

**Faversham Gospel Mission**  
**Charity registration number 1171357**

**Trustees Annual Report**  
**1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023**

**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**

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.

Ever since the 1880s we have been home to the now-named Faversham Mission Brass, storing instruments and providing weekly rehearsal space. A community choir 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 receipt and payments accounts for the year show income of £24,602 and expenditure of £29,467, the deficit being £4,865. During the year we made regular disbursements to six Christian organisations, totalling £4,052. 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.

**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

David Andrew Napier Fergusson

James Sidney Ransom

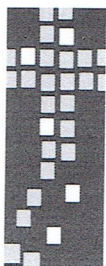
Geoffrey Stuart Sandiford

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**

9th October 2023





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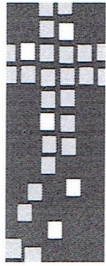
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## Receipts and Payments Accounts for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

<b>Receipts</b> including from NatWest, Kingdom Bank & Reliance Bank	<b>2022/23</b> £	<b>2021/22</b> £
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24602</b>	<b>12738</b>
<b>Payments</b> 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29467</b>	<b>19499</b>

**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>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£277,872</b>	<b>£282,875</b>

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

Dated 9th October 2023

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Chair of Trustees

David Andrew Napier Ferguson

SAW

Treasurer

Stephen Arthur Wileall