

SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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:

Philip Hayes, Secretary
Allen Paul, Assistant Secretary
Julian Brown
Steven Moore
Joseph Mullen
Mark Riddell
Andrew Scott

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 93 adult members.

The attendance of members at services and other activities has been severely disrupted by the pandemic. Members continued to meet in limited numbers for Sunday morning services maintaining adherence to government guidelines and requirements on control measures. Other meetings have been very limited and almost entirely online until recently.

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 taxpayers 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

	General Fund	Welfare	Preaching	Building	External Charities	Funds 2021	Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Members Contributions	7,897	1,044	602	863	16,206	26,612	34,796
HMRC Gift Aid	3,088	137	225	386	2,008	5,844	4,621
Welfare Grant		2,068				2,068	0
Rent				3,120		3,120	3,120
Publications	557					557	596
Miscellaneous	200					200	150
Total Receipts	11,742	3,249	827	4,369	18,214	38,401	43,283
Payments							
Publications	1,296					1,296	1,718
Utilities	2,041					2,041	3,083
Speakers Expenses	0					0	350
Wine	0					0	310
Catering	0					0	276
Cleaning	168					168	298
Car Park Fees	150					150	427
Insurance	1,120					1,120	1,070
Sunday School	938					938	213
Youth Circle	0					0	0
Appeals	250					250	1,000
Charities					18,623	18,623	8,097
Repairs and Maintenance				959		959	969
Preaching		464				464	1,469
Welfare		2,786				2,786	925
Other Expenses	401					401	485
Total Expenditure	6,364	2,786	464	959	18,623	29,196	20,690
Surplus/Deficit	5,378	463	363	3,410	-409	9,205	22,593
Balances 1 October 2020	9,718	5,611	4,732	14,128	9,849	44,038	21,445
Balances 30 September 2021	15,096	6,074	5,095	17,538	9,440	53,243	44,038

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank Current Account	53,203	42,667
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	1,330
Cash to bank	40	41
	53,243	44,038

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary

Treasurer

Date

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[Signature]

23 June 2022

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 17 June 2022