

FAVERSHAM GOSPEL MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1171357

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-01-27

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

Contact

Address Faversham Gospel Mission
Tanners Street
Faversham
ME13 7JL

Phone 01795531376

Email info@favershamgospelmission.org

Website www.favershamgospelmission.org

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN FAVERSHAM, KENT AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

Activities: We are an independent Christian evangelical church, members of the Evangelical Alliance. For the public benefit we aim to advance the Christian faith in Faversham, Kent and the surrounding areas by providing religious and spiritual worship and instruction. Our social outreach activities include hosting a food bank operating under the Trussell Trust.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,334	£191,309	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,795	£80,375	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,602	£29,467	-	-
2022-03-31	£12,738	£19,499	-	-
2021-03-31	£8,815	£12,593	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA JANE EASON		2016-09-14
GEOFFREY STUART SANDIFORD		2016-09-14
JAMES SIDNEY RANSOM		2016-09-14

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Trustees Annual Report
1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Aims and Objectives

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Structure and organisational relationships

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Summary of main activities

We continued to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, with Communion monthly. Numbers attending remained around 25-45. There were regular prayer meetings and occasional special events. All church activities were open to all without any charge. Practical and pastoral support has continued to be provided to any in need, confidentially and without charge.

Following the sale of the Manse in 2019 we have undertaken a significant refurbishment of our building, starting in May 2024 and finishing in September. Similarly, preparations are underway to complete our renovation of the church building, work to begin in Spring 2026.

We continued to host the town's Trussell Foodbank. Ever since the 1880s we have been home to Faversham Mission Brass, storing instruments and providing weekly rehearsal space. Two community choirs also used the hall most weeks for rehearsal.

These community activities demonstrate how the trustees continually have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial review

Believing in 'every member ministry' we have no paid staff. We do not fundraise, and receive no grants from government or other sources. Only very exceptionally do we make grants.

Our receipts and payments accounts for the year show income of £27,334 and expenditure of £191,309, the deficit being £163,975. The majority of our expenditure during the year was due to the refurbishment of our building. During the year we made regular disbursements to several Christian organisations, totalling £3,112. Due to the cost of our building work, we have closed two accounts and now have a single bank account with NatWest. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

We have a reserves policy of always holding a minimum of three months' average expenditure. Despite recurring annual deficits of income over expenditure, we have no short- or medium-term concerns about the Mission's financial stability. There is no uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Reference and administrative details

Name: Faversham Gospel Mission

Registered charity number: 1171357

Principal address: Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JL

Names of trustees managing the charity:

Amanda Jane Eason

James Sidney Ransom

Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

During their time in office, all trustees held title to the property belonging to the charity.
There are no corporate trustees.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name: James Sidney Ransom

Position: Chair



Full name: GEOFFREY STUART SANDIFORD.

Position: Trustee

Date 28/11/25



Faversham Gospel Mission

Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JL

Charity No: 1171357

Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Receipts	2024/25	2023/24
Tithes and offerings	14175	
Bank interest	1575	
Hall rental	11484	
Other	100	
Total	27334	33795

Payments		
Utilities	4863	
Maintenance and insurance	18832	
Building works	160824	
Housekeeping	127	
Contract cleaners	1361	
Office expenses	15	
Copyright licence	397	
Training	20	
Advertising	50	
I.T.	304	
Membership subscriptions	422	
Sunday school	64	
Pastor's expenses	321	
Regular gifts (Mission)	3112	
One off gifts	447	
Speakers' expenses	150	
Total	191309	80375

Deficit of income over expenditure

£163975

Expense Categories	
1	Octopus - Electricity
2	British Gas
3	BT
4	Business Stream Water
5	Castle Water
6	Building works
7	Cleaning services
8	Office expenses
9	Speaker expenses
10	Bridges Insurance
11	Copyright licence
13	31:8 Safeguarding
14	Kitchen and Janitorial
15	Advertising & publicity
16	Building maintenance
17	One off gifts
18	Regular gifts (Mission)
19	I.T.
20	Pastor expenses
21	Membership subscriptions
22	Sunday school
Total Expenses	

Your Actual Spending (Based on the data you've entered so far)		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£82.12	£985.46
	£246.56	£2,958.74
	£47.36	£568.36
	£18.68	£224.12
	£10.62	£127.41
	£13,402.01	£160,824.11
	£113.40	£1,360.80
	£1.28	£15.38
	£12.50	£150.00
	£115.15	£1,381.84
	£33.07	£396.86
	£1.67	£20.00
	£10.58	£127.00
	£4.17	£50.00
	£1,454.17	£17,450.00
	£37.25	£447.00
	£259.29	£3,111.50
	£25.33	£303.97
	£26.75	£321.00
	£35.17	£422.00
	£5.31	£63.75
	£15,942.44	£191,309.30

Income Categories	
1	Weekly cash offering
2	Stewardship offering
3	Standing order / BACS offering
4	Bank interest
5	Foodbank rental
6	Comm choir rental
7	Shanty choir rental
8	Faversham Mission Brass
9	Other
Total Income	

Your Actual Income		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£273.20	£3,278.45
	£716.35	£8,596.20
	£191.67	£2,300.00
	£131.28	£1,575.36
	£740.37	£8,884.40
	£63.33	£760.00
	£53.33	£640.00
	£100.00	£1,200.00
	£8.33	£100.00
	£2,277.87	£27,334.41

Total Income
Total Expenses

Your Actual Data		
	Monthly Average	Total (12 months)
	£2,277.87	£27,334.41
	£15,942.44	£191,309.30



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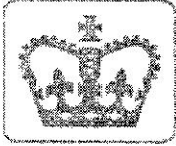
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Funds held	31 st March 2025	31 st March 2024
NatWest Bank	67318	99189
Kingdom Bank	-	89369
Reliance Bank	-	42734
Total	67318	231292

Approved by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print name	Date
	JAMES SIONEY RANKIN	28 / 11 / 25
	GEOFFREY STUART SANDIFORD	28 / 11 / 25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

FAVERSHAM GOSPEL MISSION.

On accounts for the year ended

31ST MARCH 2025.

Charity no (if any)

1171357

Set out on pages

1-2.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which 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:

Rita Martin

Date:

16th Sept 2025

Name:

MRS. K.R. MARTIN.

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

Retired Church Treasurer. (FRX).

Address:

3 CAPEL ROAD

FAVERSHAM

KENT S11 8RL.

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Summary of main activities

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From the proceeds of the sale of the Manse in 2019, an extraordinary grant of £50,000 was made to Uganda Concern UK to fund the provision of a brand new Toyota Land Cruiser for their rural work in Uganda. Similarly, preparations began to fund a major renovation of the church building, work to begin in May 2024.

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These community activities demonstrate how the trustees continually have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial review

Believing in 'every member ministry' we have no paid staff. We do not fundraise, and receive no grants from government or other sources. Only very exceptionally do we make grants.

Our receipts and payments accounts for the year show income of £33,795 and expenditure of £80,375, the deficit being £46,580. During the year we made regular disbursements to six Christian organisations, totalling £3,879. To protect assets we continued to hold sums of £85,000 (the maximum FSA guarantee) in two Christian banks. These have earned modest amounts of interest, but we also recognise the spiritual investment. No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

We have a formal reserves policy of always holding a minimum of three months' average expenditure. Despite recurring annual deficits of income over expenditure, we have no short- or medium-term concerns about the Mission's financial stability. There is no uncertainty about the charity continuing as a going concern.

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Names of trustees managing the charity:

Amanda Jane Eason

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James Sidney Ransom

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name: David Andrew Napier Fergusson

Position: Chair

Amanda J Eason

Full name: AMANDA JANE EASON

Position: Trustee

Date

3 November 2024



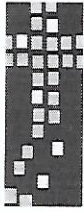
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Charity No: 1171357

Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Receipts including from NatWest, Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank	2023/24	2022/23
Offerings – Sunday services, etc	6167	
Stewardship including Gift Aid	9862	
Regular standing orders	2440	
Bank interest	4604	
Refund electricity	1545	
Foodbank	7617	
Faversham Mission Brass	1200	
Building hire donation	150	
Lent lunches	160	
Ladies Craft Group	50	
	Total	24602
	33795	
Payments not from Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank		
Gas	2820	
Electricity	2255	
Phone & broadband	578	
Water	444	
Repairs & maintenance	11461	
Disbursements	3879	
Extraordinary grant to UCUK for purchase of vehicle	50000	
Speakers' expenses	290	
Contract cleaners	3713	
Copyright licence	384	
Evangelical Alliance	100	
ACAT	22	
31:8	244	
Insurance	1332	
CTiF	160	
I.T.	199	
Building consultation fees	1500	
Pastor's conference fee & travel expense	219	
Public address equipment	30	
Furniture	40	
Office expense	51	
Kitchen & janitorial	113	
NIV bibles	368	
Sunday school material	22	
Outreach (Folk in Church & Walk Through the Bible)	151	
	Total	29467
	80375	
Deficit of income over expenditure	£46580	



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<u>Funds held</u>	<u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>31 March 2023</u>
NatWest Bank	£99,189	£105,322
Kingdom Bank	89,369	86,421
Reliance Bank	<u>42,734</u>	<u>86,079</u>
Totals	£231,292	£277,822

Dated 3 November 2024

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Chair of Trustees

.....
Treasurer STEPHENS ARTHUR WITHELL

**Report of the independent examiner to the trustees of
Faversham Gospel Mission
on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church'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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Martin
(Church member, Faversham Baptist Church)
3, Capel Road
Faversham, Kent, ME13 8RL



16th September 2024

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Summary of main activities

Following recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, all activities have returned to the church premises. We continued to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, with Communion monthly. Numbers attending remained around 25-40. The regular midweek Bible study and fellowship group continued and there were regular prayer meetings and occasional special events. All church activities were open to all without any charge. Practical and pastoral support has continued to be provided to any in need, confidentially and without charge.

We continued to host the town's Trussell Trust Foodbank, providing storage and increasingly busy client sessions. Salvation Army volunteers working informally alongside us held small-group meetings and developed their much valued community wardrobe.

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

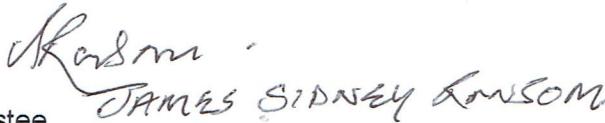


Full name: David Andrew Napier Fergusson

Position: Chair

Full name:

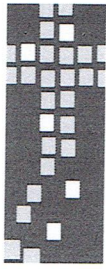
Position: Trustee



JAMES SIDNEY RANSOM

Date

9th October 2023



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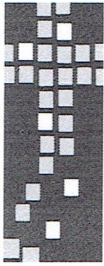
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Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Receipts including from NatWest, Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Offerings -Sunday services, etc	5938	
Stewardship including Gift Aid	9713	
Regular standing orders	1280	
Bank interest	1111	
Refund electricity	632	
Refund BT	17	
Refund British Gas	3741	
Foodbank	1670	
Faversham Mission Brass	500	
Total	24602	12738
Payments not from Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank		
Gas	7553	
Electricity	4856	
Phone & broadband	561	
Water	114	
Repairs & maintenance	1225	
Disbursements	4052	
Speakers' expenses	75	
Contract cleaners	4010	
Copyright licence	359	
Evangelical Alliance	100	
ACAT	22	
31:8	145	
Insurance	1220	
CTiF	200	
Zoom	144	
I.T.	820	
Building consultation fees	3225	
Pastor's conference fee & travel expense	115	
Public address equipment	52	
Furniture	191	
Kitchen water boiler	184	
Floor mats and gripper	121	
Office expense	40	
Kitchen & janitorial	83	
Total	29467	19499

Deficit of income over expenditure

£ 4865



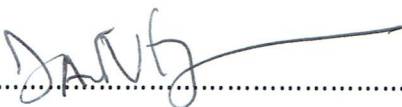
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Funds held	31 March 2023	31 March 2022
NatWest Bank	£105,322	£111,617
Kingdom Bank Church & Charity Reserve Account	86,421	85,688
Reliance Bank Notice Deposit Account	86,079	85,520
Cash	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
Totals	£277,872	£282,875

Cheque no 000001 £324.00 paid April 2022 ref invoice included in previous year's accounts.

Dated 9th October 2023



David Andrew Napier Ferguson

Chair of Trustees



Stephen Archer Willell

Treasurer

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Summary of main activities

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we continued to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, with 25-40 attending. During the lockdown this occurred either by Zoom; or, following all Covid guidelines, as a mixed service with Zoom and personal attendance; or in personal attendance when Covid policies were relaxed. The midweek Bible study and fellowship group also continued to meet similarly throughout this period, and there were regular prayer meetings and occasional special events. All church activities were open to all without any charge. Practical and pastoral support has continued to be provided to any in need, confidentially and without charge.

We continued to host the town’s Trussell Trust Foodbank, providing storage and two main client sessions held under relevant Covid guidance each week. Salvation Army volunteers working informally alongside us developed their much valued community wardrobe.

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These community activities demonstrate how trustees continually have regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial review

Believing in ‘every member ministry’ we have no paid staff. We do not fundraise, and receive no grants from government or other sources. We do not make grants.

Our receipt and payments accounts for the year show income of £12,738 and expenditure of £19,499, the deficit being £6,761. During the year we made regular disbursements to eight Christian organisations, totalling £3,091. Because of the concern in 2020 of the possibility of severe economic consequences following Brexit, in order to protect assets we had transferred sums of £85,000 (the maximum FSA guarantee) to two Christian banks. These had begun earning modest amounts of interest, but we also recognise the spiritual investment. No funds were held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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Julie Chittenden (until 31 August)

Amanda Jane Eason

David Andrew Napier Fergusson (with effect from 1 September)

Stuart Owen (until 31 August)

James Sidney Ransom

Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

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Signature(s)



Full name: David Andrew Napier Fergusson

Position: Chair

Full name: *Ransom*
Position: Trustee *James Sidney Ransom*

Date *10 October 2022*



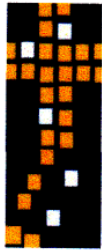
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	£	£
Offerings -Sunday services, etc	3879	
Stewardship including Gift Aid	6822	
Regular standing orders	1160	
Interest on 'investments'	535	
Refund electricity	342	
Total	12738	8815
Payments not from Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank		
Gas	586	
Electricity	936	
Phone & broadband	827	
Water	143	
Repairs & maintenance	7426	
Disbursements	3091	
Speakers' expenses	250	
Contract cleaners	3780	
Copyright licence	374	
Evangelical Alliance	100	
ACAT	32	
31:8	181	
Insurance	1111	
CTiF	150	
Zoom	173	
I.T.	201	
Miscellaneous	138	
Total	19499	12593

Deficit of income over expenditure	£ 6761
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Funds held	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
NatWest Bank	£111,617	£118,308
Kingdom Bank Church & Charity Reserve Account	85,688	85,409
Reliance Bank Notice Deposit Account	85,520	85,264
Cash	<u>50</u>	<u> </u>
Totals	£282,875	£288,981
1 unrepresented cheque (No. 000001)	£324	

Dated 10 October 2022

DAVID ANDREW NAPIER FERGUSSON

Chair of Trustees from 1 September 2021

STEPHEN ARTHUR WITHELL

Treasurer from 1 September 2021

FAVERSHAM GOSPEL MISSION

England & Wales - Charity number 1171357

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2020 Period start date To 31 March 2021 Period end date

Charity name: Faversham Gospel Mission

Charity registration number: 1171357

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, to advance the Christian faith in Faversham, Kent and such other parts of the United Kingdom and the world as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We continue to hold a worship and teaching service every Sunday morning, a midweek Bible study and fellowship group, prayer meetings and occasional special events. All are invited without charge.</p> <p>With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns just before the start period of this Report, all these activities became online on Zoom.</p> <p>However, we continued to host the town's Foodbank, providing storage and twice weekly client services held under strict controls. A community wardrobe has been added.</p> <p>Practical and pastoral support continued to be provided, confidentially and without charge.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees continually regard the guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.36	We are not a grant-making body and do not receive applications. We regularly support seven Christian organisations providing spiritual and practical benefits to recipients beyond the town.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have no paid staff and practise 'every member ministry'. Each makes voluntary contributions in service and (where possible) in financial support.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The almost total closure of the church building meant transferring worship and ministry to Zoom. This was well supported and 'congregations' ran at about 80% of previous levels.</p> <p>Our rehearsal facilities for the town band and the community choir were of course suspended.</p> <p>We have otherwise remained active in the town's virtual inter-church activities.</p> <p>Under strict Covid conditions we continued to host the town's Trussell Trust foodbank, with church members among the volunteers.</p> <p>In association with two Salvation Army volunteers we have begun hosting a community wardrobe, providing, eg, school uniforms to the disadvantaged.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We continued to hold via Zoom regular combined meetings of leaders, deacons, and trustees, to review performance against objectives, to vary activities, and to pray.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We do not fundraise.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>Prior to the Covid pandemic, we were concerned about the possibility of severe economic consequences after Brexit, and therefore transferred sums of £85,000 (the maximum FSA guarantee) to two Christian banks. This was more for protecting assets than for 'investing' financially, although through those banks we are investing spiritually.</p>
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>With the church premises closed, and no offerings being taken up, our income was substantially reduced at £8,815 compared to £19,340 in the previous year. Total expenditure at £12,593 compared with £17,729 in the previous year.</p> <p>The closing figure at our 'working' bank was £118,308 and there was ~£85,000 in the Kingdom and Reliance banks.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	With no paid staff or regular outgoings, we have formally agreed always to hold a minimum of three months' average expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	More than sufficient.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no uncertainties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We do not fundraise. Our income is all by gift.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We are fully insured. With no paid staff there are no foreseeable employment risks.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	We seek to maintain a group of trustees bringing relevant qualifications and experience. Any further trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	We hold regular joint internal meetings of the spiritual leadership, the trustees, and the deacons. We are active on the Executive Committee of Churches Together in Faversham, and are a member body of the Evangelical Alliance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Faversham Gospel Mission
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1171357
Charity's principal address	Tanners Street, Faversham ME13 7JL

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	Julie Chittenden			
2	Amanda Jane Eason			
3	Stuart Owen	Treasurer		
4	James Sidney Ransom	Chair		
5	Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Julie Chittenden		
Amanda Jane Eason		
Stuart Owen		
James Sidney Ransom		
Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Ransom</i>	<i>S. Owen</i>
Full name(s)	James Sidney Ransom	Stuart Owen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair for the period the Report covers	Treasurer for the period the Report covers
Date	22 / 11 / 21	



Faversham Gospel Mission

(Registered Charity Number 1171357)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	Actual 2020/21 (1st April to 31st March)	Summary 2019/20 (1st April to 31st March)
	£	£
Opening amount at NatWest Bank	292,086	331,679
Investments	£	
Kingdom Bank into savings account	85,000	
Reliance Bank into savings account	85,000	
Total	170,000	
Gross income	£	
Donations	840	
Donations via Stewardship and Gift Aid	7,104	
Friends' of Kent Churches—sponsored bike ride	50	
Compensation from NatWest Bank	200	
EDF energy rebate	621	
Total	8,815	19,340
Expenditure	£	
Wycliffe Bible Translators	320	
Serving in Mission	320	
Action International	320	
Release International	320	
Open Air Campaigners	320	
Christian Witness to Israel	320	
Uganda Concern UK	320	
Uganda Concern UK financial gift for specific medical needs	200	
Compassion sponsored child, Ritha	351	
Gospel Mission subscription for CTiF membership	135	
CTiF chosen Charity of the Year—Open Doors	250	
CTiF our pledge towards the Christmas card	109	
CTiF pledge towards the Easter card	100	
CCLI Church Copyright Licence	374	
Thirtyone: eight annual membership subscription	129	
Evangelical Alliance	100	
Steph Macleod singer songwriter and worship leader	300	
Updating Microsoft Office 365 on the church laptop	60	
iPad, cosmos case, power adapter	398	
Jude Sack—website services	144	
Postage Church Directory	37	
Zoom subscription	158	
Total	5,085	34,827
Utilities	£	
Castle Water	134	
Business Stream	136	
British Gas	626	
EDF	1,364	
BT	976	
Total	3,236	4,817

	Actual 2020/21 (1st April to 31st March)	Summary 2019/20 (1st April to 31st March)
<i>Mission Hall</i>	£	£
Fire Action (fire safety and electronic security)	96	
Peter Bingley – restoring windows, materials and labour	950	
Cleaning Fairy	1,224	
Red Alert – Mission burglar alarm	154	
Bridges Insurance for Mission Hall	1,063	
Single BT 3960 phone	35	
Proelectrical – PAT testing, PAT servicing administration	750	
	Total 4,272	17,729
	£	
Total annual income	8,815	
Total expenditure	12,593	
Deficit of income over expenditure	3,778	
Closing amount at NatWest Bank	118,308	

Dated 22/11/21

..... *M. Adam*

Chairman of the Trustees for the
period in question

..... *S. Owen*

Treasurer for the period in question