

**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
CHARITY NUMBER 1179744**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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| Trustees | Charlie Newcombe Nathan Brown John Pawlett Katie Pawlett (to 13th March 2022) Jonathan Gilbert Alice Gilbert (to 13th March 2022) Simon Sykes Nicola Harrison Lesley Gray (to 26th March 2023) Rebecca Pluke Sarah Hardy (from 13th March 2022) Jean Clark (from 13th March 2022) Joanna Watson (from 26th March 2023) Alistair Fraser (from 25th January 2024) |
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| Governing Document | Trust deed dated 28th August 2018 |
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| Charity Number | 1179744 |
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| Registered Office | 26 Meadow Gardens Huntingdon PE29 1DB |
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| Independent Examiner | Lai Ming Wyers |
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**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Objects of the Charity

The Charity, which is a church, is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by a founding document. The Charity's principal objects, as set out in its trust deed, are the advancement of the Christian religion mainly, but not exclusively, by means of broadcasting messages of an evangelistic and teaching nature, primarily in the Huntingdon area.

Government

The policy and operating decisions of the Charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity. The Charity also operates as part of the Church of England, with permission to operate a church in Huntingdon under a Bishop's Mission Order.

Review of Activities

In planning the activities, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Christ Church Huntingdon was established as a new church within Ely Diocese in Sept 2018. Our vision is to see the wonderful good news of Jesus' rescue, which transforms, unites and equips a community, prayerfully shared with all in the Huntingdon area.

People

- We give thanks for each person who attends CCH including some newcomers over the last year.
- We thank the Lord for the stabilisation of our numbers post-lockdowns and for the lack of restrictions.
- We praise God for the arrival of Beth Lindon as our Youth & Families minister and Sarah Gurtler to support Matt Gurtler in our Operations Manager role. We praise God for the finance that has made this possible.
- In 2022, we welcomed Simon Sykes to join the eldership alongside Charlie Newcombe (pastor), Jon Gilbert and Johnny Pawlett.
- We mourn the loss of Chitrangani Perera, who died in December 2022, and give thanks to God for her life and witness.

Sundays

- We are grateful for those who serve on Sundays in so many ways, seen and unseen, formal and informal.
- Our sermons in 2022-23 have included series on the books of Daniel, Acts, 1 Timothy, Mark, and Romans, and the topic of Forgiveness.
- Our fortnightly evening service has been well received, with teaching on Ruth and 2 Peter. Average attendance has dropped (from 19) to 16 people. We are considering ways to refresh this for evangelism.
- We have enjoyed 3 thanksgiving services and a baptism, and give thanks for new babies born.
- The tech team have enabled those who are unwell/housebound to tune into a livestream of our Sunday morning services and our monthly mid-week prayer meetings (now on Zoom).

Prayer and Discipleship

- Our monthly prayer meeting remains a key priority on the second Wednesday of the month.
- The Monday morning Zoom prayer meeting has seen many encouragements and answers to prayer.
- Life Groups, our weekly small groups, were reorganised in September 2022 enabling the number of attendees and groups to grow. While this was unsettling for many of us, we give thanks for how the groups have begun to gel.
- We are thrilled to have been able to bud our Sunday morning child group ("The Great Sunday Morning Adventure") into an older and younger ("Sparklers") group.
- Our CCHY youth group now meets weekly for fellowship and fun.
- In October, we had an away day for the whole church family at Warboys Baptist with talks from Frank Price on evangelism and a talent show.
- Our preachers, Life Group leaders, kids and youth workers meet regularly for prayer and training.

Outreach

- The elders met in the summer for a morning of prayer and discussion regarding our outreach, a third of our vision. This led to more council prayer and some training at Life Groups with a video by Rico Tice.
- We ran an outreach service on the Oxmoor estate in Huntingdon with other churches, with guest preacher Graham Daniels.
- In September, we ran a Fun Day on the Oxmoor estate, centred on the Thongsley houses, with free food & drinks, a Bouncy Castle to build relationships locally, reprising the event last run in 2019.
- We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in April and then gave thanks for her life of service at her death in September.
- Other outreach has included friendship evangelism, door to door, funerals and a community café.
- We have continued to offer our FEED outreach Bible study to local teens, and partner with Thrive.
- We have been able to serve a few individuals who have come out of homelessness in practical ways.

Partnership

- We give away around 15% of our income to local, national and international Christian causes.
- Five members of the church have spoken on "Thought for the Day" on HCR104fm radio at 8.30am.
- We are active non-members of the local Churches Together (and run the men's breakfast).
- Alice Gilbert is our safeguarding officer (policy/contact on website) and Deanery and Diocesan Synod representative
- Charlie Newcombe meets monthly with local "Renew" clergy to advance Anglican evangelical ministries.

Financial Review

Receipts for the period were £116,182 (2021: £96,508). This increase of 20% is due to a significant increase in giving from the congregation, particularly in response to the church's Gift Day in February 2022, which saw an increased in both regular giving and one-off donations totalling about £19,000 in this financial year.

Payments for the period were £102,069 (2021: £92,707), increased mainly due to the cost of financing the new posts above.

The surplus of £14,113 for the period (2021: £3,802) has been added the reserves of the Charity, in accordance with our reserves policy detailed below.

Due to giving from the members, the Trustees have continued to designate 15% of donated funds to be made available for grants for various projects that are aligned with the charitable objectives of the Charity, with a focus on local projects, national Christian ministry, and international missionary work. This is inspired by the early progress of the Christian message growing first locally, then nationally, and then internationally. Therefore, a further £17,198 (2021: £14,421) was moved to the designated Mission Grants Fund in 2022.

New roles and Gift Day 2022

The Trustees have sought to increase the opportunities for the church to explain the good news of Jesus Christ to residents in Huntingdon. To that end, in 2022 they created two new roles in place of the Pastoral Assistant role, that of Youth & Families Minister and Operations Manager, to be financed by the Expendable Endowment in accordance with the Charity's charitable purpose received by the Charity when Christ Church Huntingdon was planted.

However, in order to ensure the roles could be maintained sustainably for at least three years, the church held a Gift Day in February 2022, asking the members of the church to pray for wisdom over these roles, as well as to consider giving to support these roles in helping the church to evangelise to the area. The response was an increase in giving in 2022 of £19,000, with further regular giving in 2023 and beyond showing these posts can be sustainably supported for the medium term.

Expenses to the Trustees

One Trustee (2021: three) incurred expenses and were reimbursed during the period, all relating to the day-to-day charitable activities of the Charity. These expenses totalled £1,616.74 (2021: £1,983.04) incurred during their tenures as Trustees and relating to costs of the activities of the church. No trustee received any other remuneration from the Charity during the period, as the minister is employed by the Diocese of Ely.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a policy that a sensible level of free reserves should be maintained to ensure the Charity can continue to operate if income is below budget or if unplanned contingencies are required. The Trustees decided that an amount equivalent to four months' expenditure should be kept for this purpose. In December 2022, the average monthly expenditure was estimated to be £10,000 (2021: £9,500), meaning that the Trustees set £40,000 as the minimum level of reserves required.

At period end, £58,813 (2021: £46,970) was left in the Unrestricted Funds and £74,985 (2021: £74,541) was left in the Expendable Endowment. Since both funds may be used for any charitable purpose, the Trustees deemed that the reserves requirement is covered by these two funds. Therefore, the total amount of reserves of the Charity is £133,798 (2021: £121,512).

With the new roles of Youth & Families Minister and Operations Manager, the Charity expects to use £90,000 of these reserves in the next five years.

Investment Policy

Since the reserves of the Charity are currently in excess of the minimum required by the Charity's reserves policy, the Trustees have sought to invest some of the reserves in accordance with the Charity's objects. It is expected that the extra reserves will be used in the near future, so the Trustees was decided that the Charity should ensure the reserves are accessible within 3 months, and should carry little risk, so as to minimise possible losses that would hinder the outreach work of the Charity hopes to do.

The Trustees also decided that they would pursue opportunities that saw the Charity's reserves used for Christian purposes, in line with the Charity's objects, so the Charity has chosen to invest in savings accounts with Kingdom Bank.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the Charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and associated regulations.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the Charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Nathan Brown
Treasurer

Date: 29th February 2024

**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

| | | Unrestricted | Designated | Restricted | Expendable Endowment | Total Funds | Total Funds |
|--------------------------------------|------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Note | General Fund | Mission Grants | All Restricted Funds | Church Plant Endowment | 2022 | 2021 |
| Receipts | | | | | | | |
| Planned Giving | | 78,010 | - | - | - | 78,010 | 66,723 |
| One Off Donations | | 15,753 | - | 391 | - | 16,144 | 9,448 |
| Gift Aid Reclaimed | | 20,666 | - | 98 | - | 20,764 | 20,011 |
| Grants | 3 | 600 | - | - | - | 600 | - |
| Trading | | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | | 220 | - | - | 443 | 664 | 327 |
| Total Receipts | | 115,250 | - | 489 | 443 | 116,182 | 96,508 |
| Payments | | | | | | | |
| Parish Share | | 43,044 | - | - | - | 43,044 | 40,472 |
| Administration | | 1,430 | - | - | - | 1,430 | 1,436 |
| Staff grants | | 27,500 | - | - | - | 27,500 | 17,500 |
| Pastoral Expenses | | 1,292 | - | 100 | - | 1,392 | 3,120 |
| Sunday Services Venue Hire | | 6,593 | - | - | - | 6,593 | 4,029 |
| Sunday Services Equipment | | 3,151 | - | - | - | 3,151 | 2,416 |
| Fellowship Events | | 774 | - | - | - | 774 | 236 |
| Outreach Events | | 1,762 | - | - | - | 1,762 | 1,391 |
| Printing and Literature | | 664 | - | - | - | 664 | 158 |
| Mission Grants | | - | 15,760 | - | - | 15,760 | 21,950 |
| Total Payments | | 86,209 | 15,760 | 100 | - | 102,069 | 92,707 |
| Net Receipts/Payment for Year | | 29,041 | (15,760) | 389 | 443 | 14,113 | 3,802 |
| Transfer between funds | 4 | (17,198) | 17,198 | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds at last year end | | 46,970 | 4,371 | 1,325 | 74,541 | 127,208 | 127,208 |
| Cash funds at this year end | | 58,813 | 5,809 | 1,714 | 74,985 | 141,321 | 127,208 |

**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

| | | <i>Unrestricted</i> | <i>Designated</i> | <i>Restricted</i> | <i>Expendable Endowment</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | General Fund | Mission Grants | All Restricted Funds | Church Plant Endowment | 2022 | 2021 |
| Cash Funds | | | | | | | |
| Bank Balances | | 58,813 | 5,809 | 1,714 | 74,985 | 141,321 | 127,208 |
| Other Monetary Assets | | | | | | | |
| Gift Aid Receivable | 4 | 3,460 | 611 | - | - | 4,071 | 2,199 |
| Uncashed Cheques | | 100 | - | - | - | 100 | 0 |
| Total Assets | | 62,373 | 6,420 | 1,714 | 74,985 | 145,491 | 129,407 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | |
| Creditors | 5 | 657 | - | - | - | 657 | - |
| Total Liabilities | | 657 | - | - | - | 657 | - |

Expenditure on church equipment is written off in the year in which it is incurred. The Trustees are of the opinion that such expenditure has no commercial resale value and that, in view of this, such costs should not be capitalised.

**CHRIST CHURCH HUNTINGDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the Charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the Charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the Charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Expendable Endowment funds are donations that are intended to be held as capital which may be gradually spent as income by the Charity over a period of time, in accordance with any restrictions imposed by the donors

The Charity holds the following various funds:

- Unrestricted Fund
 - General Fund – for the day-to-day activities of the Charity.
- Designated Fund
 - Mission Grants Fund – for the purpose of giving grants to other individuals or organisations that advance the Christian gospel, especially bringing the good news of Jesus.
- Restricted Funds
 - Hardship Fund – for the purpose of giving grants to individuals in the church congregation experiencing financial difficulty.
- Expendable Endowment Fund
 - Church Plant Endowment Fund – for the purpose of ensuring the Charity is able to sustain the operation of the Church Plant through its first 5-10 years. The fund is not restricted to any particular purpose and is expected to be spent over the coming years in such manner that the Church is established sustainably.

3 GRANTS

The CIO received a one-off grant from the PCC of St Andrew the Great Church as the Church was started in August and September 2018. This grant was given in order to finance the setup of the Church and underwrite the operation of CIO for the initial 10 years of the Church. This was therefore classed as Expendable Endowment.

The Charity also received a grant from the Diocese of Ely for £600 in December 2022, in light of the cost-of-living and energy crises in the United Kingdom at that time.

4 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

The Trustees decided to designate 15% of donated funds to be made available for grants for various projects that aligned with the charitable objectives of the Charity. This amounted to £17,198 in 2022 (2021: £14,421) and was therefore transferred to the Mission Grants fund, which totals £5,809 (2021: £4,371) at the end of the period.

The same principle of designating 15% of donated funds to the Mission Grants fund has also been applied to the Other Monetary Assets, resulting in a further £611 designated to this fund.

5 LIABILITIES

There are £657 (2021: £nil) of liabilities at year end. The £657 of liabilities at year end constitutes four invoices:

- one invoice dated December 2022 relating to Sunday Service Venue Hire (£527)
- one invoice dated December 2022 relating to Administration (£38)
- two invoices dated September and December 2022 relating to Fellowship (£82)

These were paid in January 2023 and so are reported here as a liability to creditors not paid in the year ending 31 December 2022. They are attributed to the General Fund.



Nathan Brown
Treasurer

Date: 29th February 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Christ Church Huntingdon

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Huntingdon (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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Date: 03.03.2024