

**THE HIGHER PLACE (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST BIBLE CHURCH)**

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022**

**Objectives and Activities**

The primary aim of the charity is to promote the Christian faith and to provide pastoral care and support to its members and the wider community.

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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From: 01 May 2021**

**To: 30 April 2022**

**Charity name: The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)**

**Charity registration number: 1173023**

### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The advancement of the Christian faith mainly but not exclusively by:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Means of broadcasting messages and music and teaching nature</li><li>• Connecting people to Jesus, life given relationships, and God-given destinies for the benefit of the public in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.</li><li>• Supporting Christ followers / Christians for the benefit of the public through holding of prayer meetings, worship experiences, and publications.</li><li>• Provision of housing for vulnerable people.</li><li>• Provision of relief for those in need due to age, ill-health, disability, financial or other disadvantages.</li></ul>



<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p>	<p>What the charity does:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Religious Activities</li> <li>• Other Charitable Purposes</li> </ul> <p>Who the charity helps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children/young People</li> <li>• Elderly/old People</li> <li>• People With Disabilities</li> <li>• The General Public/mankind</li> </ul> <p>How the charity helps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides Services</li> <li>• Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body</li> <li>• Other Charitable Activities(Food bank donations and community outreach projects)</li> </ul> <p>Where the charity operates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throughout England</li> </ul> <p>Activities - how the charity spends its money</p> <p>The Charity is involved in social outreach, youth work, evangelistic activities; holding events to connect people to Jesus, life-giving relationships and God-Given destinies in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We also support individuals and organisations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Personnel <p>Payment of staff salary, free-lancer individuals, and guest singers/speakers.</p> </li> <li>2. Facilities <p>Payment of monthly rent, and any additional cost of ad-hoc hire space for meetings and events outside usual gathering time.</p> </li> <li>3. Welfare <p>Payment for food, water, and other well-being items provided to members, volunteers and visitors. Payment given to support members with extremely dire situations e.g support with family food supplies, accommodation and travel.</p> </li> <li>4. Resources/ Equipment <p>Payment towards equipment required for the smooth running of weekly Sunday gatherings e.g Sony Camera, tripods, microphones, and any additional resources including software</p> </li> <li>5. Promotion <p>Payment for publicity campaigns including billboard, leaflets, social media promotions, and consultations to increase engagement.</p> </li> </ol>
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have regard to the public benefit guides PB1, PB2 and PB3 when making decisions they are relevant to.
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## 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 main achievements of the charity in the last year are highlighted below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the end of the lockdown, we were able to transition smoothly from online to physical meetings and activities.</li> <li>- Average attendance and member engagement in volunteering and other charity activities increased by 36%.</li> <li>- Over 100 food parcels were given away to local food charities and individuals.</li> <li>- We reached 120+ students through our freshers fayre campaigns at Greenwich and Goldsmiths universities. During this outreach, we were able to speak to students about joining our local church, where they'd be given opportunities to be part of our community, develop new skills while volunteering, and have access to professional counselling and mental health support.</li> <li>- We were able to raise over £2,000 for other local charities—including Our Street Child, a UK based charitable organisation committed to advocating on behalf of street children globally and meeting their immediate needs.</li> <li>- We hosted a Santa fun race to create awareness and raise funds for the Maypole project. The Maypole Project aims to relieve and help preserve the mental and physical well-being of children and young people who have complex medical needs and disabilities and to support their family members as well as others who are affected by their suffering and, in certain cases, bereavement.</li> <li>- In addition to these achievements, new groups—the Bible study group, book club, and Teen Time to Talk, Pre-Marriage Course—were initiated to encourage and strengthen members' engagement during the week. These groups help to foster friendship and establish support networks for people in our community as well as provide a safe space for teenagers to talk about various mental health issues affecting them, and also seek support from our in-house counsellor.</li> </ul>



## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Overall, 2022 was a strong year with income exceeding expenditure resulting in a surplus of £20,451. This leaves reserves at the year end at £45,516.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve policy- A minimum of £7500 must be in the current account at all times.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£7,500
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties to the charity continuing as a going concern.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	FOUNDATION MODEL CONSTITUTION (Registered 12 May 2017)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)
Other name the charity uses	The Higher Place UK
Registered charity number	1173023
Charity's principal address	Hedley Dunk Limited, 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford, Kent DA1 1BB



### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee names	Office (if any)	Date acted if not for whole year	Name of person on (or body) entitled to appoint trustees (if any)
1.	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	Chair		
2.	Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo			
3.	Molagbemi Asenguah			

### Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

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**Full name(s)**

Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	Ashetoritse Oritsedebi Ilo
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**Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

Chair	
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**Date**

13th October 2022
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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Higher Place (Disciples of Christ Bible Church)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1173023

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 04 / 2022.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

13/11/2022

**Name:**

Jack Fryer

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

ACA

**Address:**

Hedley Dunk Limited  
Trinity House , 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford  
DA1 1BB





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
The Higher Place

No (if any)  
1173023

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
1st May 2021

To

Period end date  
30th April 2022

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Tithes & offerings	53,665	-	-	53,665	29,778
Gift aid	9,459	-	-	9,459	7,260
Bank interest received	5	-	-	5	2
Government grants	19,149	-	-	19,149	7,750
Restricted grant	-	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising	234	-	-	234	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>82,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,512</b>	<b>45,790</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>82,512</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,512</b>	<b>45,790</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Welfare support & community engagement	13,673	-	-	13,673	12,549
Videos, retreats & conferences	3,890	-	-	3,890	999
Meeting venue	9,824	-	-	9,824	3,410
Promotion & PPS	15,135	-	-	15,135	7,146
Fundraising Costs	411	-	-	411	-
Accounts	690	-	-	690	630
Counselling	3,060	-	-	3,060	3,355
Computer expenses	-	-	-	-	3,533
Insurance	255	-	-	255	266
Donations	2,832	-	-	2,832	724
Wages	7,634	-	-	7,634	-
Pension Contributions	43	-	-	43	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>57,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,447</b>	<b>32,612</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>57,447</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,447</b>	<b>32,612</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>25,065</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,065</b>	<b>13,178</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>19,451</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,451</b>	<b>7,273</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>44,516</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,516</b>	<b>20,451</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>					



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

### B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
NatWest current account	1,470	1,000	-
NatWest savings account	43,005	-	-
Cash	41	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>44,516</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

### B2 Other monetary assets

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

### B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

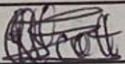
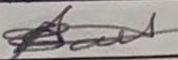
### B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

### B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Wages	Unrestricted	950	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Okiemute Nesi Scott-Emuakpor	13/11/22
	Ashetortise Oritsedebi Ilo	13/11/22