



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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 1.38	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	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.
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	<p>We seek to maintain a group of trustees bringing relevant qualifications and experience.</p> <p>Any further trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees.</p>

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	<p>We hold regular joint internal meetings of the spiritual leadership, the trustees, and the deacons.</p> <p>We are active on the Executive Committee of Churches Together in Faversham, and are a member body of the Evangelical Alliance.</p>
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	
Prolectrical – 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	

Dated22/11/21.....

.....*M. Adam*.....
 Chairman of the Trustees for the
 period in question

.....*S. Owen*.....
 Treasurer for the period in question