

Winslow Christian Fellowship Trustees

Annual Report

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Aim and Purpose

Winslow Christian Fellowship (WCF) is affiliated to the Fellowship of the Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

FIEC is a Fellowship of self-governing independent churches. This is not a denomination that exercises any central control over the churches, but the churches are joined together with a common identity and practice of fellowship which means we work together for the advance of the gospel.

We share our resources to strengthen other churches with a national co-operation amongst our family of churches.

We do all this because we long to see more people come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour across our nation.

We invest in mission and evangelism to ensure that being an FIEC church is associated with being a gospel-driven church.

Objectives and Activities.

The objectives of WCF are the advancement of the Christian Faith locally, in other parts of the UK and the World through communion as the Trustees consider appropriate. This will be carried out in accordance with Winslow Christian Fellowship's Statement of Faith, including values, priorities, practice and leadership standards.

WCF will also undertake in the relief of those in need whether poor, weak or elderly locally, in other parts of the UK and the World as the Trustees consider appropriate.

The objectives will be achieved through the weekly Provision of services of Worship open to all members of the public. These are to be advertised on social media and in the local town magazine.

Weekly recorded talks regarding Christian Faith and values are to be made available locally and internationally, via. the internet.

Regular provision of pastoral care and prayer support for those in need such as the sick, elderly and people with special needs. Regular provision of food, and occasional provision of finance, to support local poor and those in need. All of the above activities are supported and carried out in the main, by around 15 volunteers. These people come from different backgrounds, ages, gender and nationalities. Some of the activities are carried out in partnership with the other churches in the Town. In accordance with the Christian principle of tithing, it is policy of the Church to use 10% of income to issue grants to other charities/Christian organisations or to support known individuals and organisations working abroad or at home in evangelical or outreach positions. The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their continued help.

Structure, governance and management.

Governing Document - CIO ASSOCIATION registered 13 March 2017

A Charitable Trust

Trustees appointed by resolution of the trustees in accordance with para. 13 of the Trust Deed.

Formal meetings of the Trustees are held monthly and an annual General meeting is held for all members.

As referenced previously Winslow Christian Fellowship is affiliated to the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC). This organisation provides both advice and practical support. The Church continues to have the benefit of a full time Pastor. This is the only paid member.

Administration details.

Charity number: 1172013
Address: 92 High Street, Winslow, MK18 3DBQ
Trustees: Colin Poyntz (Pastor), Susan Sawyer, Michael Hotard, Margaret Martin

Finance report for the 2023-2024 Financial Year ending 31st August 2023

General fund

Income

The income into the general fund of the church as recorded in the bank is £31,500 plus a £9569 Gift Aid Refund. Totalling £41,069.

Expenditure

This year's expenditure was £48,201.

Present reserves

General Fund Reserves within the Bank Account as of the 31 August 2024 is £45,779.

Communion Fund

The income into the communion fund of the church as recorded in the bank is £3,136 plus a £297 Gift Aid Refund.

A list of organisations benefiting with amounts is given at the end of this report. Further donations will made as and when payment details can be obtained for a one-off payment rather than monthly donations.

Restricted Church Project Fund (RCPF)

The Restricted Church Project Fund has had no donations this financial year with no expenditure.

Fellowship Fund,

At the present time this Fund is empty.

Weekend Away

The income for the weekend end away equated to £2541 and the expenditure was £4173. This being due to the Church covering for costs for those members wishing to attend who could not afford the expense.

OVERALL SUMMARY

FUND	As at 1 Sept 23	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 Aug 24
GENERAL	£52,911	£41,069	£48,201	£45,779
COMMUNION	£983	£3,433	£2,863	£1,553
FELLOWSHIP	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
(RCPF)	£4,161	£0.00	£0.00	£4,161
WEEKEND AWAY	£271	£2,541	£4173	-£1361
	£58,326	£47,043	£55,237	£50,132

Relief of the poor and needy and vulnerable / Training and Education.

Locally

The Church continues to support the local Food Bank. Financial and practical help has been given to a local food kitchen for children in the holidays.

Support is given to a local charity which visits schools to aid them in the teaching of Christianity and the exploration of social and personal matters.

Nationally and internationally.

Monthly Communion collections are taken to support other charities, nationally, internationally and local who seek to support vulnerable people with practical and spiritual aid. We continue to support, both financially and in prayer, three workers in Nigeria, Rumania and Romania, all of which, occasionally, make visits to the church.

Members of the Church attend various national, local conferences and celebration days.

Finance

In accordance with Christian principles, we do not seek to store up treasure on earth. However, in order to be prudent, we follow a guideline of holding a bank balance at least sufficient to cover three months average expenditure.

The charity's income is mainly from voluntary gifts from Church members and supporters. No fund-raising activities or trading have been undertaken, hence no costs of generating voluntary receipts or fundraising trading are reported in the financial statements.

The charity owns a property, 92 High Street, which the Church are currently working on plans to convert the once home of the Pastor into a community building of help and assistance in various ways.

The charity's expenditure is directed solely to the objectives stated above.

Donations were made to other charities/Christian organisations to help with relief of the poor, needy and oppressed.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees –

Signature: 

Full name: COLIN POYNTZ

Position Held: PASTOR

Date: 26th JUNE 2025

Communion Fund Out Going Donations		
Date	Paid To/Additional information	Payment
24/11/2023	Milton Keynes Bridgebuilder Trust	£323.25
24/11/2023	UCCF	£215.75
24/11/2023	Sorin Badragon Romanian Church	£810.75
09/07/2024	Wycliffe UK Ltd	£294.74
09/07/2024	Holiday Club Buckingham	£235.75
09/07/2024	Release International	£215.75
09/07/2024	Well Street Church Mission Fund Emma	£767.25

Further donations will made from this year's communion collections as and when payment details can be obtained for a one-off payment rather than monthly donations.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Winslow Christian Fellowship

No (if any)
1172013

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Sep-23	To	Period end date 01-Aug-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	31,500	-	-	31,500	51,375
Communion		2,425	-	2,425	3,941
Gift Aid reclaimed Donations	9,568		-	9,568	10,121
Gift Aid reclaimed Communion	-	297	-	297	369
Church weekend away	-	2,812	-	2,812	271
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	41,068	5,534	-	46,602	66,077
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	41,068	5,534	-	46,602	66,077
A3 Payments					
Pastor	25,734	-	-	25,734	26,505
Public Services	6,350	-	-	6,350	10,004
Outreach to Community	484	-	-	484	864
Administration	1,153	-	-	1,153	300
Donations	6,320	-	-	6,320	4,837
Manse	-	8,117	-	8,117	312
Fellowship	-	40	-	40	210
Communion Offerings	-	2,425	-	2,425	3,326
Grants to other funds	-	2,812	-	2,812	-
Sub total	40,041	13,394	-	53,435	46,438
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,041	13,394	-	53,435	46,438
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,027	- 7,860	-	- 6,833	19,639
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,383	4,161	-	57,544	38,688
Cash funds this year end	54,410	- 3,699	-	50,711	58,327

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Winslow Christian Fellowship

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1172013

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 08 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Z Sutherland

Date:

28/6/25

Name:

Zoe Ann Sutherland

CPFA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy