

Faversham Gospel Mission
Charity registration number 1171357

Trustees Annual Report
1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Aims and Objectives

'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.'

Structure and organisational relationships

Founded in the 1880s, in 2017 the Mission became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees. The spiritual leaders, deacons and trustees meet regularly. The Mission is a member body of the Evangelical Alliance, and we are active within Churches Together in Faversham.

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.

Ever since the 1880s we have been home to the now-named Faversham Mission Brass, storing instruments and providing weekly rehearsal space, and practices were resumed as soon as Covid regulations permitted. When permitted, a community choir also used the hall most weeks for rehearsal.

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.

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.

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:**

Julie Chittenden (until 31 August)

Amanda Jane Eason

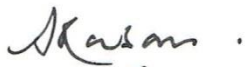
David Andrew Napier Fergusson (with effect from 1 September)

Stuart Owen (until 31 August)

James Sidney Ransom

Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

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:** David Andrew Napier Fergusson**Position:** Chair**Full name:**
Position: Trustee James Sidney Ransom.**Date**

10 October 2022



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Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Receipts including from NatWest, Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
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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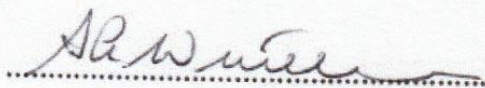
Funds held	31 March 2022	31 March 2021
NatWest Bank	£111,617	£118,308
Kingdom Bank Church & Charity Reserve Account	85,688	85,409
Reliance Bank Notice Deposit Account	85,520	85,264
Cash	<u>50</u>	<u></u>
Totals	£282,875	£288,981
1 unrepresented cheque (No. 000001)	£324	

Dated 10 October 2022



DAVID ANDREW NAPIER FERGUSSON

Chair of Trustees from 1 September 2021



STEPHEN ARTHUR WITHELL

Treasurer from 1 September 2021