

During the periods when it was possible to meet, we were able to accommodate our small congregation in our largish building while maintaining strict social-distancing. Although we experienced some frustration at not being able to sing (although this was government advice, and not law, the local Council advised us that they had the power to close down any venue not complying with Government guidance), the majority of our members readily accepted the restrictions as it meant that we were able to meet.



Our Church Building laid out to accommodate Socially-Distanced Services

Other Agencies

Although we were not able to accommodate any other groups meeting on our premises this year, we did remain a collection point for the Trussell Trust's Foodbank. During the lock-downs, we were able to open the Building on request and allow individuals to bring contributions which were then left 'untouched' for at least three days before being taken to the depot.

We also fostered links with the local council through their help-out schemes, this is discussed in the next section.

Covid-19 Pandemic

The Effect

As already mentioned, we have been able to offer limited 'in-person' services throughout this year. Children's work has been on hold and our Sunday Meetings, when permitted, have been barely recognisable as a Church Service.

Community Assistance

At the start of each new lock-down period, we delivered leaflets to houses on the Estate offering help with shopping, prescription collection, lifts to appointments or simply to have a friendly chat over the phone.

Each of these offers were taken up by at least one person on the Estate and well over 100 provisions of assistance were made over the year. We became well known in local supermarkets and pharmacies, with security staff occasionally allowing us to 'jump the queue' as they knew that we were shopping for the community.

Delivering help in the local community has enabled us to make strong links with some residents of the local Housing Estate. As restrictions are eased, we will look to build on these links and engage more with the community.

In addition to people responding to the leaflets, we were also contacted by the local council to assist with their city-wide response. We were able to deliver information on their behalf and point vulnerable people to the help they offered. They contacted us on a few occasions to collect and deliver prescriptions for people outside our normal area.

It was important that members of the Church who offered assistance were able to do so in a Covid-Safe way, protecting themselves and the people we were helping. To this end, we were grateful to Med-PTS Ambulance Services (for whom Stuart works on a part-time basis) for supplying much-needed personal protective equipment. They also donated the 'Fogging Sanitizer' which we used to sanitize the car before and after offering lifts. The sanitizer also proved useful as we prepared the Building for meetings. We are pleased to be able to say that we have avoided any positive Covid cases in any of the congregation.

As Stuart works for an Ambulance Company which provides support to the NHS, the Trustees agreed that it was right for the Church to release Stuart to spend more time in this field if it was needed. To this end, Stuart did some shifts in support of the NHSs Covid operations; on one occasion he spent a shift moving positive Covid patients from a Hospital Ward to a specialist clinic that was being set up. We are pleased to be able to support the national effort in any way we can.

Vaccinations

As the national Vaccination program began, there was a huge amount of confusing information circulating on Social-Media. Some of the information was particularly aimed at Christians and questioned whether Christians should take the Vaccine.

Many of our congregation saw such information and contacted Pastor Stuart to see what was right. In response, Stuart produced an article in which he looked at each of the objections in turn. Most of the objections were refuted in the article, although the issue of using Human Cell lines taken from an aborted foetus was recognised as a valid concern for Christians.

The article concluded that this one objection was a matter of personal conscience before God and sought to give people enough information to make an informed decision. To our knowledge only one member of the congregation has refused the vaccine. We have no plans to make vaccinations a pre-requisite for attending services.

Pastor and Trustee Remuneration

The Trustees have received no remuneration for their work as Trustees throughout this reporting period.

It is the desire of the other two Trustees that Stuart Bailey should receive a wage for serving as full-time Pastor. However, the financial reality of the Charity mean that this has not proven possible.

The Trustees have been able to make it possible for Stuart and his family to reside in the Manse free of charge and to pay the Council Tax and Buildings Insurance for the property. Repairs and improvements to the Manse are discussed on a case-by-case basis by the Trustees.

Stuart remains responsible for all other utility bills at the Manse.

Fulfilment of Charity Objectives

The Constitution states that:

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The Trustees are satisfied that, despite the very difficult circumstances placed upon us this year, we have fulfilled our Charitable Objectives; we have served the public benefit and have continued to advance the Christian Faith. Furthermore, the situation has made us explore different means of achieving the objectives which will stand us in very good stead for the future.

The Trustees are further satisfied that the two properties owned by the Charity are being used for the benefit of the Charity and its objectives.

Financial Review

Overview

The outgoings for this Reporting Period came to just over £6,900 including all bills and maintenance of a large Building, Council Tax on the Manse and £1,110 to replace damaged fencing at The Building and The Manse.

Income was boosted this year by over £2,000 of Gift Aid. This covered several years' worth of Gift-Aid returns and is likely to be lower in future years.

The Trustees continually seek to gain best value for money in all our outgoings as well as considering various possibilities to increase income.

Reserves Policy

The Financial Reserve Policy has been currently set by the Trustees at £2,500 which allows for 3 months' outgoings.

Statement of Account for the Period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Income and Expenditure

General Fund		Notes	2021	2019
INCOME			£	
Giving			£7,753	£4,990
Sundry			£171	£4,724
	Total Income		£7,924	£9,715
EXPENDITURE				
Mission			£0	£0
Membership and Works of Service			£423	£188
Ministry Costs			£423	£188
Practical and Admin.			£6,481	£7,408
Building			£4,374	£3,398
Manse			£1,739	£1,694
Admin Costs			£368	£2,316
Sundry Others			£0	£0
	Total Expenditure		£6,904	£7,596
	SURPLUS/DEFICIT - General Fund		£1,019	£2,119

Notes:

1. Expenditure includes an overspend on the Electric Bill which we expect to be returned in the forthcoming Financial Year.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

	Note	2021	2021
Fixed Assets			
			£0
Add Current Assets			£0
Debtors & Prepayments			
Current Account Balance		£9,256	£8,236
Cash In Hand			
		<u>£9,256</u>	<u>£8,236</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals			
Net Current Assets		<u>£9,256</u>	<u>£8,236</u>
Net Assets		<u>£9,256</u>	<u>£8,236</u>
Financed by			
General Funds		£9,256	£8,236
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Fixed Assets

The Open Door Christian Fellowship owns two properties:

- The property known as “The Building” on Ramsey Close, Norwich, NR4 7BQ.
Estimated value (for insurance), £1,067,067
- The Property known as “The Manse”, 90 Buckingham Road, Norwich, NR4 7DG.
Estimated Value £237,000 (based on recent local sales)

The Open Door Christian Fellowship also owns the contents of “The Building” including all furniture and kitchen fittings, a digital piano (valued at £600), a large screen tv (£500) and a digital projector (£400).

Affirmation

The Trustees affirm that they have approved the Trustees Report and Financial Statement above:



Gaius Philingham

Trustee

22 July 2021



Simon Nobbs

Trustee

22 July 2021



Stuart Bailey

Chair of Trustees
(Pastor)

22 July 2021