



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	01	2024		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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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)

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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)
Kellie Edney (Administrator)
Neha Lal
Mark Bingham
Jolene Colsby
Nana Arthur

Teaching/Pastoral Care
Resources
Families
Outreach (resigned in June)
Outreach (appointed in September)
Missions (appointed in September)

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

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)

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 choir for children of primary school age, involving games, vocal training and rehearsing for performances.
- 7) A weekly gaming club where secondary school children can relax, have fun and make friends.
- 8) A monthly families-event for children, parents and grandparents from both a church and non-church background.
- 9) 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 amount to £4,150 as at 31 December 2024, the result of 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.

Fund raising, including grant applications, towards the insulation of the main hall ceiling was successfully completed during 2024 with the building work completed in August 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)

S. Edney

David Harman

Full name(s)

STEPHEN EDNEY

DAVID HARMAN

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)

CHAIR

TREASURER

Date

14.09.2025

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Standing Orders	32,608			32,608	27,264
Sunday Cash Offerings	5,677			5,677	10,435
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	7,383			7,383	7,445
Hire of Building	5,985			5,985	5,880
Other Receipts	1,152	571		1,723	1,751
Church Ceiling	-	9,888		9,888	6,260
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	52,805	10,459	-	63,264	59,035
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	52,805	10,459	-	63,264	59,035
A3 Payments					
Wages and NIC	39,236		-	39,236	35,005
Missions and Charities	5,390	-	-	5,390	5,885
Utilities	5,605	-	-	5,605	4,093
Office Expenses	2,241	-	-	2,241	3,572
Service Expenses and Hospitality	1,857	-	-	1,857	1,870
Building and Equipment Maintenance	782	-	-	782	818
Children, Youth & Family Work	284	-	-	284	341
Outreach Coordinator	-	-	-	-	3,000
Church Ceiling (Accessible Toilet)	-	16,148		16,148	-
Miscellaneous	-	465	-	465	1,726
Sub total	55,395	16,613	-	72,008	56,310
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	55,395	16,613	-	72,008	56,310
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,590	- 6,154	-	- 8,744	2,725
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,771	6,260	-	14,031	11,306
Cash funds this year end	5,181	106	-	5,287	14,031

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Reliance Current Account	2,782	-	-
	Reliance Savings Account	2,299	106	-
	Petty Cash Float	100	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,181	106	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

S. Edy
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STEPHEN EDNEY
DAVID NORMAN

14.09.25
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Maidstone Family Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

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 31/12/2024.

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:

18/9/25

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.