

SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 principal address: Church Road, Shirley, Solihull, B90 2AX

Names of the trustees:

- Phil Hayes, Secretary
- Mark Riddell, Assistant Secretary
- Duncan Movassaghi
- Joe Harris
- Joseph Mullen
- Allen Paul
- Chris Pearce

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 or business 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 98 adult members.

The attendance of members at services and other activities is now similar to what it was pre-pandemic. The majority of members now meet together for Sunday and midweek services though access is also available on-line. Youth activities are back to normal and attendance at these is flourishing. Other Bible based and social meetings take place each week.

Online facilities continue to be provided for our main services for those unable to attend for whatever reason.

Summary of activities: 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 have been held at a

local school. Preaching seminars have also continued both face to face and online. We continue to improve our online preaching website.

We are pleased to be able to meet together again but continue to note and observe government guidance and reports, seeking to be vigilant of advice and requirements for all ages and categories of people. We have continued to endeavour to provide practical support for elderly members, the sick and those with particular needs.

SECTION E: Financial Review

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

We are pleased to be able to use our hall regularly and have had no serious or expensive repairs required. Ongoing routine maintenance continues. Our funds are 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 Mark Riddell

Trustee Allen Paul

SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds				Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	Welfare £	Preaching £	Building £	External Charities £	£	£
Receipts							
Members Contributions	11,806	1,055	870	1,287	19,114	34,132	26,025
HMRC Gift Aid	3,034	301	146	285	0	3,766	0
Welfare Grants		1,838				1,838	6,980
Rent				3,120		3,120	3,120
Publications	892					892	510
Miscellaneous	61					61	22
Total Receipts	15,793	3,194	1,016	4,692	19,114	43,809	36,657
Payments							
Publications	1,382					1,382	1,386
Utilities	3,082					3,082	3,181
Speakers Expenses	711					711	355
Wine	409					409	32
Catering	156					156	87
Cleaning	219					219	78
Car Park Fees	854					854	746
Insurance	1,188					1,188	1,078
Sunday School	2,023					2,023	1,569
Youth Circle	587					587	390
Appeals						0	500
Charities					16,940	16,940	18,900
Repairs and Maintenance				6,958		6,958	1,448
Preaching			3,359			3,359	775
Welfare		4,758				4,758	6,964
First Aid Course	629					629	0
IT Equipment	2,638					2,638	3,944
Other Expenses	682					682	798
Total Expenditure	14,560	4,758	3,359	6,958	16,940	46,575	42,231
Surplus/Deficit	1,233	-1,564	-2,343	-2,266	2,174	-2,766	-5,574
Balances 1 October 2022	11,040	6,989	4,970	20,152	4,518	47,669	53,243
Balances 30 September 2023	12,273	5,425	2,627	17,886	6,692	44,903	47,669

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank Current Account	44,763	47,372
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0
Cash to bank	140	297
	<u>44,903</u>	<u>47,669</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary Phil Hayes

Treasurer Rick Cannings

Date 24 July 2024

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 2023 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



Michael Ward

Date 08 July 2024

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