



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2023		31	12

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Maidstone Family Church		
Other names charity is known by	n/a		
Registered charity number (if any)	1177042		
Charity's principal address	94 Boxley Road		
	Maidstone		
	Kent		
	Postcode	ME14 2BQ	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity			
Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Steve Edney	Chair		
2 David Harman			
3 John Hurford			
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7			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)	
Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (e.g. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (e.g. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Church Leadership Team

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are recruited, in general, from those who are members of the MFC Leadership Team or long term committed attendees of the church, with a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

The Trustees work alongside the Leadership Team of MFC. The Leadership Team is led by the Pastor of MFC, who also serves as Chair of Trustees, and is supported by a part-time administrator. Each member of the Leadership Team is responsible for coordinating a specific area of MFC activities. The activities of the church are run by volunteers who attend MFC.

As well as being responsible for the MFC CIO, Trustees work with the MFC Leadership Team in overseeing the maintenance and use of the MFC church building.

The Leadership Team consists of:

Steve Edney (Pastor)	Teaching/Pastoral Care
Kellie Edney (Administrator)	Resources
Mark Bingham	Outreach
Neha Lal	Families



Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

<p>Our aim is to contribute to meeting the spiritual, social and physical needs of all those local individuals and families we come into contact with through the various activities of the church. This is irrespective of their background, culture, ethnicity or station in life. The activities we provide seek to build a strong community where everybody feels valued and supported. Our aim includes concern for others outside our own locality and beyond our shores. We financially support a number of organisations and agencies.</p>
<p>Our overall purpose is to be a channel for good, by sharing the Christian faith by word and deed and thereby making a positive contribution to society as a whole.</p>
<p>We are building a Christian community where people of all ages and backgrounds can belong. There are a variety of opportunities to meet for corporate worship, teaching, fellowship and service.</p>
<p>We believe that what we do helps to build strong families. We provide support and encouragement for children and parents through our parent and toddler group, our children's groups, and our youth group. Each activity is tailored to the children and young people who attend, creating an environment where they can have fun, develop life and social skills, and learn more about Jesus.</p>
<p>We also recognise the importance of respecting and caring for older members of our community. This includes providing much-needed pastoral and practical support, e.g. a phone call, a visit, a lift to the doctor. As a church, our sense of being 'family' affects almost everything we do, even down to enjoying a meal together, and so everyone matters, irrespective of age or background.</p>
<p>In addition, our building is host to a number of activities which provide specialised support to various people in our community: a parent support group, Gamblers Anonymous, speech-therapy sessions, and a suicide-bereavement group.</p>
<p>We also support various charities both nationally and internationally, with the purpose of relieving hardship and suffering, meeting development and educational needs, and furthering the message of the Christian faith.</p>

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

OBJECT 1 - To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit, by:

- 1) The provision and maintenance of a church building for public acts of Christian worship and teaching, and as a centre for Christian outreach.
- 2) Promoting communal prayer, praise and the study of the Bible, on a weekly basis.
- 3) Running groups for children of all ages on a Sunday morning, where they can receive Christian teaching appropriate to their ages.
- 4) Home-based small groups providing an opportunity to encourage each other, pray together, and study the Bible.
- 5) Hosting a weekly parent and toddler group, providing an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, as well as a safe play-environment for toddlers.
- 6) A weekly Christian-based children's choir for children of a primary school age.
- 8) A fortnightly club where families of neuro-diverse children can socialise, have fun and find support.
- 9) A monthly families-event for children, parents and grandparents from both a church and non-church background.
- 10) A bi-monthly 'Café Church' event, exploring issues of life and faith in a fun and relaxed way.

OBJECT 2 - To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of goods or services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit, by:

- 1) Supporting UK charities and indigenous non-governmental organisations, particularly in developing countries, for the relief of poverty, famine and the provision of clean water and sanitation.
- 2) Encouraging 'fair trade' by example and exhortation.
- 3) Financially supporting agencies and organisations involved in building schools, hospitals and churches abroad.
- 4) Providing local pastoral visits and practical support for those experiencing hardship or sickness
- 5) Providing our building for hire to the local community.

OBJECT 3 - To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may deem fit, by:

- 1) Supporting the work of local Christian Charities who provide a Christian presence within the schools of the town.
- 2) Providing funds for educational teaching and materials to be used in schools overseas.



Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The policy on Reserves is to hold £5,000. This represents approximately 10% of annual receipts.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Reserves have been somewhat depleted due to on-going recovery from Covid, higher than usual inflation and effects of the cost of living.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Continued fund raising for a club for neuro-diverse families; grant applications towards the insulation of the main hall ceiling (to be carried out in 2024).

Section F

Other optional information



MFC has continued to provide preventative measures against the spread of viruses, in the form of hand gels in the foyer, disposable paper towels in kitchen and toilets, and the introduction of crackers and individual goblets for communion.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	STEPHEN EDNEY	DAVID JOHN HARMAN
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	CHAIR	
Date	10/09/2024	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Standing Orders	27,264			27,264	32,233
Sunday Cash Offerings	10,435			10,435	3,699
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	7,445			7,445	8,272
Hire of Building	5,880			5,880	7,955
Other Receipts	1,251	500		1,751	3,593
Church Ceiling	-	6,260		6,260	3,000
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>52,275</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,035</b>	<b>59,752</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>52,275</b>	<b>6,760</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,035</b>	<b>59,752</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages and NIC	35,005		-	35,005	33,459
Missions and Charities	-	5,885	-	5,885	4,201
Utilities	4,093		-	4,093	3,852
Office Expenses	3,572		-	3,572	3,230
Service Expenses and Hospitality	1,870		-	1,870	2,405
Building and Equipment Maintenance	818		-	818	687
Children, Youth & Family Work	341		-	341	263
Outreach Coordinator		3,000	-	3,000	12,545
Church Ceiling (Accessible Toilet)	-	-	-	-	8,281
Miscellaneous	1,026	700	-	1,726	1,940
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>46,725</b>	<b>9,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,310</b>	<b>70,863</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>46,725</b>	<b>9,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,310</b>	<b>70,863</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>- 2,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>- 11,111</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>9,085</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,306</b>	<b>22,417</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,031</b>	<b>11,306</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Reliance Current Account	2,670	-	-
	Reliance Savings Account	5,001	6,260	-
	Petty Cash Float	100	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Loan on 67A Waterlow Road	122,000	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Loan from Church Growth Trust (was Chainhurst Trust)	67A Waterow Rd	62,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

*S. Lang*  
*DJH*

STEPHEN ESNE/DAVID LIDEMAN

10.09.24  
10.09.24





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Maidstone Family Church

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1177042

Set out on pages

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Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12/9/2024

Name:

Stephen Michael Ring

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

Retired Bank Manager

Address:

6 Westway

Coxheath, Maidstone

ME17 4EZ

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.