

CORNERSTONE CHURCH BRIDLINGTON, CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1ST OCTOBER 2022 to 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

AIMS, PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim and purpose of Cornerstone Church Bridlington is to advance the Christian Faith by preaching the message of the Bible and the central tenets of faith, forgiveness, love and care for others in our community. By doing this, the church educates its members and those of the local community of the beliefs of the Christian faith and how that understanding and knowledge can have a positive and helpful impact on their lives and community.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Having due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance and the need to provide benefit to the public, the Trustees seek to achieve the aims and purposes in the following activities -

Sunday Morning Services – Our numbers remain steady (between 30 to 40) and during the summer have increased due to new/returning visitors on holiday in the area. Visitors find us through our website and Facebook page and also through the Fellowship of Independent Churches website. Visitors tell us they appreciate the warm welcome they receive at Cornerstone and they appreciate our facilities which make Cornerstone a great place to meet. Our services are led by local speakers and some from as far away as Leeds area. We are thankful for them and for the sound and practical teaching from God's word that they share with us each week. Refreshments are served after each service and this is a great time of fellowship. We share our recorded morning services via You-tube with those unable to attend church due to ill health etc. For Christmas 2022 we had a Sunday Morning Carol Service, A Family Christmas Service and a shorter Christmas Day morning service. We observed Easter Sunday and we have monthly Communion included in our morning services.

Tots & Co – we have run a Tots & Co groups for pre-school children accompanied by their parents on Friday afternoons. Numbers can vary depending on the weather and the other commitments of the parents. The activity runs in school term time and is led by a team of church volunteers and we are so thankful for their commitment to this group. This is an invaluable time of social interaction for the youngsters and their parents. Refreshments are served each week. There is no charge for this activity but a box is available for any donations and these are given by the church to support a chosen cause. We have a lovely garden that is used on good weather days. At Easter, the children were given a chocolate egg. Father Christmas popped in to see the children in December and they were all given a chocolate Santa. We have made a good start back this September with some new faces. The children who left us to start school this term were all given a Christian story book.

Fun Club – we ran our regular Friday night club for primary school age children. This club is run by a team of church volunteers and we are very grateful for their support and commitment to this group. Refreshments are served and there is no charge for this activity. The children enjoy an hour of bible stories and videos, quizzes, games and craft sessions. The September 2023 start has been postponed.

Bible Study & Prayer meetings - We ran 3 Wednesday morning Keswick DVD bible studies in October and 5 studies across April and May. In June and July, we had 4 Bible Studies for Life. All the sessions were well supported and we had some visitors from other local churches. Monthly prayer meetings took place on Saturday mornings.

Men's breakfasts – we have run bi-monthly men's breakfasts on Saturday mornings and these have been well supported (12-20 men approx.) and are a great time of fellowship. They are supported by men from the church who invite their friends and men from other churches come too. This a great opportunity to make friends and some of the men are now coming to some of our other activities now. A short talk from the bible is given at each event. The breakfasts are run by a team of church volunteers and we are so thankful for all the effort they put in to make these events so valuable and enjoyable. There is no charge for this event. In September a collection was taken to give to Macmillan in place of us doing a coffee morning. We are very grateful to those who organise the breakfasts.

Ladies Lunches – we run bi-monthly ladies' lunches on Saturdays. The numbers have grown from around 15 to 36 over the time that we have been running them. We are so pleased that some of the ladies come to other events now and as a result of the lunches. At each session there is a short bible message/thought for the day. There is no charge for this event. In September, a collection was taken to give to Macmillan in place of us doing a coffee morning. We are very grateful to volunteers who organise the lunches.

Coffee & Chat – once a month on Wednesday afternoons we meet at a local garden centre for coffee & chat. The numbers vary from month to month but there has been as many 20. It is mainly supported by church members who bring along their friends. This is an opportunity to meet and encourage each other socially and to build relationships in the church.

Special Events –

In October we hosted a Counties presentation and a Christian Institute meeting to update supporters from local churches. We invited Geoff Taylor, contemporary singer songwriter of Christian music to put on a gospel concert for us after a morning service, this was followed by a lunch and was open to all who come to any of our activities. In December we had a visit from a representative of SASRA who came to update us on the work they do, mince pies were served with coffee afterwards and this meeting was open to all. Also in December, Christmas Carol singing was arranged to be held in the town centre and this was a joint event with 2 other local churches. In January we had a quiz night and supper and this was well supported, good fun and was rounded off with a short bible talk. In February we had 2 Evangelism Training Sessions which were video based and gave good practical advice to help in our personal conversations with friends who are not Christians. These sessions preceded a Christianity Explored Course.

In February, for 6 weeks, we held a Christianity Explored course which is a series of weekly house group meetings. These sessions were for people seeking to know more about what Christianity is all about.

In March we held our AGM immediately after a Sunday morning service. Also in March, Geoff Taylor came to do a gospel concert to bring to a close the Christianity Explored Course and this was followed by a lunch and was open to all. In April we held a Good Friday Service which was well supported. Also in April, Rachel and Sjoerd of SIM came to update us on their missionary work in Africa and a fellowship lunch was held after the service. In September we invited Geoff Taylor to come and do another Gospel concert one Saturday evening and this was followed by a light supper. This was a great event and open to all who come to our activities and other local churches were invited too.

VOLUNTEERS

Teams of volunteers are responsible for the cleaning of the church on a Rota basis and also for serving refreshments after the Sunday morning services. We have 2 volunteers who look after the gardens and car park areas for us. The help given is much appreciated by the Church Trustees.

GROUPS WHO USE THE CHURCH FACILITIES

The Church Trustees agreed to let the Hull & East Riding Immunisation Team use the church again this year to run clinics several times during the year. This initially was started to help with catch up clinics during covid and the Trustees agreed for this arrangement to continue for as long as needed. There is no charge made for this arrangement.

The Church Trustees agreed to let the Coastline Sight and Hearing group use the church a few times for their meetings.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The church fellowship donated their used stamps which were given in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The church fellowship has brought items from home suitable for use for craft work and these have been donated to a local pre-school.

FINANCES

At the end of another year, we can give thanks for the blessing of God's provision through the generous and faithful financial support from the fellowship. This generous support has been extended to Barnabas Fund as they have supported Christians in Ukraine. We are also grateful to members of the fellowship who provide smaller items without charge and to those who give their time and labour in carrying out some of the general maintenance.

Our Income amounted to £18,256.49, of that £13,776.50 was for general funds, and £4,479.99 including grants from general funds, was for support of our regular missions; Mission Aviation Fellowship, SIM(UK), Caring for Life, Christian Institute, and Barnabas Aid for support of Christians in Ukraine. We also made collections at our Ladies Lunch and the Men's Breakfast in support of Macmillan.

Total Expenditure was £14,357.85, which included payments of £4,516.52 to the missions and organisations mentioned above. Cornerstone continues to have a Reserves Policy of £35,000 to cover cash flow, possible loss of income from elderly members, and funds to cover large repair and maintenance bills which would not be possible from our regular income. This has remained the same as we have undertaken quite extensive refurbishments and maintenance over recent years, but will be subject to review.

So, we repeat our thanks to our Gracious God who provides our needs; to all who have given of their money; time and effort and prayer support; not forgetting our thanks to Ms Helen Gilson who examines our accounts.

VOLUNTEERS

All the work that takes place at Cornerstone is carried out by volunteers. We are grateful to each one for their commitment to the church.

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

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Registered Charity Number 1173459

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Cornerstone Church has a CIO Foundational Constitution whose Trustees are selected by its Charity Trustees only. The Charity Trustees have the general control of the administration of Cornerstone Church and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the church. They also have a duty of care to perform their function as Trustees of the church in a manner that would most likely further the purposes of Cornerstone Church.

We have an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy in place and training and DBS checks are completed as necessary.

Cornerstone is an associate member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches for which we pay a subscription.

We have an Evangelistic Team.

We have a small Support Team who give support to the Trustees.

NAMES OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES WHO MANAGED THE CHARITY IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD WERE –

Sophia White, Rosemary Gilliland, Sara Dean (part year), Susan Collier, David Collier, Ian Marson (part year)

Approved by the Trustees on the 7/2/24 & signed by R. J. Gilliland



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

St Peter's Church Brighton CIO

11/2023

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/10/2022		30/09/2023

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					
General Offerings	13,146	-	-		10,969
Other Income	60	-	-	60	366
CASDS	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,380
Gift Aid	642	-	-	642	995
Interest	463	-	-	463	66
Regular Missions incl Tithed Grants		3,045		3,045	3,029
Special Purposes		1,164		1,164	1,451
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,311	4,209	-	20,520	18,256
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,311	4,209	-	20,520	18,256
A3 Payments					
Premises	2,977	-	-	2,977	2,393
Utilities	1,982	-	-	1,982	1,658
Insurance	1,005	-	-	1,005	971
Licences/Subscription	1,253	-	-	1,253	1,025
Youth Work	140	-	-	140	217
Outreach/Publicity/Events	1,789	-	-	1,789	971
Catering	170	-	-	170	157
Sundries	268	-	-	268	209
Visiting Ministry	1,520	-	-	1,520	940
Grants to Missions	1,915	-	-	1,915	1,300
Training	47	-	-	47	
Missionary/Special Purposes	#	4,777		4,777	4,517
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,066	4,777	-	17,843	14,358
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,066	4,777	-	17,843	14,358
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,245	- 568	-	2,677	3,898
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,245	- 568	-	2,677	3,898

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	Tots & Co/Fun Club	20	-	-
	Current Account	11,443	409	-
	Savings/Reserve	36,038	-	-
	Total cash funds	47,501	409	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Missionary Gifts	Restricted	409	November 2023
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN MARSON	
	Susan Collier	

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Cornerstone Church

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of The Trust as required by section 130 of The Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records, or
3. The accounts do 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.

Signed



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28 November 2023