



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 April 22** Period start date To **31 March 2023**
Period end date

Charity name: ACCESS CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1177661

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the Church are, for the benefit of the public :-</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(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;</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

		<p>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. Other activities include weekly music practice and training sessions.</p>
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:

	SORP reference	
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

		<p>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.</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> <p>During the Easter weekend, the church organised a holiday trip to Wales for families so that children can have an opportunity to enjoy the rich diversity of the UK.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation registered 22 March 2018
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation registered 22 March 2018
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	All trustees are members of the charity and are appointed in accordance with Charity's governing document.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
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 Oxford 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			
2	Rachel Wainaina-Walton			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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

26 August 2024