

ACCESS CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1177661

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-03-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC :-'TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.'

Activities: to advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£14,568	£24,638	-	-
2024-03-31	£22,793	£17,633	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,208	£15,607	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,054	£11,004	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,634	£10,478	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GITAU GAKUO	Chair	2017-11-05
JANET M LAW		2017-11-05
RACHEL N WAINAINA-WALTON		2017-11-05

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/204** Period start date To **31/03/2025**
Period end date

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit when planning and delivering the church's activities. The church's purpose is to proclaim the Christian faith and to support the spiritual, social, and emotional well-being of its congregants and the wider community. Throughout the year, this purpose has been advanced through a range of activities designed to be accessible, inclusive, and beneficial to people of all ages and backgrounds. Worship and Spiritual Development The church's primary activity continues to be its weekly Sunday services, held at the local community centre. These gatherings are free of charge and open to all members of the public. They

	<p>provide opportunities for worship, teaching, prayer, pastoral support, and community connection. Children are able to participate in age-appropriate activities during the services under the supervision of their parents, ensuring that families can engage fully in the life of the church.</p> <p>In addition to Sunday services, the church offers several weekly and monthly activities that contribute to the spiritual and social development of participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly music group – Meeting every Friday, this group provides a space for individuals to develop musical skills, participate in worship preparation, and build supportive relationships through shared creative expression.• Men’s and women’s groups – These groups meet on a weekly basis to offer mutual support, encourage personal growth, and strengthen networks within the community. Members also attend conferences and events that help deepen their faith and broaden their connections with others. <p>The church places strong emphasis on building community cohesion and providing opportunities for people to connect beyond formal worship settings. During the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members of the community participated in trips to Wales and Bournemouth, both of which were open to all and designed to foster friendship, relaxation, and shared experiences.• The church collaborated closely with other local organisations to support young people and vulnerable groups within the community. These partnerships help extend the church’s reach and ensure that its work contributes positively to the wider social environment. <p>Young people remain an important focus of the church’s mission. During the year, a group of young people attended a residential camp that enabled them to explore their faith more deeply, build confidence, and form meaningful relationships with peers from Sheffield, Coventry, Swindon, and other areas. This experience provided significant developmental benefits, including leadership opportunities, teamwork, and exposure to diverse perspectives.</p>
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		The trustees continue to review the church's activities to ensure that they remain accessible, effective, and aligned with the church's aims. They are committed to ensuring that the church's resources are used responsibly to deliver clear and demonstrable public benefit.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	I can confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit when planning and delivering the church's activities.

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No current policy at the moment but it is anticipated that a policy will be developed in due course.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
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Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Access Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177661
Charity's principal address	134 Kestrel Crescent

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	Gitau Gakuo			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Gitau Gakuo

Full name(s)

Gitau Gakuo

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Church Pastor

Date

31 Jan. 26

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engage in under the supervision of their parents.

In addition to the Sunday service, church members also meet every Tuesday evening for a virtual prayer meeting and a monthly prayer event every last week of the month which culminates in a meal together on the last Friday of the month.

We believe that the church also exists for the benefit of others. To this end, Access Church organises a regular breakfast that is open to the public. During the breakfasts, residents from the local area are invited to enjoy a cooked breakfast and participate in all age activities that are aimed to make the church as accessible as possible to the local community. The breakfast event is of particular benefit to the street homeless members of the community who feel that this event makes them feel included as part of society notwithstanding the challenges that they face as a result of homelessness.

An important aspect of outreach is work with the community where Access Church organise weekly youth group on Mondays after school. This session is relaxed, informal and includes a meal, teaching about a relevant topic followed by a discussion. The young people attend consistently without and look forward to the session. The young people also have a monthly session which they invite their friends to join in. This monthly activity is supervised by parents and includes singing, preaching, games and food in an informal and relaxed manner. Additionally, the church has also started a men's support group that meets weekly virtually with a monthly group activity aimed at inviting new members. The weekly meetings are an opportunity for the men to discuss pertinent issues affecting men ranging from spiritual discipline, mental health, finances

		<p>and parenting. This group is very active and has been attracting other men especially into the monthly group activity.</p> <p>This year, Access Church also organised marriage enrichment sessions that are held three times in the year. The aim of these sessions is to support and celebrate married couples by creating a safe space and forum for people to meet, discuss, receive peer training on relevant topics that affect today's marriages.</p>
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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Gitau Gakuo (electronic signature)	
Full name(s)	Mr Gitau Gakuo	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Church Pastor	
Date	12/02/25	

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Gitau Gakuo

Full name(s)

Gitau Gakuo

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Church Pastor

Date

26 August 2024

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From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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Section A Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public :-
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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)

The charity's trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to Public Benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

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We believe that the church also exists for the benefit of others. To this end, Access Church organises a monthly Sunday breakfast that is open to the public. During the breakfasts, residents from the local area are invited to enjoy a cooked breakfast and participate in all age activities that are aimed to make the church as accessible as possible to the local community. The breakfast event is of particular benefit to the street homeless members of the community who feel that this event makes them feel included as part of society notwithstanding the challenges that they face as a result of homelessness.

An important aspect of outreach is work with the community where Access Church organise weekly youth group on Mondays after school. This session is relaxed, informal and includes a meal, teaching about a relevant topic followed by a discussion. The young people attend consistently without and look forward to the session. Additionally, the church has also started a men's support group that meets weekly virtually with a monthly group activity aimed at inviting new members. The weekly meetings are an opportunity for the men to discuss pertinent issues affecting men ranging from spiritual discipline, mental health, finances and parenting. This group is very active and has been attracting other men especially into the monthly group activity.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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This year, Access Church also organised marriage enrichment sessions that are held three times in the year. The aim of these sessions is to support and celebrate married couples by creating a safe space and forum for people to meet, discuss, receive peer training on relevant topics that affect today's marriages.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Currently, the charity has no policy reserves, but it is anticipated that the policy will be formally out in place.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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Section F Other optional information

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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)	Gitau Gakuo	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28 January 2023	

ACCESS CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1177661

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2020		31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Access Church		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1177661		
Charity's principal address	134 Kestrel Crescent		
	Oxford		
	Postcode	OX4 6EB	

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	Gitau Gakuo	Chairman/Pastor	2016 to current	Access Trustees
2	Rachel Wainaina-Walton	Treasurer	2016 to current.	Access Trustees
3	Janet M. Law	Secretary	2016 to current	Access Trustees
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We focussed our work during this period to also contribute to supporting vulnerable people in our communities and in the congregation who were affected adversely by the pandemic. In particular, we purchased food items for several families who were unable to maintain their standard of living due to reduced income. Additionally, we also supported people in the community who lost loved ones through COVID either by making financial donations to help with the costs of arranging funerals.

Our weekly youth group after school moved to online and was held on Tuesdays. This session is relaxed, informal and includes teaching about a relevant topic followed by a discussion. The young people attend consistently without fail and look forward to the session. We are hoping that with the easing of lockdown conditions, Access church will be able to resume the activities that were previously integral to our objectives and are looking at how we can be effective post covid.

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We believe that the church also exists for the benefit of others. To this end, Access Church organises a monthly Sunday breakfast that is open to the public. However, due to the lockdown imposed due to COVID -19 pandemic, we were unable to provide any hot meals. Instead, we supported vulnerable families by shopping for them as well as linking up those individuals or families that needed long term support to external organisations and partners including the Oxford Food Bank and the Oxford Community Hub.

An important aspect of outreach is work with the community where Access Church organise weekly youth group on Mondays after school. This session is relaxed, informal and includes a meal, teaching about a relevant topic followed by a discussion. The young people attend consistently without and look forward to the session. In August 2018, we participated in a free holiday club in conjunction with another Christian charity. The club attracted children between ages of 4 and 12 from around the local area. Our hope is that we can continue to participate in this event by identifying children who might benefit from the club as well as volunteers who might contribute to the smooth running of the club's activities.

Access Church organises three events annually aimed at married couples. These events are relaxed, informal and full of practical ideas on how to make marriage work and thrive. These sessions are organised around 10 topics ranging from communication, dealing with inlaws, forgiveness, parenting and money management just to mention a few. The sessions were held in February, May and November annually. Due to COVID restrictions, we held the meetings virtually and discussed how to support vulnerable families during this period.

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gitau Gakuo	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30 Jan. 22	