

CORNERSTONE CHURCH PORTSMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1178431

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE CIO ARE:1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, PRIMARILY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, WITHIN PORTSMOUTH AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD; AND2. SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHARITY TRUSTEES, PUT INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIS OF FAITH, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS; THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION; AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;PROVIDED THAT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SUCH PURPOSES MUST BE UNDERTAKEN IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES AND ETHICAL STATEMENTS AS MAY BE ADOPTED AND AMENDED BY THE CIO FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the FIEC Basis of Faith primarily, but not exclusively, in the Portsmouth and neighbouring areas. Activities involve regular meetings and outreach events, as well as other charitable purposes that will further the work of the Church.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£147,671	£143,442	-	-
2023-12-31	£127,028	£129,512	-	-
2022-12-31	£111,090	£132,052	-	-
2021-12-31	£102,225	£102,087	-	-
2020-12-31	£95,288	£71,882	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JONATHAN PHILIP SHULVER	Chair	2018-05-18
Andrew James Pontin		2020-05-20
Brian Wellington		2024-03-06
David Ian Shaw		2022-05-09
THOMAS JAMES BEAUMONT		2018-05-18

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Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement 1 January to 31 December 2024

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1. Trustees

Trustees who served during the year are set out below:

J.P. Shulver (Pastor, Elder)
D.I. Shaw (Assistant Pastor, Elder)
A.J. Pontin (Elder)
T.J. Beaumont (Trustee)
B. Wellington (Elder) (appointed 6th March 2024)

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J.P. Shulver (Pastor)
D.I. Shaw (Assistant Pastor)
C.L. Pontin (Part-time Administrator, on Maternity Leave from March 2024)

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CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA

4. Legal Advisers

FIEC Practical Services, 39 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU

5. Independent Examiners

Lydia Evans. FCCA.

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Registered Charity status was granted on 18 May 2018 under Registration Number 1178431.

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Trustees are appointed by existing trustees where they have satisfied themselves of the need of further trustees and the qualifications - spiritual and otherwise - of the person proposed for the role, through consultation with the Church body.

All Trustees served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees between January and December 2024. Two Trustees, who are the Pastor and Assistant Pastor, received remuneration in that capacity at levels determined by non-Pastor Trustees, as well as rent payments in connection with the Church Manse agreement at levels determined by the non-Pastor Trustees, meeting separately, at or below the appropriate market levels for the relevant property. The Pastor and Assistant Pastor do not participate in any determination of the remuneration they receive. Similarly, Trustee Andrew Pontin has no involvement in the discussion of remuneration for part-time Administrator Christel Pontin. No other Trustees had a beneficial interest in the Church.

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2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity Trustees, facilitate the work of the church. This is provided that such purposes must first be approved by a resolution of the partners of the church and must be carried out in a manner consistent with the basis of faith set out by the FIEC.

8. Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

In the period between January and December 2024, Cornerstone Church's weekly gatherings and activities continued as normal. Sunday gatherings saw around 100-110 people in attendance by the end of the year, including adults and children. The children's Sunday School regularly welcomed 10-20 children aged between 4 and 12 years, and another 10-20 children aged between 0 and 4 years. The youth group continued twice monthly as an opportunity for teenagers to connect, learn from the Bible and socialise. Group leaders of the relevant groups are DBS checked and support the groups on a roster system. The Church ran midweek courses (such as Hope Explored) to enable church people to explore their faith in more depth, as part of the object of the advancement of the Christian faith. Partners were also encouraged to join midweek Groups to connect with each other and grow in their

faith. The Church saw many newcomers in 2024, so there was a continued emphasis on ways of welcoming them and integrating them into the church community; through lunches and Partnership courses, which led to some becoming Partners of the Church. The weekly Baby and Toddler group ran successfully during term-time with around 40 parents/carers attending regularly with around 55 children.

Cornerstone Church is committed to supporting students of the University of Portsmouth as they start, and/or continue, their studies in the city. The student group was made up of roughly 12 students and 5 leaders. September saw a busy welcome period for new and returning students to the Church, with meals on Sundays and the beginning of a weekly Bible study. There were other welcome events in Freshers week as a means of raising the profile of the church, in order to share the Christian faith with those who are looking to learn more about it, as set out in our charitable object. Those who requested it, were given the opportunity to meet with individuals in the Church for 1-2-1 Bible study. As well as internal support for students, the church supported the local Christian Union; the Assistant Pastor attended a panel discussion, and the church was able to donate food for an outreach event at the beginning of the year. The student group also enjoyed a weekend away together where they studied the Bible and socialised to build community together.

As well as supporting students, Cornerstone has a desire to support those who come to the church from other parts of the world. We have continued, in line with the first charitable object, to run the English Café to offer a space where attendees can have conversations with native English speakers, make friends and join in with an optional Bible study.

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Other events the church arranged during the year included Hope Explored courses, Men's breakfasts, marriage courses, visits to take service in local Care Home and parenting evenings. The bi-annual Church Weekend Away took place in July as a way of building lasting relationships with each other, by sharing a couple of days in a social setting and enjoying each other's company, and deepening their faith in God through relaxed conversation and studying the Bible. Finally, the church ran Christmas events to engage with the local community as part of the first charitable object. These included a Ladies' craft evening, Carol Service and Sunday services with a particular aim of welcoming families.

9. Financial Review

Please see Appendix 1 for detail of the Charity's financials and see Appendix 2 for the independent examination.

A reserves policy exists whereby, in normal circumstances, cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months' basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget).

The Charity's funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation together with associated Gift Aid. In March 2024 the Charity set up a Building Fund account, with the approval of the Church Partners. Funds paid into this account will be used for the purchase or renovation of a building for church use - should one become available.

All income has been used in accordance with the 2024 budget, set out by the Trustees and approved by Partners.

The financial outgoings of the Church were at a level consistent with the Charity's standard activity. Said activities are described in section 8 of this document. As such, budgeting for the coming year has been done with the expectation that the Church, and associated groups, would continue as per the usual activity.


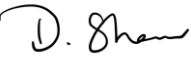

10. Plans for future periods

The Charity anticipates continuing activities as outlined in this report with a budget that reflects the appropriate expenditure.

11. Declaration


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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Full name(s)	Jonathan Philip Shulver	David Ian Shaw	Andrew James Pontin
Signature(s)			
Position held	Pastor, Trustee	Assistant Pastor, Trustee	Trustee
Date	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2025	30 Sept 2025

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Receipts and payments accounts

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Charity Name Cornerstone Church Portsmouth		No (if any) 1178431		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from		01/01/2024	To		31/12/2024	
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						
Regular individual giving	95,981	1,624	-	97,604	93,290	
Gift Aid reclaimed	22,794	998	-	23,792	20,951	
One-off giving	12,000	4,555	-	16,555	8,800	
Events	783	-	-	783	919	
Weekend Away	6,710	-	-	6,710	1,218	
Baby and Toddler Group	742	-	-	742	835	
Students	594	-	-	594	593	
Trusts and grants	-	-	-	-	125	
Bank interest	574	25	-	598	72	
Other	292	-	-	292	399	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	140,470	7,201	-	147,671	127,203	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	140,470	7,201	-	147,671	127,203	
A3 Payments						
Staff and trainees	92,554	3,500	-	96,054	88,085	
Hall and office hire	19,720	-	-	19,720	19,324.45	
Evangelism & Mission	8,545	140	-	8,685	9,041	
Baby and Toddler Group	988	-	-	988	1,140	
Students	783	-	-	783	2,240	
Children & Youth	264	-	-	264	421	
Food	1,081	-	-	1,081	880	
Events	1,842	-	-	1,842	1,803	
Weekend Away	9,689	184	-	9,873	1,211	
Equipment	1,062	-	-	1,062	2,333	
Running costs	2,802	-	-	2,802	2,657	
Other	36	-	-	36	216	
Governance costs	252	-	-	252	284	
Sub total	139,618	3,824	-	143,442	129,637	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	139,618	3,824	-	143,442	129,637	
Net of receipts/(payments)	852	3,377	-	4,229	(2,434)	
A5 Transfers between funds						
	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end						
	36,115	50	-	36,165	38,599	
Cash funds this year end	36,967	3,427	-	40,394	36,165	

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	Bank accounts	36,967	3,427	-
	Total cash funds	36,967	3,427	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid receivable	2,868	275	-
	Card reader payments	39	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Audiovisual equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Musical equipment inc. digital piano	Unrestricted	-	-
	Office equipment inc. printer	Unrestricted	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	PAYE and NIC owed for Oct-Dec '24	Unrestricted	1,925	
	Pension contributions owed for Dec '24	Unrestricted	19	
	External mission	Unrestricted	2,000	
	Other accounts payable	Unrestricted	42	

Notes to the Account and Statement

The following notes, cross-referenced above, form part of this Account and Statement.

1. STAFF AND TRAINEES COSTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross stipends & wages	58,891	49,976
Staff accommodation	30,081	30,557
Pension contributions	5,301	4,693
Training	1,016	1,857
Travel expenses	765	1,002
Total Staff and Trainees costs	96,054	88,085



2. EVANGELISM & MISSION	2024	2023
	£	£
External mission	6,643	7,661
Evangelistic resources inc. bookstall and publicity	1,712	1,206
Support to church family members in need	224	174
Community outreach	107	-
Total Evangelism & Mission	8,685	9,041

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT	Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Balance
Restricted Fund description	01 Jan 2024				31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	-	2,417	-	-	2,417
Pastors' accommodation costs	-	3,500	3,500	-	-
Church Family Support Fund	-	1,100	140	-	960
Weekend Away	-	184	184	-	-
New projector	50	-	-	-	50
Totals	50	7,201	3,824	-	3,427

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Appendix 2 - Independent Examiner's Report - Lydia Evans. FCCA.

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Independent examiner's report on the accounts	
Section A Independent Examiner's Report			
Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Cornerstone Church Portsmouth		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2024	Charity no (if any)	1178431
Set out on pages	7 - 9 (include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 st December 2024.		
Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 <u>out- under</u> section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn <u>in order to</u> enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.		
Signed:		Date:	28 th October 2025
Name:	Lydia Evans FCCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants		
Address:	19 Corva Close, St Ives Cornwall, TR26 2HY		

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T.J. Beaumont (Trustee)

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ran successfully during term-time with around 40 parents/carers attending regularly with around 55 children.

There is a strong training ethos in the Church, and opportunities are provided for self-funded, full-time volunteers, known as 'Ministry trainees' (MT), to learn about Christian ministry in the context of the church. One MT continued her time in Portsmouth and served until July 2023, while the second stayed until August 2023. Both were able to continue to link with other MTs weekly through our Reach South partnership whilst receiving practical ministry training. They also continued to take on responsibility within the life of the church and to put the training they received into practice. Some from the church also attended the Confident Christianity conference run by Solas, a Christian organisation, and the Solent Women's Conference. Both days put an emphasis on sharing the good news of the Bible and how it affects the life of a Christian.

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As well as supporting students, Cornerstone has a desire to support those who come to the church from other parts of the world. We have seen an increase in refugees and internationals looking to improve their English. In response to this need, and in line with the first charitable object, the English Café was set up to offer a space where attendees can have conversations with native English speakers, make friends and join in with an optional Bible study. This was originally set up for people already attending Sunday services but we have seen several friends of attendees and others from around Portsmouth join the group. The hope is to continue this group into 2024 and welcome more people who require this support.

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offered a one-off training day for attendees of the four churches. Both the Pastor and Assistant Pastor taught and mentored around 15 people enrolled on the course at various points throughout the year.

Other events the church arranged during the year included a Hope Explored course and a Men's breakfast. The bi-annual church camping trip took place as a way of people having an affordable holiday where they can share a couple of days in a social setting, enjoying each other's company and deepening their faith in God through relaxed conversation and times looking at the Bible. There have also been parenting evenings where parents within the church have been able to come together to think about raising children in a biblical way, and sharing practical tips. Finally, the church ran Christmas events to engage with the local community as part of the first charitable object. These included a Ladies' craft evening, Carol Service and Sunday services with a particular aim of welcoming families.

9. Financial Review

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The financial outgoings of the Church were at a level consistent with the Charity's standard activity. Said activities are described in section 8 of this document. **As such, budgeting for the coming year has been done with the expectation that the Church, and associated groups, would continue as per the usual activity, with the addition of the English Café, which runs at a very low expenditure given the voluntary nature and existing and pre-paid hall hire.**

As a continuation to the 2022 Charity Commission report there is some variability in the financials regarding the gift-aid received. The amount received in 2022 did not include the fourth quarter, which was then received in 2023. The Charity claimed gift-aid up until November 2023 in an attempt to fairly reflect gift-aidable income for the year and clarify true figures when budgeting for the next financial year. As such, any income from December 2023 will be recuperated in 2024. This will be repeated in the 2024 report as well.

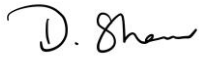

10. Plans for future periods

The Charity anticipates continuing activities as outlined in this report with a budget that reflects the appropriate expenditure.

11. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Full name(s)	Jonathan Philip Shulver	David Ian Shaw	Andrew James Pontin
Signature(s)			
Position held	Pastor, Trustee	Assistant Pastor, Trustee	Trustee
Date	31/10/2024	31/10/2024	31/10/2024

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Receipts and payments accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Cornerstone Church Portsmouth	No (if any) 1178431
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2023	To	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 £	Notes
A1 Receipts						
Regular individual giving	93,240	50	-	93,290	77,267	
Gift Aid reclaimed	20,951	-	-	20,951	16,676	
One-off giving	8,800	-	-	8,800	4,863	
Events	919	-	-	919	1,260	
Weekend Away	1,218	-	-	1,218	4,569	
Baby and Toddler Group	835	-	-	835	-	
Students	593	-	-	593	-	
Trusts and grants	-	125	-	125	-	
Bank interest	72	-	-	72	37	
Other	399	-	-	399	6,712	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	127,028	175	-	127,203	111,384	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total receipts	127,028	175	-	127,203	111,384	
A3 Payments						
Staff and trainees	88,085	-	-	88,085	88,984	1
Hall and office hire	19,324	-	-	19,324	18,445	
Evangelism & Mission	9,041	-	-	9,041	7,722	2
Baby and Toddler Group	1,140	-	-	1,140	-	
Students	2,240	-	-	2,240	795	
Children & Youth	421	-	-	421	629	
Hospitality	880	-	-	880	1,213	
Events	1,678	125	-	1,803	2,181	
Weekend Away	1,211	-	-	1,211	6,331	
Equipment	2,333	-	-	2,333	1,871	
Running costs	2,657	-	-	2,657	3,483	
Other	216	-	-	216	35	
Governance costs	284	-	-	284	357	
Sub total	129,512	125	-	129,637	132,045	
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	129,512	125	-	129,637	132,045	
Net of receipts/(payments)	(2,484)	50	-	(2,434)	(20,661)	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,599	-	-	38,599	59,261	
Cash funds this year end	36,115	50	-	36,165	38,599	

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 £	Notes
B1 Cash funds	CAF Cash	36,115	50	-	3
	Total cash funds	36,115	50	-	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
	Gift Aid receivable	2,545	-	-	
	Card reader payments	678	-	-	
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	
	Audiovisual equipment	Unrestricted	-	-	
	Musical equipment inc. digital piano	Unrestricted	-	-	
	Office equipment inc. printer	Unrestricted	-	-	
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)	
	PAYE and NIC owed for Oct-Dec '23	Unrestricted	2,021		
	Pension contributions owed for Dec '23	Unrestricted	98		
	Stipends/wages payable	Unrestricted	37		
	Contribution to 2023 Reach South event	Unrestricted	597		

Notes to the Account and Statement

The following notes, cross-referenced above, form part of this Account and Statement.

1. STAFF AND TRAINEES COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross stipends & wages	49,976	49,121
Staff accommodation	30,557	31,967
Pension contributions	4,693	4,413
Training	1,857	2,214
Travel expenses	1,002	1,269
Total Staff and Trainees costs	88,085	88,984

2. EVANGELISM & MISSION

	2023	2022
	£	£
External Mission	7,661	5,838
Evangelistic resources inc. bookstall and publicity	1,206	1,884
Support to church family members in need	174	-
Total Evangelism & Mission	9,041	7,722

3. RESTRICTED FUNDS MOVEMENT

Restricted Fund description	Balance 01 Jan 2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Balance 31 Dec 2023
	£				£
"Where there are no words" concert	-	125	125	-	-
New projector	-	50	-	-	50

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Appendix 2 - Independent Examiner's Report - Lydia Evans. FCCA.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Cornerstone Church Portsmouth		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st December 2023	Charity no (if any)	1178431
Set out on pages	1 - 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:** 29th October 2024

Name: Lydia Evans FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Fellow of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 19 Corva Close, St Ives
Cornwall
TR26 2HY

CORNERSTONE CHURCH PORTSMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement 1 January to 31 December 2022

Cornerstone Church Portsmouth
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Immanuel Baptist Church
109 Victoria Road North
Southsea
Portsmouth
PO5 1PS

Registered Charity Number: 1178431

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1. Trustees

Trustees who served during the year are set out below:

J.P. Shulver (Pastor, Elder)
D.I. Shaw (Assistant Pastor, Elder)
A.J. Pontin (Elder)
T.J. Beaumont (Trustee)

2. Employees

Employees who served during the year are set out below:

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D.I. Shaw (Assistant Pastor)
C.L. Pontin (Part-time Administrator)

3. Bankers

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA

4. Legal Advisers

FIEC Practical Services, 39 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU

5. Independent Examiners

Lydia Evans. FCCA.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

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Trustees are appointed by existing trustees where they have satisfied themselves of the need of further trustees and the qualifications - spiritual and otherwise - of the person proposed for the role, through consultation with the Church body.

All Trustees served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees between January and December 2022. Two Trustees, who are the Pastor and Assistant Pastor, received remuneration in that capacity at levels determined by non-Pastor Trustees, as well as rent payments in connection with the Church Manse agreement at levels determined by the non-Pastor Trustees, meeting separately, at or below the appropriate market levels for the relevant property. The Pastor and Assistant Pastor do not participate in any determination of the remuneration they receive. Similarly, Trustee Andrew Pontin has no involvement in the discussion of remuneration for part-time Administrator Christel Pontin. No other Trustees had a beneficial interest in the Church.

The Charity has a close relationship with Christ Church Southampton CIO, from whom it was started, Redeemer Church Winchester CIO and Trinity Church Salisbury CIO. The four independent Churches form a partnership called Reach South, with the aim to train God's people, share expertise and reach the places in which they reside with the good news of Jesus.

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The objects of the church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily, but not exclusively, in the Portsmouth and neighbouring areas.
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, facilitate the work of the church. This is provided that such purposes must first be approved by a resolution of the partners of the church and must be carried out in a manner consistent with the basis of faith set out by the FIEC.

8. Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

In the period between January and December 2022, Cornerstone Church weekly gatherings and activities resumed as normal. Sunday gatherings saw around 90-100 people in attendance by the end of the year, including adults and children. The children's Sunday School welcomed around 11 children and crèche saw around five children under three on a weekly basis. The youth group began once a month as an opportunity for teenagers to connect, learn from the Bible and socialise. Group leaders of the relevant groups are DBS checked and support the groups on a roster system. The Church ran midweek groups and prayer meetings to enable church attendees to explore their faith in more depth, as part of the object of the advancement of the Christian faith. Partners were also encouraged to meet for 1-2-1 Bible study in the same vein. The Church saw many newcomers in 2022 so there was an emphasis on ways of welcoming them and integrating them into the church community; through lunches and a new Bible study group which led to some people joining the Partnership course and becoming Partners of the Church. The

weekly Baby and Toddler group ran successfully during term-time with around 40 parents/carers attending regularly.

There is a strong training ethos in the Church, and opportunities are provided for self-funded, full-time volunteers, known as 'Ministry trainees' (MT), to learn about Christian ministry in the context of the church. One MT served for the entirety of 2022 and a second started from September 2022. Both were able to link with other MTs weekly through our Reach South partnership whilst receiving practical ministry training. They were also encouraged to take on responsibility within the life of the church and to put the training they received into practice.

Cornerstone Church is committed to supporting students of the University of Portsmouth as they start, and/or continue, their studies in the city. The student group was made up of roughly 10 students and 5 leaders. September saw a busy welcome period for new and returning students to the Church, with meals on Sundays and the beginning of a weekly Bible study. There was also a BBQ and other welcome events in Freshers week as a means of raising the profile of the church, in order to share the Christian faith with those who are looking to learn more about it, as set out in our charitable object. Those who requested it, were given the opportunity to meet with individuals in the Church for 1-2-1 Bible study. As well as internal support for students, the church supported the local Christian Union; the Assistant Pastor undertook a talk in the CU's formal meetings and attended a panel discussion, and the MTs offered pastoral support to those who required it. The student group also enjoyed a weekend away together where they studied the Bible and socialised to build community together.

As stated above, the Church is part of a partnership called Reach South. This is made up of four Churches on the South coast with the mutual aim to train God's people, share expertise and reach locals with the good news of Jesus. As well as a spiritual connection, the group shares practical help in these areas. Each year the four churches join together to share in fellowship and look back on the year. This year around 500 people from the four churches were able to meet at Thornden School, Chandlers Ford for this event. The Equip Course ran for the first time from September 2022, with the aim to grow in faith and knowledge of the Bible and train attendees to share with those wanting to know more. Both the Pastor and Assistant Pastor taught and mentored around 15 people enrolled on the course at various points throughout the year.

Other events the church arranged during the year included two Hope Explored courses, a Men's breakfast and five 'A Passion for life' events which was part of a national campaign. Our version included a curry evening and evangelistic talk, three seminars and an evening in a local Fish and Chips restaurant hearing about the life story of Jason Marriner. The bi-annual church weekend away saw 70 people travel to the West Brook Center on the Isle of Wight to share the weekend, enjoy each other's company and deepen their faith in God. Finally, the church ran Christmas events to engage with the local community as part of the first charitable object. These included a Ladies' craft evening and Carol Service.

9. Financial Review

Please see Appendix 1 for detail of the Charity's financials and see Appendix 2 for the independent examination.

A reserves policy exists whereby, in normal circumstances, cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months' basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget).

The Charity's funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation together with associated Gift Aid. In this financial year there was restricted external income of £300 from FatFace, with sole use for expenditure linked to the Baby and Toddler group. This was used accordingly and can be seen in Appendix 1. All other income was unrestricted and has been used in accordance with the 2022 budget, set out by the Trustees and approved by Partners.

The financial outgoings of the Church were back to a level consistent with the Charity's standard activity. Said activities are described in section 8 of this document. **As such**, budgeting for the coming year has been done with the expectation that the Church, and associated groups, would resume as per the usual activity.

Three explanations are required for variability in the financials. Firstly, the gift-aid received in 2022 is claimed retrospectively i.e. quarter 1, 2, 3 and quarter 1 from the previous year. This will be reflected in the 2023 report as well. Secondly, the building in which the Church has met since its launch in 2016 was forced to close and therefore a new location was found for charitable activities. As such, the negotiations led to the Church receiving a disturbance payment of £2,721.74 and a lease difference payment of £3,087.50 which was not expected when the budget was agreed in January 2022. Thirdly, on the 2021 income the Church received £15,000 from a Christian Charitable Trust which has supported Cornerstone since its launch. Their support has decreased year-on-year and after six years they considered the Church financially viable without their ongoing support.

10. Plans for future periods


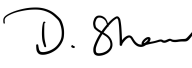

The Charity anticipates continuing activities in its pre-Covid capacity with a budget that reflects the appropriate expenditure.

11. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Full name(s)	Jonathan Philip Shulver	David Ian Shaw	Andrew James Pontin
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Signature(s)			
Position held	Pastor, Elder	Assistant Pastor, Elder	Elder
Date	11.10.2023	11.10.2023	11.10.2023

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Receipts and payments accounts

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name Comerstone Church Portsmouth CIO	No (if any) 1178431	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from		Period start date 01/01/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022

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					
Donations received	98,806	-	-	98,806	85,758
Trust and grant income	-	-	-	-	15,000
Food income	251	-	-	251	91
Bookstall income	153	-	-	153	190
Events income	1,465	-	-	1,465	1,154
Sundry income	5,809	-	-	5,809	30
Bank interest received	37	-	-	37	-
Weekend away	4,559	-	-	4,559	-
Restricted income	-	300	-	300	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	111,090	300	-	111,390	102,223
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	111,090	300	-	111,390	102,223
A3 Payments					
Stipends	49,121	-	-	49,121	39,005
Employers National Insurance	-	-	-	-	1,861
Pension	4,412	-	-	4,412	4,319
Staff accommodation costs	28,742	-	-	28,742	21,420
Venue hire	18,445	-	-	18,445	14,570
Office expenses	628	-	-	628	599
Motor expenses	321	-	-	321	135
Insurance	356	-	-	356	345
Equipment replacement	1,870	-	-	1,870	2,073
Training costs	1,855	-	-	1,855	940
Music and CCLI expenses	344	-	-	344	306
Profile raising expenses	658	-	-	658	614
Food	1,355	-	-	1,355	614
Student food	428	-	-	428	-
Youth activities	629	-	-	629	54
Student ministry expenses	367	-	-	367	149
Evangelistic resources	725	-	-	725	229
Events expenses	1,689	-	-	1,689	1,882
Affiliations	357	-	-	357	163
Preacher and visiting speaker gifts	350	-	-	350	422
Subscriptions	1,349	-	-	1,349	1,234
Council tax and rates	3,225	-	-	3,225	2,365
Travel expenses	948	-	-	948	748
External mission	5,838	-	-	5,838	7,034
Other expenses	35	-	-	35	131
Bookstall expenses	339	-	-	339	365
Books (staff) expenses	359	-	-	359	135
Community outreach	162	-	-	162	376
Interest paid	4	-	-	4	-
Moving expenses	808	-	-	808	-
Weekend away expenses	6,332	-	-	6,332	-
Sub total	132,052	-	-	132,052	102,088
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	132,052	-	-	132,052	102,087
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,962	300	-	- 20,662	137
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,261	-	-	59,261	59,122
Cash funds this year end	38,299	300	-	38,599	59,261

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	CAF Bank account	38,599	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,599	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

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Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Cornerstone Church Porstmouth CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2022	Charity no (if any)	1178431
Set out on pages	1 - 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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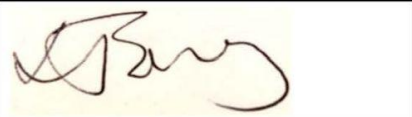
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**Independent
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Name: Lydia Evans FCCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

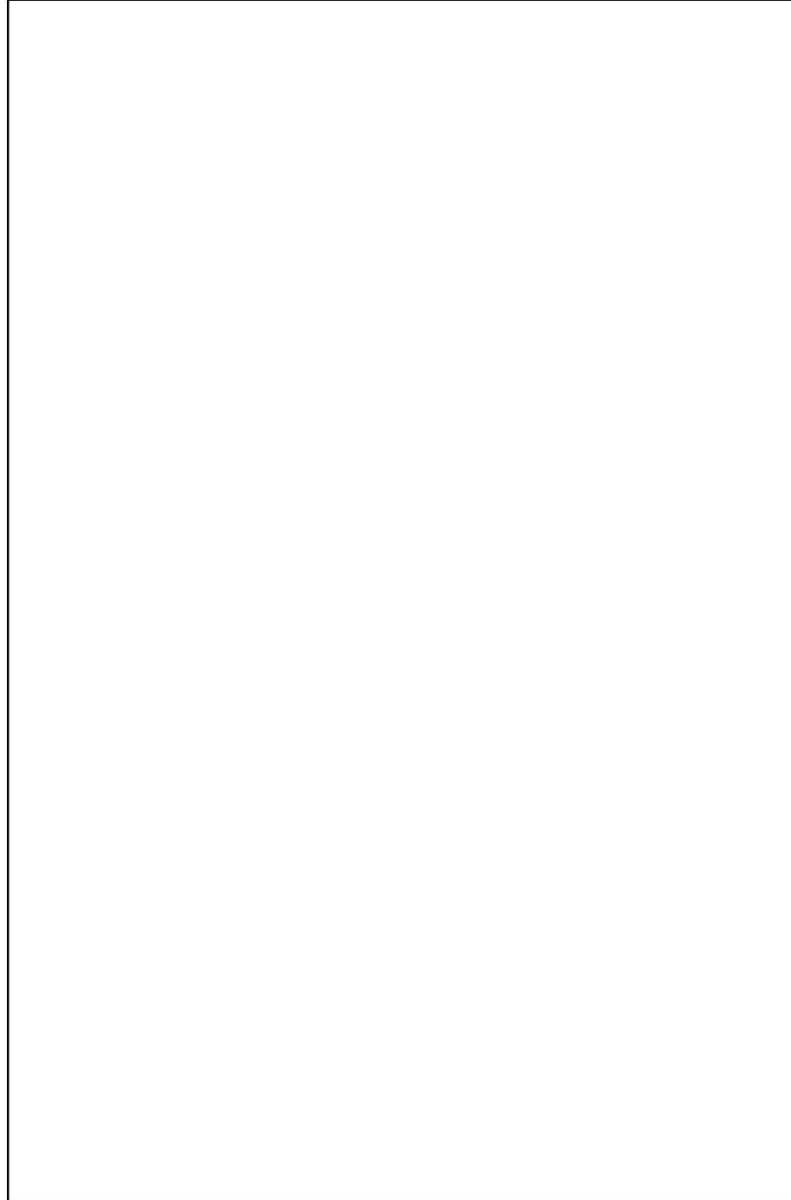
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.



CORNERSTONE CHURCH PORTSMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement 1 January to 31 December 2021

Cornerstone Church Portsmouth
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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Registered Charity Number: 1178431

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Trustees who served during the year are set out below:

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A.J. Pontin (Elder)
T.J. Beaumont

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Rachel Goddard ACA. ICAEW member 1456222.

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8. Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

In the period between January and December 2021, Cornerstone Church weekly gatherings and meetings were in-person, in accordance with Government guidance and restrictions. Sunday gatherings saw around 70 people in attendance, including adults and children. Some of these were online at the beginning of the year, but we saw a return of most people to in-person gatherings by summer 2021. The children's Sunday School welcomed around 10 children and crèche saw three to six under threes on a weekly basis. Group leaders of the relevant groups are DBS checked and support the groups on a roster system, whether in person or virtually. The Church ran midweek groups to enable church attendees to explore their faith in more depth, as part of the object of the advancement of the Christian faith. Partners were also encouraged to meet for 1-2-1 Bible study in the same vein.

Cornerstone Church is committed to supporting students of the University of Portsmouth as they start, and/or continue, their studies in the city. The student group was made up of roughly 8 students and 4 leaders, with restricted in-person contact during the first few months of the year. Although we were unable to run

the events we normally would to welcome students in September, we did make every effort to welcome them in other ways; such as a Treasure Hunt around Southsea, café socials and Bible studies. We were able to share the Christian faith with those who are looking to learn more about it, as set out in our charitable object. Students were also able to watch Sunday livestreams and join for online tea and coffee afterwards to get to know others in the church. Those who requested it, were given the opportunity to meet with individuals in the Church for 1-2-1 Bible study, either in-person or online. As well as internal support for students, the church supported the local Christian Union; the pastor undertook two talks in the CU's formal meetings and the Ministry Trainee offered pastoral support to those who required it.

There is a strong training ethos in the Church, and opportunities are provided for self-funded, full-time volunteers, known as 'Ministry trainees' (MT), to learn about Christian ministry in the context of the church. One MT served over the period between January and April 2021 and another joined in Sept 2021. Both were able to link with other MTs weekly through our Reach South partnership and receiving other training.

As stated above, the Church is part of a partnership called Reach South. This is made up of three Churches on the South coast with the mutual aim to train God's people, share expertise and reach locals with the good news of Jesus. As well as a spiritual connection, the group shares practical help in these areas. Each year the three churches join together to share in fellowship and look back on the year. This year we were able to have an outdoor gathering in Southampton where we heard about plans for a new Church starting as part of Reach South in Salisbury in 2022.

Other events the church arranged during the year included a worship evening called 'Praise the King of Heaven', both in-person and virtually, where a group of musicians played and sang music with Bible readings interspersed. There was an online event called 'Different Lives' shortly after this, with the view of sharing the good news of Jesus with friends by hearing from two people about how they became Christians. 'The King and I' course was a four-part course to introduce people to the claims of Jesus, which saw 6 people join.

Easter events included a Good Friday broadcast and Easter Sunday gathering. We also shared in a 'Rule of six picnic' where people could meet others in the church, as a way of reconnecting people and introducing newcomers to regulars. We also held a 'Men's breakfast' and 'Ladies' Fish and Chip evening' and a Church walk, in the same vein. As a practical response to the struggles of Covid-19 and for support, various seminars were broadcasted; dealing with relationships, marriage, dating, friendships and parenting. Again, all of the in-person events were done within the guidance at the time.

There was church camping trip in Kent which saw over 40 adults and children spend 3 days and nights together - with teaching and activities.

We had the privilege of appointing and welcoming an Assistant Pastor to join the staff team in July 2021. David Shaw arrived with his family and was given responsibility to oversee student ministry and to help the church share the good news of Jesus.

Various Christmas events were arranged including a ladies craft evening, a student outreach event in a cafe, a family event and a traditional Carol Service.

9. Financial Review

Please see Appendix 1 for detail of the Charity’s financials and see Appendix 2 for the independent examination.

A reserves policy exists whereby, in normal circumstances, cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months’ basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget).

The Charity’s funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation together with associated Gift Aid and an external trust’s support. In this financial year there was restricted external trust and grant funding, with sole use for staff salary. This was used accordingly and can be seen in Appendix 1. All other income was unrestricted and has been used in accordance with the 2021 budget.

The outgoings of the Church were back to a level consistent with the Charity’s standard activity, where Covid-19 restrictions were eased and we were able to meet in-person again. Said activities are described in section 8 of this document.

Budgeting for the coming year has been done with the expectation that the Church, and associated groups, would resume meeting in person and would therefore be required to pay for rented space.



10. Plans for future periods

The Charity anticipates continuing activities in its pre-Covid capacity with a budget that reflects the appropriate expenditure.

11. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity’s trustees

Full name(s)	Jonathan Philip Shulver	Andrew James Pontin
Signature(s)		
Position held	Pastor	Elder
Date	26.10.2022	26.10.2022

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Receipts and payments accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cornerstone Church Portsmouth CIO 1178431

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Gift Aided Individual giving	53,716	-	-	53,716	53,123
Non-gift aided individual giving	12,577	-	-	12,577	8,457
One-off giving	342	-	-	342	425
Trust and grant income	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,500
Food income	91	-	-	91	-
Bookstall income	190	-	-	190	100
Events income	1,154	-	-	1,154	321
Gift aid reclaimed	19,123	-	-	19,123	17,311
Sundry income	30	-	-	30	51
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	87,225	15,000	-	102,225	95,288
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	87,225	15,000	-	102,225	95,288

A3 Payments

Stipends	24,005	15,000	-	39,005	27,117
NI	1,861	-	-	1,861	201
Pension	4,319	-	-	4,319	4,000
Staff accommodation costs	21,420	-	-	21,420	12,000
Venue hire	14,570	-	-	14,570	9,989
Office expenses	599	-	-	599	812
Motor expenses	135	-	-	135	439
Insurance	345	-	-	345	327
Equipment	2,073	-	-	2,073	2,552
Staff training costs	940	-	-	940	-
Music and CCLI expenses	306	-	-	306	258
Profile raising expenses	614	-	-	614	302
Food	614	-	-	614	332
Youth activities	54	-	-	54	381
Student connect	149	-	-	149	32
Evangelistic resources	229	-	-	229	1,243
Events expenses	1,882	-	-	1,882	616
Affiliations	163	-	-	163	146
Preacher and visiting speaker gifts	422	-	-	422	250
Subscriptions	1,234	-	-	1,234	1,180
Council tax and rates	2,365	-	-	2,365	1,347
Travel expense	748	-	-	748	31
Open Church Project expenses	-	-	-	-	211
External mission	7,034	-	-	7,034	6,639
Volunteer training	-	-	-	-	70
Other expenses	131	-	-	131	140
Bookstall expenses	365	-	-	365	220
Books (staff) expense	135	-	-	135	139
Community Outreach	376	-	-	376	885
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	22
Sub total	87,087	15,000	-	102,087	71,882

A4 Asset and investment purchases					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	87,087	15,000	-	102,087	71,882
Net of receipts/(payments)	137	-	-	137	23,406
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	59,123	-	-	59,123	35,716
Cash funds this year end	59,261	-	-	59,261	59,122

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	CAF Cash	59,261	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,261	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-

	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	Accounts payable	unrestricted	53	
	Wages payable	unrestricted	36	
	PAYE payable	unrestricted	7,051	
	NIC payable	unrestricted	561	
	Pensions payable	unrestricted	1	

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

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Cornerstone Church Portsmouth CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1178431

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Rachel Goddard

Date:

19 October 2022

Name:

Rachel Goddard ACA

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

ICAEW member: 1456222

Address:

3 Wilmington Close, Southampton, SO18 2RD

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

None

CORNERSTONE CHURCH PORTSMOUTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1178431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement 1 January to 31 December 2020

Cornerstone Church Portsmouth
(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

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Registered Charity Number: 1178431

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1. Trustees

Trustees who served during the year are set out below:

J.P. Shulver (Pastor, Elder)
A.J. Pontin (Elder)
T.J. Beaumont
N.P. Bridges (Until 20 May 2020)

2. Employees

Employees who served during the year are set out below:

J.P. Shulver (Pastor)
C.L. Pontin (Part-time Administrator)

3. Bankers

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA

4. Legal Advisers

FIEC Practical Services, 39 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU

5. Independent Examiners

Rachel Goddard ACA. ICAEW member 1456222.

6. Structure, Governance and Management

The Church as a legal entity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, affiliated to the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC).

Registered Charity status was granted on 18 May 2018 under Registration Number 1178431.

The Charity is governed by a board of Trustees, two of whom also constitute the members of the Charity and the leadership of the Church. They meet at least once a year to set policy and review the activities of the Church. The elders generally meet twice monthly to oversee activity and pray for attendees. Decisions deemed critical to the running of the Charity are subject to the scrutiny of the partners of the Church body (normally twice yearly), with ad hoc correspondence between the bi-annual meetings, where necessary. Significant financial decisions are taken with the approval of the partners of the Church body through a formal vote.

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees where they have satisfied themselves of the need of further trustees and the qualifications - spiritual and otherwise - of the person proposed for the role, through consultation with the Church body.

All Trustees served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees between January and December 2020. One Trustee, who is the Pastor, received remuneration in that capacity at levels determined by non-Pastor Trustees, as well as rent payments in connection with the Church Manse agreement at levels determined by the non-Pastor Trustees, meeting separately, at or below the appropriate market levels for the relevant property. The Pastor does not participate in any determination of the remuneration he receives. Similarly, Trustee Andrew Pontin has no involvement in the discussion of remuneration for part-time Administrator Christel Pontin. No other Trustees had a beneficial interest in the Church.

The Charity has a close relationship with Christ Church Southampton CIO, from whom it was started, and Redeemer Church Winchester CIO. The three independent Churches form a partnership called Reach South, with the aim to train God's people, share expertise and reach the cities in which they reside with the good news of Jesus.

7. Charitable Objects

The objects of the church are:

1. The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith primarily, but not exclusively, in the Portsmouth and neighbouring areas.
2. Such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, facilitate the work of the church. This is provided that such purposes must first be approved by a resolution of the partners of the church and must be carried out in a manner consistent with the basis of faith set out by the FIEC.

8. Review of activities and impact for Public Benefit

In the period between January and March 2020, Cornerstone Church weekly gatherings and meetings were in person, as normal. Sunday gatherings saw around 90 people in attendance, including adults and children. The Church ran midweek groups to enable church attendees to explore their faith in more depth, as part of the object of the advancement of the Christian faith. Partners were also encouraged to meet for 1-2-1 Bible study in the same vein.

Between March and September all aforementioned activity was moved online, in line with Covid-19 restrictions. During this time, we also published an online seminar on 'Helping those dealing with depression' and 'Marriage reflection' to support those in the church through unprecedented times. There was also the opportunity to connect with a family we support financially in Sweden to hear how their mission was progressing and pray with them for their future there. From early September 2020, restrictions for churches were eased and Sunday gatherings saw 50-70 people in person as well as an additional 30 watching live online. Data shows

views, retrospective and live, of up to around 60 on some weeks between September and December 2020.

Once we were able to meet in person more easily, we took the opportunity to hold a worship evening called 'Praise the King of Heaven', both in-person and virtually, where a group of musicians played and sang music with Bible readings interspersed. We took a similar approach for our Christmas Carol Service where we were able to welcome many from the church, along with some visitors. As well as this, we were able to meet on Christmas Day for the first time since we started meeting as a church.

When in person, the children's Sunday School welcomed around 10 children and crèche saw three under threes on a weekly basis. Online sessions were provided for primary school-aged children during periods of no in-person gatherings. All leaders of the relevant groups are DBS checked and support the groups on a roster system, whether in person or virtually.

The Church is committed to supporting students of the University of Portsmouth as they start, and/or continue, their studies in the city. The student group was made up of roughly 8 students and 4 leaders, with restricted in-person contact during the first semester. Although we were unable to run the events we normally would to welcome students in September, we did make every effort to welcome them in other ways; such as a Treasure Hunt around Southsea, café socials and Bible studies. We were able to share the Christian faith with those who are looking to learn more about it, as set out in our charitable object. Students were also able to watch Sunday livestreams and join for online tea and coffee afterwards to get to know others in the church. Those who requested it, were given the opportunity to meet with individuals in the Church for 1-2-1 Bible study, either in-person or online. As well as internal support for students, the church supported the local Christian Union; the pastor undertook two talks in the CU's formal meetings and the Ministry Trainee offered pastoral support to those who required it.

There is a strong training ethos in the Church, and opportunities are provided for self-funded, full-time volunteers, known as 'Ministry trainees' (MT), to learn about Christian ministry in the context of the church. Two MTs served over the period between January and December 2020 and were able to link with other MTs weekly through our Reach South partnership. They also attended the year-long South Central training course. Other volunteers are given training or guidance in various areas; children's work, safeguarding, student work, group leadership and general Christian ministry. This has mostly been provided in-house this year; other elements are achieved through attendance at conferences and training courses further afield, those of which have been online.

As stated above, the Church is part of a partnership called Reach South. This is made up of three Churches on the South coast with the mutual aim to train God's people, share expertise and reach locals with the good news of Jesus. As well as a spiritual connection, the group shares practical help in these areas. Each year the three churches join together to share in fellowship and look back on the year - this year this happened online. The partnership also ran a Bible expository series called

“Behold our God”, as well as a Baby & Toddler Group online training session led by Mel Lacey.

The Church was able to work with Guinness Care in supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Portsmouth on two occasions. The first was through giving lockdown packs with resources to residents of Friendship House and the second was by providing shoeboxes filled with practical Christmas gifts which were handed out to those who needed them most in the local area. We did this in a Covid-secure way and were pleased to hear that the gifts were well-received at a time when the people in question were quite isolated.

In terms of outreach events, after March, the following in-person activities were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, issues with social distancing and rented space. The plan is to restart these as soon as possible; Baby & Toddler Group as a way of reaching parents and carers in the local area, café outreach events, and Easter events. Sunday gatherings and monthly prayer meetings were moved online, with some periods of in-person meeting when guidance and space permitted. We were however able to support the homeless people of Portsmouth by housing them in churches around Portsmouth in January and February, three people were baptised in mid-March, we ran an online Christianity Explored course for those seeking to know more about the Christian faith and we participated in a Tearfund Quiz to raise money to help tackle poverty in some of the poorest countries. As well as the external quiz, we ran an internal online quiz for church attendees with the opportunity to invite people. Although this year has been more turbulent than others, the Church has used the opportunities available to fulfil the charitable objects.

9. Financial Review

Please see Appendix 1 for detail of the Charity’s financials and see Appendix 2 for the independent examination.

A reserves policy exists whereby, in normal circumstances, cash reserves should be retained amounting to 3 months’ basic operating costs (such costs being estimated at a nominal 80% of the full current-year charity budget).

The Charity’s funding principally comes from gifts and donations made by members of the congregation together with associated Gift Aid and an external trust’s support. In this financial year there was restricted external trust and grant funding, with sole use for staff salary. This was used accordingly and can be seen in Appendix 1. All other income was unrestricted and has been used in accordance with the 2020 budget.

The outgoings of the Church were impacted in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and consequently savings were made, some of which were re-distributed to external charities in December 2020 and January 2021, and some which will be allocated to employing a new member of staff in 2021. Please see * on page 14 for more information.

Budgeting for the coming year has been done with the expectation that the Church would resume meeting in person and would therefore be required to pay for rented space.



10. Plans for future periods

The Charity anticipates continuing activities in a similar manner to 2019 (i.e. pre-Covid-19 restrictions) with regards to activities and overall ministries, in line with Government guidance as it changes.

11. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

Full name(s)	Jonathan Philip Shulver	Andrew James Pontin
Signature(s)		
Position held	Pastor	Elder
Date	29.09.2021	29.09.2021

12. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Receipts and payments accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cornerstone Church Portsmouth CIO		1178431		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020	

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					
Gift Aided Individual giving	53,123	-	-	53,123	38,875
Non-gift aided individual giving	8,457	-	-	8,457	9,116
One-off giving	425	-	-	425	-
Trust and grant income	500	15,000	-	15,500	22,000
Bookstall income	100	-	-	100	533
Events income	321	-	-	321	2,106
Gift aid reclaimed	17,311			17,311	-

Sundry income	51			51	123
Food income	-			-	281
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	80,288	15,000	-	95,288	73,034

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	80,288	15,000	-	95,288	73,034
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A3 Payments

Stipends	12,117	15,000	-	27,117	30,786
NI	201			201	1,812
Pension	4,000			4,000	4,009
Staff accommodation costs	12,000			12,000	13,000
Venue hire	9,989			9,989	14,294
Office expenses	812			812	890
Motor expenses	439			439	1,205
Insurance	327	-	-	327	324
Equipment	2,552	-	-	2,552	748
Music and CCLI expenses	258	-	-	258	215

Profile raising expenses	302	-	-	302	530
Food	332	-	-	332	2,074
Youth activities	381			381	897
Student connect	32			32	42
Evangelistic resources	1,243			1,243	302
Events expenses	616			616	4,869
Affiliations	146			146	972
Preacher and visiting speaker gifts	250			250	540
Subscriptions	1,180			1,180	785
Council tax and rates	1,347			1,347	1,416
Travel expense	31			31	198
Open Church Project expenses	211			211	254
External mission*	6,639			6,639	250
Volunteer training	70			70	1,610
Other expenses	140			140	119
Bookstall expenses	220	-	-	220	698
Books (staff) expense	139	-	-	139	117
Charitable donations	-				880
NIC, PAYE, Pensions					2,014
Community Outreach	885	-	-	885	-
Miscellaneous				22	


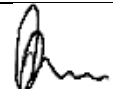
<i>Sub total</i>	56,859	15,000	-	71,882	85,850
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	56,859	15,000	-	71,882	85,850
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	25,907	-	-	25,907	12,816
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,716	-	-	35,716	48,532
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	61,623	-	-	61,623	35,716

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	CAF Cash	61,623	-	-
	Total cash funds	61,623	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
	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)
B5 Liabilities			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jon Shulver	29.09.2021
	Andrew Pontin	29.09.2021

*£2500 of the external mission fund was due to leave the account on 30 December but only left it on 6th January 2021; this has been included in the 2020 figures. The final bank balance at year end is therefore £2500 more than the bank balance as of 30 December states i.e. the bank balance should have been £61,623 less £2,500.

Appendix 2 - Independent Examination - Rachel Goddard ACA. ICAEW member 1456222.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Comerstone Church Portsmouth CIO		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2020	Charity no (if any)	1178431
Set out on pages	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  **Date:** 15 October 2021

Name: Rachel Goddard ACA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW member: 1456222

Address: 3 Wilmington Close, Southampton, SO18 2RD