

**SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

The ecclesia was registered with the Charity Commission with effect from the 2nd January 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the 2006 Charity Act.

SECTION A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Shirley Christadelphian Ecclesia

Registered Charity Number: 1176468

Charity's principle address: Church Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 2AX

Names of the trustees:

- David Collins, Secretary
- Philip Hayes; Assistant Secretary
- Julian Brown
- Joseph Harris
- Steven Moore
- Joseph Mullen
- Allen Paul

SECTION B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document:

Constitution comprising Governing Document and Practices and Procedures statement approved 16 July 2017 following a ballot of members.

The Charity is an unincorporated association with an annual turnover of over £25,000

Trustee selection method:

Annual election by members

Additional information:

The Trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia.

They are chosen from members familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia. The ecclesia is part of a worldwide community of Christadelphian Ecclesias.

SECTION C: Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity:

To advance Bible-based Christian faith to the glory of God and the honour of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Christadelphian Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith, for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and members of the public, particularly in and around Solihull.

Ways of carrying out these objectives:

Holding meetings, open to the public, for worship, prayer, breaking of bread by Christadelphians and Bible teaching;

Preaching to the public through personal engagement and/or by invitations to preaching/teaching meetings and/or by other means;

Engaging with the local public through the provision of Sunday School and/or youth club(s) and/or other occasional activities;

Engaging with the wider Christadelphian community and wider public through periodic collections for charitable needs, including collections for disaster relief;

Serving, to the extent feasible, the pastoral and other welfare needs of Ecclesial members and others.

With the exception of meetings of the members of the Charity, known as Ecclesial Members Meetings, all our activities are open to all. No fees are charged. No-one receives private benefits from the Charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

SECTION D: Achievements and Performance

The ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 94 adult members.

The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady.

Summary of activities:

In normal times, our regular meetings include two meetings each Sunday, the first for sharing bread and wine, and the second for the proclamation of the Gospel. A meeting is held each Tuesday evening for the study of the Bible. Other proclamation meetings are held from time to time. The Covid pandemic has had significant consequences on our ability to meet but we have established means of meeting virtually on Sundays and Tuesday evenings. These face to face meetings have been invaluable in support of members during these difficult times. Preaching seminars have also continued online. We have also taken the opportunity to improve our online preaching website.

Our regular activities for fellowship and recreation have been severely restricted by Covid though a limited number of members have been meeting on Sundays in our hall since November 2020, complying with full Covid safety requirements, to share bread and wine.

We have endeavoured to provide practical support during this period for elderly members, the sick and those with particular needs.

Our regular activities for young people providing religious teaching, social and networking activities have been curtailed by Covid. Online activities have helped to fill the void to some degree.

SECTION E: Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments account and Balance Sheet below.

We have had little use of our hall during this past year and no serious or expensive repairs have been required. Our funds are now sufficient to meet day to day needs.

The ecclesia does not have a reserves policy. All funds are held in instant access bank accounts. The balance in these funds at the end of the year was considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia. Contributions from members are made through regular collections and standing order payments with tax payers encouraged to use Gift Aid provision. Funds donated specifically for external charities are forwarded to the relevant organisations, usually within three months of the donation.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary Philip Hayes

Assistant Secretary Allen Paul

SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds				Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	Welfare £	Preaching £	Building £	External Charities £	£	£
Receipts							
Members Contributions	14,098	1,139	1,273	2,016	17,368	35,894	26,319
HMRC Gift Aid	2,107	94	187	1,135	0	3,523	0
Rent				3,120		3,120	3,120
Loan/Grant		0				0	1,485
Publications	596					596	656
Miscellaneous	150					150	980
Total Receipts	16,951	1,233	1,460	6,271	17,368	43,283	32,560
Payments							
Publications	1,718					1,718	1,328
Post and Stationery	0					0	151
Utilities	3,083					3,083	2,527
Speakers Expnses	350					350	630
Wine	310					310	458
Catering	276					276	923
Cleaning	298					298	217
Car Park Fees	427					427	684
Insurance	1,070					1,070	1,023
Sunday School	213					213	1,182
Youth Circle	0					0	250
Appeals	1,000					1,000	0
Charities					8,097	8,097	13,524
Repairs and Maintenance				969		969	11,396
Loan Repayments				0		0	8,667
Preaching			1,469			1,469	560
Welfare		925				925	2,652
Other Expenses	485					485	1,896
Total Expenditure	9,230	925	1,469	969	8,097	20,690	48,068
Surplus/Deficit	7,721	308	-9	5,302	9,271	22,593	-15,508
Balances 1 October 2019	1,997	5,303	4,741	8,826	578	21,445	36,953
Balances 30 September 2020	9,718	5,611	4,732	14,128	9,849	44,038	21,445

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank Current Account	42,667	20,065
Bank Deposit Accounts	1,330	1,330
Cash to bank	41	50
	44,038	21,445

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary Phil Hayes

Treasurer Rick Cannings

Date 44,406

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Shirley Christadelphian Ecclesia

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out on page 3 of the annual report.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

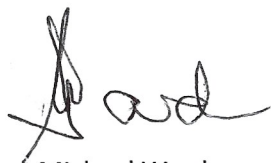
Basis of independent examiner's report

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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



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Date 30th JULY 2021