



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>		Period start date			<b>To</b>			Period end date		
		01	04	2021				31	03	2022

## 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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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### 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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO - Foundation registered 22 March 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	All trustees are members of the charity and are appointed in accordance with Charity's governing document.

### 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.

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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 :-  
 (a) 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 as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;

**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.

The charity exists to proclaim the Christian faith and to develop the spiritual life of its congregants. This has happened primarily through Sunday services throughout the year. These services, held at the local community centre, are free and open to members of the public both young and old. During these meetings, there are activities for children to engage in under the supervision of their parents.

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:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

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### 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.

## Section E

## Financial review

**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)**

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.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Gitau Gakuo	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	28 January 2023	