

SHIRLEY CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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:

- Mark Riddell, Secretary
- Duncan Movassaghi, Assistant Secretary
- Joe Harris
- Joseph Mullen
- Allen Paul
- Chris Pearce
- 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 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 101 adult members.

The majority of members now meet together for Sunday and midweek services though access is also available on-line. Youth activities for young people in three age groups are organised weekly 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 hotel. 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 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 2024

	Unrestricted General Fund	Restricted Funds				Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	Welfare £	Preaching £	Building £	External Charities £	£	£
Receipts							
Members Contributions	11,841	1,231	1,193	1,167	12,495	27,927	34,132
HMRC Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,766
Welfare Grants		6,642				6,642	1,838
Rent				3,120		3,120	3,120
Publications	931					931	892
Miscellaneous	0					0	61
Total Receipts	12,772	7,873	1,193	4,287	12,495	38,620	43,809
Payments							
Publications	1,181					1,181	1,382
Utilities	4,814					4,814	3,082
Speakers Expenses	535					535	711
Wine	500					500	409
Catering	382					382	156
Cleaning	549					549	219
Car Park Fees	856					856	854
Insurance	1,305					1,305	1,188
Sunday School	1,725					1,725	2,023
Training Courses	697					697	629
Youth Circle	441					441	587
Appeals	250					250	0
Camp Repair Donation	2,920					2,920	0
Charities					18,541	18,541	16,940
Repairs and Maintenance				6,463		6,463	6,958
Preaching			2,243			2,243	3,359
Welfare		10,360				10,360	4,758
IT Expenditure	2,204					2,204	2,638
Other Expenses	583					583	682
Total Expenditure	18,942	10,360	2,243	6,463	18,541	56,549	46,575
Surplus/Deficit	-6,170	-2,487	-1,050	-2,176	-6,046	-17,929	-2,766
Balances 1 October 2023	12,273	5,425	2,627	17,886	6,692	44,903	47,669
Balances 30 September 2024	6,103	2,938	1,577	15,710	646	26,974	44,903

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Bank Current Account	25,963	44,763
Loan to be repaid 2025	900	0
Cash to bank	111	140
	26,974	44,903

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Secretary

Treasurer

Date

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 2024 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 27 March 2025