

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship Annual Report 2021

(Covering Financial Year April 2020 – March 2021)

Charity Registration Number: 1174952

Date of Annual General Meeting : Thursday 27th May 2021

Aim and Purposes

The aim and purposes of the Church are:

- The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Great Harwood and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life;
- Provided that the advancement of such purposes must be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the Doctrinal Distinctives and Ethical Statements as may be adopted and amended by the Church from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Church Handbook.

Objectives and Activities

GHCF promotes the Christian faith by providing a weekly programme of events which are open to everyone and provided free of charge. In particular we try and support people in their Christian faith by providing:

- Times of Worship and Prayer where the gospel message is clearly shared and believers are built up and strengthened in their faith.
- Pastoral care for those who need support.
- Information about Missionary and Outreach work – sharing the Christian gospel with others, both at home and overseas.
- Mercy ministries – helping to provide for those in need.

In order to provide these services, it is important that we maintain our property on Commercial Road, Great Harwood in accordance with all appropriate guidelines.

Achievements and Performance during 2020-2021

During normal times we aim to provide a rich blend of worship services, children's and youth work alongside dedications, baptisms and funerals. We also aim to provide support for local food banks, as well as mission and evangelism work in the UK and overseas. However, the Covid 19 pandemic has seriously restricted the range of our ministries.

Worship Services

Once we were able to re-open in a Covid 19 secure manner, we reduced our physical meetings in the building to just one Sunday morning a week. This service involved listening to worship songs, prayer and a sermon. All children's and youth work ceased apart from the occasional additional service that was run for families.

The video technology provided by Zoom was widely used. Initially for leaders meetings, then an after church fellowship, where people could freely chat after the Sunday morning 'worship at home' online worship service. It was also utilised for prayer meetings and Bible studies during the week. Another useful piece of technology was a WhatsApp group that allowed news and prayer requests to be quickly spread around the congregation. Those who struggled with technology were regularly contacted by phone and when needed, sermon manuscripts were delivered to their homes.

Dedication, Baptisms + Funerals

Despite having several babies born in the congregation, we did not perform any dedication services and we did not have any baptismal services either. However, we did hold several funeral services; one of these was conducted within the church building while the others were held at Accrington or Blackburn Crematoriums.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping and supporting other people is a central part of the Christian faith. As a church, we seek to provide help and support to local, national and international Christian initiatives.

Our local outreach team was seriously limited in its ability to offer free literature here in Great Harwood. But, we were able to continue to support a wide range of national and international ministries financially.

While the church was open it was used as a place where donations for the local food bank could be received.

Relationships with Other Churches

As an Independent Evangelical Church, we are not a part of a denomination, but this does not mean we operate in isolation. We are affiliated with the North West Partnership (NWP), a network of like-minded churches that operate in this area. The NWP runs an annual conference, minister's conferences and training days which we are able to take part in.

Our Church minister is a member of a national network, the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and he also meets up with other local ministers both in Great Harwood and the surrounding areas. These links enable communication and cooperation to exist between us and the wider Christian family.

Volunteers

GHCF would not be able to operate without its army of volunteers who keep the building clean and tidy, perform basic maintenance and decorating, run children's and youth meetings, play musical instruments, operate the AV system, prepare refreshments, welcome people into the church, serve as Elders and Deacons and help out in a thousand other ways.

Future Plans

For the future, GHCF will continue to seek to promote the Christian faith in and around Great Harwood through the weekly provision of Church services and opportunities for people to learn more about the Bible.

Public Benefit Statement

When planning our activities for the year, the Trustees have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

We aim to enable people to live out their faith as part of our community through worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care and Missionary and Outreach work.

Structure, governance and management

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship is an Independent Church and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Fellowship adopts the FIEC statement of faith. Its governing document (Constitution) and its Church Handbook for members, were approved at an Annual General Meeting of the membership on 9th May 2017

The Trustees meet as a Leadership Team on a monthly basis to discuss all matters relating to the running of the Fellowship, including worship, outreach, finance and building maintenance. The Elders meet with the Pastor also on a monthly basis to discuss the

direction of worship, teaching, Bible Study meetings etc. and report to the full Leadership Team at their monthly meetings.

Policy Documents

In addition to the Constitution Document, Great Harwood Christian Fellowship has the following policies in place to ensure the health, safety and protection of church members:

Fire, Health and Safety Management

Data Protection

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

The church undertakes regular reviews of each of these policies and carries out audits and training as required by named individuals.

Administrative Information

The Principal address of the charity is 15 Coleridge Place, Great Harwood
BB6 7JY

The Trustees are as follows:

Matthew Clay – Pastor

Neil Collier – Elder

Kathryn Ashworth – Deacon, Treasurer

Shirley Collier – Deacon, Secretary

Jennifer Blackmore – Deacon

Gil Ratcliffe – Deacon

Policy on Reserves

The Fellowship holds a sum of money in a Reserve Account for use in exceptional circumstances. The current level of these funds (at 31st March 2021 is £7150.91) The funds are not restricted or specifically designated for certain uses. The Trustees authorise any use of these funds when requested by the Treasurer.

Treasurers Report and Financial Statement - April 2020 – March 2021:

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship
Balance Sheet 2020 - 2021

Cash in Bank A/c as at 31.3.20	-	3377.09	
Cash in Reserve A/c as at 31.3.20	-	7149.09	10526.18

Income 2020 - 2021

Offerings	-	44169.40	
Interest on Reserve A/c	-	1.82	
EDF Refunds (Gas & Electric)	-	496.38	
Donation for Nepal Campus Church	-	150.00	
Transferred from Reserve A/c	-	1000.00	
Donation	-	205.00	<u>46022.60</u>
			56548.78

Expenditure 2020 - 2021

Tithe (see attached)	-	4400.00	
Salary - Pastor	-	22210.48	
Expenses - Pastor	-	452.76	
Revenue & Customs	-	5049.52	
Close Backhouse	-	2456.52	
Standard Life	-	2392.50	
BT Group	-	431.24	
Good News Fellowship	-	219.75	
EDF - Gas	-	1224.00	
EDF - Electric	-	738.00	
Water Plus	-	874.97	
Amazon	-	417.24	
Pennine Fire & Safety	-	186.72	
Edward Connor Solicitors	-	1420.08	
Andrew Feeley	-	690.00	
Transferred back to Reserve A/c	-	1000.00	
Miscellaneous Invoices	-	2360.18	<u>46523.96</u>
			10024.82

Cash in Bank as at 31.3.21	-	2873.91	
Cash in Reserve A/c as at 31.3.21	-	7150.91	<u>10024.82</u>

Accounts found to be true and correct.....*C. S. R. 19/6*
Dated.....*6.5.21*.....

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship
Tithes 2020 - 2021

Blackburn C.A.P.	-	200.00
Samaritan's Purse	-	200.00
Slavic Gospel	-	150.00
Platform 67	-	150.00
Nepal Campus Church	-	200.00
Open Doors	-	200.00
Our Food Bank	-	100.00
Nepal Campus Church	-	400.00
Good News For All	-	200.00
North West Partnership	-	200.00
Scriptural Knowledge	-	360.00
Blackburn C.A.P.	-	240.00
Missionary Ventures	-	<u>1800.00</u>
		<u>4400.00</u>

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Miscellaneous Invoices 2020 - 2021

ICO Data Protection	-	40.00
Staples	-	89.93
Staples	-	32.23
Principle Accounting Ltd	-	396.00
Eastham Secret Gardens	-	50.00
Western Union (fees)	-	1.90
C.C.L.I.	-	489.18
Outreach Float	-	150.00
Microsoft Office	-	59.99
Western Union	-	151.90
F.I.E.C.	-	100.00
Focus On Testing	-	88.68
10ofthose.com	-	158.00
Staples	-	69.59
S.M.Haworth	-	312.00
Western Union	-	1.90
Good Book Co Ltd	-	39.88
ThirtyOneEight	-	<u>129.00</u>
		<u>2360.18</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

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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					
Voluntary receipts	-	-	-	-	-
Church service offertories	17,014	-	-	17,014	-
Standing orders & Faster Payments	27,155	-	-	27,155	-
All other Donations	355	-	-	355	-
Reserve account interest	2	-	-	2	-
Refunds and other income	496	-	-	496	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,023	-	-	45,023	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,023	-	-	45,023	-
A3 Payments					
Mission donations & tithes	4,400	-	-	4,400	-
Pastor Salary, expenses, pension contributions and HMRC	30,423	-	-	30,423	-
Worship, Sunday School & Mission resources	608	-	-	608	-
Church running expenses	7,465	-	-	7,465	-
Church maintenance	1,205	-	-	1,205	-
Other Payments (FIEC legal fees re CIO set up)	1,420	-	-	1,420	-
Bank fees	4	-	-	4	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,524	-	-	45,524	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	45,524	-	-	45,524	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 501	-	-	- 501	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,526	-	-	10,526	-
Cash funds this year end	10,025	-	-	10,025	-

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	Bank Current Account	2,874	-	-
	Reserve Account	7,151	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,025	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

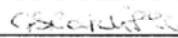
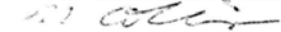
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	G.W. LATCHFORD	5/5/21
	NETH CORRIER	6/5/21

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship
Charity number: 1174952

On the accounts for the period ended
which are set out on pages

31 March 2021
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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and
Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention
1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect
• to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
• to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records
have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

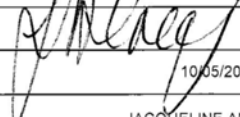
Signed:

Date:

Name:

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

Address:


10/05/2021
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