

# CHRIST CHURCH ROMFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1180079

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-09-26

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

## Contact

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**Address** 67 Linley Crescent  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** 'TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ROMFORD, THE UK AND WORLDWIDE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH.'

**Activities:** To advance the Christian religion through the public worship of God and the preaching and teaching of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and such other charitable purposes as the charity trustees from time to time may think fit.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Essex
- Havering

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£53,817	£62,644	-	-
2023-12-31	£66,889	£62,352	-	-
2022-12-31	£55,397	£59,305	-	-
2021-12-31	£56,400	£62,000	-	-
2020-12-31	£79,457	£63,356	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ERIC DOUGLAS FENN</b>	Chair	2018-09-27
DANIEL SMITH		2018-09-27
Rev DAVID WYN THOMAS		2018-07-28

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

## Christ Church Romford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity for the year ending 31 December 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 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 CIO'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.

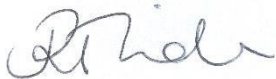
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.

Signed:



Name: Jon Trinder

Date: 24 Oct 2025

Address: 116 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
RM3 0NJ



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Giving	48,430	-	-	48,430	50,082
Church Offerings	4,021	-	-	4,021	920
One off donations	-	-	-	-	5,000
Gift aid received	-	-	-	-	10,677
CPC youth weekend	-	-	-	-	210
Christmas event	850	-	-	850	-
Cash in hand	516	-	-	516	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>53,817</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,817</b>	<b>66,889</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,817</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,817</b>	<b>66,889</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries (Including NI & Pensions)	50,456	-	-	50,456	48,951
Rent	9,543	-	-	9,543	9,220
Insurance	276	-	-	276	261
Professional Subscriptions	148	-	-	148	142
Safeguarding	150	-	-	150	145
Audit Fees	200	-	-	200	200
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	60
IPC Donation	-	-	-	-	1,500
Church activities	1,382	-	-	1,382	1,873
Christmas event	430	-	-	430	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>62,352</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,644</b>	<b>62,352</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 8,827</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 8,827</b>	<b>4,537</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>37,058</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,058</b>	<b>32,521</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>28,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,231</b>	<b>37,058</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at HSBC	26,694	-	-
	Cash at TSB	1,021	-	-
	Cash in hand	516	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>28,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>



	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 <small>David Thomas (Oct 28, 2025 22:05:01 GMT)</small>	David Thomas	28/10/25
 <small>Dan Smith (Oct 26, 2025 21:07:35 GMT)</small>	Daniel Smith	28/10/25

**Charity Name:** Christ Church Romford

**Registered Charity Number:** 1180079

**Name of Managing Trustees:**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Dates acting as Trustees</b>
Mr Eric Fenn	Chairman	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024
Mr Daniel Smith	Vice Chair	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024
Revd David Thomas	Pastor	Jan 2024 - Dec 2024

**Objectives and Activities:**

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

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Mr. Daniel Smith (Vice Chair)  
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The trustees actively look to appoint suitable additional trustees to share responsibilities as beneficial.



## Administrative Information

Christ Church Romford is situated in the Mawneys area of Romford in Havering. It is a part of the International Presbyterian Church denomination. The correspondence address is 67 Linley Crescent, RM7 8RB.

The church owns no property and instead leases a community hall for our Sunday morning meetings in the Mawneys area of Romford. We continue to have a good relationship with the owners of the hall.

## Summary of Activities:

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to foster community and relationships based on the Christian faith within Christ Church Romford.

When planning and evaluating our activities and ministries for the year, the pastor of the church and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. In particular we seek to enable people to discover, understand and grow in faith in Jesus Christ through:

Worship and Prayer	providing public weekly Christian worship services to declare the gospel and teach and support those who are seeking to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus.
Pastoral Care and oversight	offering spiritual and practical support in line with the Christian faith, to those members of the church who have particular needs
Mission and Outreach	seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who want to discover more about Biblical Christianity

## Specific Risks:

There have been no specific risks to the charity for the period.



## **Achievements:**

### *Worship and Prayer*

Over the course of the year Christ Church Romford has sought to offer an act of worship, gathering in person on Sunday mornings at St John's Hall on Mawney Road. We have additionally offered an evening worship service on the first Sunday of each month at the pastor's home to help families and individuals make good use of Sundays as a day focused on God. We have sought to include singing, prayers and celebrating the Lord's Supper and have provided reading, teaching and preaching from the Bible throughout the year. We love to welcome those of all ages to our worship service, including children and have seen numerous visitors and newcomers join us throughout the year. We have sought to support children, young people and adults with activities to consider Biblical teaching, doctrine and to provide pastoral support.

On several occasions throughout the year we have shared lunch together as a church family, either at the hall in which we meet or at one of the members' homes.

We have welcomed a number of new families and individuals to our Sunday morning activities from Romford and the wider local area. We have seen several couples join us. We have also welcomed two new babies into the church family.

We held no baptisms in 2024. At the beginning of the year, the church membership stood at 30 communing members (members admitted to the Lord's Table) along with 5 non-communing members (baptised children of communing members).

During the year we welcomed 4 new people into communing membership with one existing member leaving the church. We continue to encourage others to join through membership classes. At the close of the year the church membership stood at 33 communing members and 8 non-communing members.

Our weekly mid-week Prayer Meeting provides opportunity for the church family to pray together, and we additionally held a Week of Prayer at the beginning of the year.

### *Mission and Evangelism*

During the year we engaged in some door-to-door work, inviting those around the church hall to join us for our Carol service and Christmas activities. In January and in December we ran courses for those wanting to explore the Christian faith, and our pastor also met up with numerous groups and individuals to do one-to-one Bible reading, discipleship and leadership courses.

We continue to seek to share the Christian good news, inviting people to join us and worship the living God together.



## *Pastoral Care*

As a small church, we seek to foster a strong church family ethos and our pastor seeks to maintain ongoing contact with each family and individual connected to the church, through hospitality and more focused meetings to offer pastoral support where required. During the year, the minister has offered more intensive support to a number of members and attendees who have been in difficult circumstances. An annual pastoral visit was also instated this year, with members being visited to discuss their general spiritual health.

General pastoral support for all the church has been received through the weekly preaching and teaching ministry and pastoral visiting has progressed throughout the year, with membership interviews for those seeking to enter membership.

Those families who have welcomed new babies, and various others with specific needs have been supported through the provision of cooked meals.

A number of our young people went on Christian camps during the summer months.

Towards the end of the year we held a *Women Adorned with Good Works* and a separate *Men Above Reproach* morning to consider how women and men can serve the church in the distinct callings God has given them.

All of those at Christ Church who have volunteered to work with children and vulnerable adults have been DBS checked and all of our ministries have been run in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.

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## *Leadership*

At the June IPC Presbytery meeting, a motion was passed for Simon Arscott and Chris Roberts, ministers at All Nations Church, IPC, Ilford, to continue as loan-elders at Christ Church Romford, for a further period of 12 months. The pastor understands the importance of raising up elders from within the church, but the addition of two loan elders has helped with preaching and pastoral support for the church this year.

In addition to meeting church members as needed, the eldership met twice monthly to discuss relevant matters and met additionally to pray together for the church family.

The pastor spent time with two men to informally discuss church doctrine and practice with the aim of considering future leadership within the church.



## *Church Relations*

We have been grateful for our partnerships and collaboration with other churches throughout the year. We have welcomed a number of preachers from other churches and our pastor has preached at other churches on occasion, throughout the year. On several occasions, we have run joint events including the 20-30s ministry, with All Nations Church, Ilford, who belong to the same denomination.

We have remained active members of the International Presbyterian Church (IPC) with the pastor and others from the church attending presbytery and synod meetings on four occasions during the year in London, Aberdeen, and York and additionally attended the annual IPC Catalyst Conference in June. The pastor served in the role of Clerk of the UK Presbytery of the International Presbyterian Church through 2024.

Our pastor is a part of a locally organised ministers fraternal and met with other church ministers at various groups this year.

## **Finances and Reserve Policy**

As a church we seek to be financially self-sustaining. In 2024 we received no significant donations from outside the church family. We were thankful to see a slight increase in our internal budgeted giving from 2023, arising from a number of new regular attendees and some increase in giving by others.

We encourage all those who are regular attenders to give financially towards supporting the objectives and activities of the church, as they are able.

In 2024 a voluntary payment of £4000 was agreed to be paid to the International Presbyterian Church to support Church Planting and Ministry Training ministries. The payment was made during the following year and therefore this figure is not reflected in the accompanying accounts.

Our intention is to maintain an amount of three months average expenditure in funds.

## **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all of the church members and attendees who act in various ways as volunteers, for their hard work to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Without their support, Christ Church Romford would not be the welcoming church it endeavours to be.



## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'EF', written over a blue horizontal line.

Eric Fenn (Oct 28, 2025 21:11:42 GMT)

28/10/25

**Eric Fenn (Chairman of Trustees)**

**CHRIST CHURCH ROMFORD**

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Signed:



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Date: 24 Oct 2024

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One off donations	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
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CPC youth weekend	210	-	-	210	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>66,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,889</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>66,889</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,889</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries (Including NI & Pensions)	48,951	-	-	48,951	-
Rent	9,220	-	-	9,220	-
Insurance	261	-	-	261	-
Professional Subscriptions	142	-	-	142	-
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Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	-
IPC Donation	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Church activities	1,873	-	-	1,873	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>62,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,352</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>62,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,352</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>-</b>
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### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at HSBC	37,058	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,058</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK



B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	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
 <small>David Thomas (Oct 29, 2024 21:34 GMT)</small>	David Thomas	29/10/24
	Daniel Smith	29/10/2024



## Trustees' Annual Report 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023

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## **Achievements:**

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We have sought to support children, young people and adults with activities to consider Biblical teaching, doctrine and to provide pastoral support. On several occasions throughout the year we have shared lunch together as a church family, either at the hall in which we meet or at one of the members' homes.

From October 2023 we began a First Sunday of the Month Evening Worship Service, to help families and individuals make good use of Sundays as a day focused on God.

We have welcomed a number of new families and individuals from Romford and the wider local area to our Sunday morning activities. We have seen several couples join us. We have also welcomed two new babies into the church family and celebrated two of our members getting married to each other.

During the year we were glad to baptise three people in total, one person on profession of faith and two children as covenant members of the church. At the beginning of the year, the church membership stood at 20 communing members (members admitted to the Lord's Table) along with 5 non-communing members (baptised children of communing members).

During the year we welcomed 10 new members into communing membership, two of whom had been non-communing members, who were admitted to the Lord's Supper on a profession of faith. The two baptised children became non-communing members of the church. We continue to encourage others into membership through membership classes. At the close of the year the church membership stood at 30 communing members and 5 non-communing members.

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### *Mission and Evangelism*

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General pastoral support for all the church has been received through the weekly preaching and teaching ministry and pastoral visiting has progressed throughout the year, with membership interviews for those seeking to enter membership.

Those families who have welcomed new babies, along with those recently bereaved, have been supported through the organisation of the supply of cooked meals for a few weeks after their life event.

We have run a group for those in their 20-30s to provide an opportunity to study and for fellowship and have invited those from other like-minded churches in this age range to these events. We additionally saw a number of our young people go to Christian camps during August.

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As a church we seek to be financially self-sustaining. In 2023 we received one significant donation from outside the church family. We were thankful to see approximately a 10% increase in our internal budgeted giving from 2022, arising from a number of new regular attendees and some increase in giving by others.

We encourage all those who are regular attenders to give financially towards supporting the objectives and activities of the church, as they are able.

As promised in 2022, a voluntary payment of £1500 was made to the International Presbyterian Church to support Church Planting and Ministry Training ministries. These figures are reflected in the accompanying accounts.

Our intention is to maintain an amount of three months average expenditure in funds.

## Volunteers

We would like to thank all of the church members and attendees who act in various ways as volunteers for their hard work to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Without their support, Christ Church Romford would not be the welcoming church it endeavours to be.

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

### Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Eric Fenn", written over a blue horizontal line.

Eric Fenn (Oct 29, 2024 21:32 GMT)

29/10/24

**Eric Fenn (Chairman of Trustees)**

**CHRIST CHURCH ROMFORD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180079

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

## Christ Church Romford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity for the year ending 31 December 2022.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 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 CIO'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:

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Signed:



Name: Jon Trinder

Date: 31 Oct 2023

Address: 116 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
RM3 0NJ



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/1/2022	To	Period end date 31/12/2022
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Giving	45,615	-	-	45,615	-
Church Offerings	397	-	-	397	-
One off donations	710	-	-	710	-
Gift aid received	8,676	-	-	8,676	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>55,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,397</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>55,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,397</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries (Including NI & Pensions)	48,620	-	-	48,620	-
Staff Clergy expenses	1,025	-	-	1,025	-
Rent	8,383	-	-	8,383	-
Insurance	251	-	-	251	-
Professional Subscriptions	252	-	-	252	-
Publicity	56	-	-	56	-
Safeguarding	259	-	-	259	-
Audit Fees	400	-	-	400	-
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>59,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,305</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>59,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,305</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 3,908</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>36,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,429</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>32,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,521</b>	<b>-</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at HSBC	32,521	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>32,521</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>


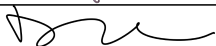
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	David Thomas	Oct 31, 2023
	Daniel Smith	31/10/2023

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## Specific Risks:

There have been no specific risks to the charity for the period.

## **Achievements:**

### *Worship and Prayer*

Over the course of the year Christ Church Romford has sought to offer an act of worship, gathering in person on Sunday morning at St John's Hall on Mawney Road. We have sought to include singing, prayers and celebrating the Lord's Supper, when this has been possible and have provided reading, teaching and preaching from the Bible throughout the year. We love to welcome those of all ages to our worship service, including children.

We have sought to support children, young people and adults with activities to consider Biblical teaching, doctrine and to provide pastoral support.

We have welcomed a number of new families and individuals to our Sunday morning activities from Romford and the wider area local area. We have seen two couples and a family join us, whilst we also saw one regular attender move away. We have also welcomed one new baby into the church family.

During the year we were glad to baptise four people in total, two on profession of faith and two children as covenant members of the church. At the beginning of the year, the church membership stood at 11 communing members (members admitted to the Lord's Table) along with 4 non-communing members (the baptised children of communing members).

During the year we welcomed 9 new members into communing membership, one of whom had been a non-communing member, who was admitted to the Lord's Supper on a profession of faith. The two baptised children became non-communing members of the church. We continue to encourage others to membership through regular membership classes. At the close of the year the church membership stood at 20 communing members and 5 non-communing members.

Our weekly mid-week Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for the church family to pray together, and we additionally held a week of prayer at the beginning of the year.

### *Mission and Evangelism*

During the year we have engaged in some door-to-door work, inviting those around the church hall to join with us for our Carol service and Christmas activities. In October we ran a Christianity Explored course for those wanting to explore the Christian faith, and our pastor also meet up with individuals to do one to one Bible reading and share the gospel.

We have produced a number of advertisements in our local newspaper, as we continue to seek to share the Christian good news and inviting people to join us worship the living God together.

The church allocated a gift of £1500 towards Church Planting and Assistant Minister training within the IPC to be paid in the following year, and we also made a number of financial gifts to Christian work in other countries through various mission agencies.

### *Pastoral Care*

As a relatively small church, we seek to foster a strong church family ethos and our pastor seeks to maintain ongoing contact with each family and individual connected to the church, through hospitality and more focused meetings to offer pastoral support where required. During the year, the minister has offered more intensive support to a number of members and attendees who have been in difficult circumstances.

General pastoral support for all the church has been received through the weekly preaching and teaching ministry and pastoral visiting has progressed throughout the year, with membership interviews for those seeking to enter membership.

Those families who have welcomed new babies, have been supported through the organisation of the supply of cooked meals through the first couple of weeks after the arrival.

We have run a group for those in their 20-30s to provide an opportunity to study and for fellowship and have invited those from other like-minded churches in this age range to these events. We additionally ran a book group through the summer and also saw a number of our young people go to Christian camps during August.

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Signed:   
[Eric Fenn \(Oct 31, 2023 15:18 GMT\)](#)

Oct 31, 2023

**Eric Fenn (Chairman of Trustees)**


# CCR 2022 Annual Return

Final Audit Report

2023-10-31

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Date: 29 Oct 2022

Address: 116 Shepherds Hill  
Harold Wood  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Giving	47,062	375	-	47,437	-
Church Offerings	358	-	-	358	-
Other (Bank Interest)	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid received	8,659	-	-	8,659	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>56,079</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,454</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>56,079</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,454</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries (Including NI & Pensions)	48,849	-	-	48,849	-
Staff Clergy expenses	203	-	-	203	-
Additional Speakers	40	-	-	40	-
Rent	7,645	-	-	7,645	-
Insurance	251	-	-	251	-
Professional Subscriptions	341	-	-	341	-
Publicity	250	-	-	250	-
Services and Activities	37	-	-	37	-
Donations	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Bank charges	5	-	-	5	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,621</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Electronic piano	23	375	-	398	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>61,644</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62,019</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,566</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 5,566</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,995	-	-	41,995	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>36,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,429</b>	<b>-</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Cash at TSB	-	-	-
	Cash at HSBC	36,429	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>36,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Details			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 <small>Dan Smith (Oct 31, 2022 12:05 GMT)</small>	Daniel Smith	Oct 31, 2022
	David Thomas	Oct 31, 2022

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## Specific Risks:

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Having met online for our weekly midweek prayer meeting for the first half of the year, we began gathering in person from 28 July.

The trustees continued to update our risk assessment for meeting together, making use of the information from the Government website and supplemental information produced by other denominations.

Financially, our expenditure was reduced somewhat during the first half of the year from paying a reduced rent when we were gathering solely for an act of Public Worship.

It is clear that the effects of the lockdown and restrictions had a significant effect on the emotional and spiritual well-being of a number of our church members, despite a concerted effort by the pastor and many members of the church family to keep in touch with one another, through phone calls, emails, social media.

## **Achievements:**

### *Worship and Prayer*

Over the course of the year Christ Church Romford has sought to offer an act of worship, gathering in person on Sunday morning at St John's Hall on Mawney Road. We have sought to include singing, prayers and celebrating the Lord's Supper, when this has been possible as restrictions were lifted. We have provided readings, teaching and preaching from the Bible throughout the year. We love to welcome those of all ages to our worship service, including children.

We have sought to support children, young people and adults with activities to consider Biblical teaching, doctrine and to provide pastoral support.

We have welcomed a number of new families and individuals to our Sunday morning activities from Romford and the wider local area. During the year we have seen a number of individuals move away from the area or move to worship elsewhere. We have also seen a newly married couple and two individuals regularly join. We have welcomed two new babies into the church family. At the close of the year there were 32 adults and 13 children who were in regular attendance.

During the year we introduced a formal church membership role. Following a series of classes on the requirements for membership in September, we received our first members on 17 October 2021. At the end of the year, the church membership stood at 11 communing members (members admitted to the Lord's Table) along with their children. Numerous other regular members of the congregation were seeking membership.

Our weekly midweek Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for the church family to pray together, and we additionally held a week of prayer at the beginning of the year.

### *Mission and Evangelism*



Seeking to share our Christian faith with those in our local area has proved particularly difficult during the circumstances of the pandemic. However, we were able to distribute 1000 invitations to the residents in the streets neighbouring the church hall for our Carol service and Christmas activities.

We have produced a number of advertisements in our local newspaper, with our pastor producing an article for the Christmas edition of the paper, sharing the Christian good news and inviting people to join us worship the living God together.

The church gave a share of approximately 10% of our internal giving towards Church Planting and Assistant Minister training within the IPC and we also made a number of financial gifts to Christian work in other countries through various mission agencies.

### *Pastoral Care*

As a relatively small church, we seek to foster a strong church family ethos and our pastor seeks to maintain ongoing contact with each family and individual connected to the church, through hospitality and more focused meetings to offer pastoral support where required.

General pastoral support for all the church has been received through the weekly preaching and teaching ministry and pastoral visiting has progressed throughout the year, with membership interviews for those seeking to enter membership.

Those families who have welcomed new babies, have been supported through the organisation of the supply of cooked meals through the first couple of weeks after the arrival.

All of those at Christ Church who have volunteered to work with children and vulnerable adults have been DBS checked and all of our ministries have run in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.

For those who are unable to attend our worship services we make previous sermons available to access online.

### *Leadership*

At the June IPC Presbytery meeting, a motion was passed for Simon Arscott and Chris Roberts from All Nations Church, IPC, Ilford to become elders on loan at Christ Church Romford, for an initial period of 12 months. While the pastor understands the importance of raising up elders from within the church, the addition of two elders has been both a great support for ongoing ministry and is intended to facilitate the process of training new elders from within the church.

The eldership meet monthly to discuss relevant matters and additionally meet to pray together for the church family.



## *Church Relations*

We have been grateful for our partnerships and collaboration with other churches throughout the year, especially in determining how best to operate during lockdown restrictions.

On several occasions throughout the year we have run joint events with the All Nations Church, Ilford, who belong to the same denomination.

We have remained active members of the International Presbyterian Church with the pastor and others from the church attending online presbytery meetings on four occasions during the year, and with the pastor additionally attending the annual IPC Catalyst Conference in June.

Our pastor is a part of a locally organised ministers fraternal and regularly meets with other local church ministers. In addition, the pastor has preached at a number of other churches throughout the year and we have welcomed other ministers to preach for us on occasion.

## **Finances and Reserve Policy**

The generous financial support from a number of external sources that we had received annually during our initial years, ceased by agreement in 2021. Income levels were slightly reduced by changes in some personal circumstances.

We made a voluntary contribution of approximately 10% of our internal giving to the International Presbyterian Church to support Church Planting and Ministry Training.

Our intention is to maintain an amount of at least three months average expenditure in the church funds.

## **Volunteers**

In what has again been a challenging year with the pandemic and easing of restrictions, we would like to thank all of the church members and attendees who act in various ways as volunteers for their hard work to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Without their support, Christ Church Romford would not be the welcoming church it endeavours to be.

## **Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Eric Fenn", written over a blue horizontal line.

Eric Fenn (Oct 31, 2022 12:05 GMT)

**Eric Fenn (Chairman of Trustees)**

Oct 31, 2022

**CHRIST CHURCH ROMFORD**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180079

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# Accounts

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# Independent examiner's report

to the trustees of

## Christ Church Romford

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the above charity for the year ending 31 December 2020.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, 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 CIO'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.

Signed:



Name: Jon Trinder

Date: 20 Oct 2021

Address: 116 Shepherds Hill  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Giving	58,227	-	-	58,227	-
Large One-off donations	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Church Offerings	417	-	-	417	-
Other (Bank Interest)	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid received	19,170	-	-	19,170	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries (Including NI & Pensions)	49,328	-	-	49,328	-
Staff Clergy expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Speakers	120	-	-	120	-
Rent	4,200	-	-	4,200	-
Insurance	202	-	-	202	-
Professional Subscriptions	196	-	-	196	-
Publicity	441	-	-	441	-
Services and Activities	240	-	-	240	-
Accountant	300	-	-	300	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,027</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>55,027</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,027</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>27,787</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,787</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>13,857</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,857</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>41,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,644</b>	<b>-</b>

### 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at TSB	26,594	-	-
	Cash at HSBC	15,050	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>41,644</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
			27/10/2021	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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**Unrestricted funds**  
to nearest £

**Restricted funds**  
to nearest £

**Endowment funds**  
to nearest £

**B2 Other monetary assets**

**Details**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**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

  
  
Dan Smith (Oct 28, 2021 11:56 GMT+1)

David Wyn Thomas  
Dan Smith

Oct 28, 2021  
Oct 28, 2021

**Charity Name:** Christ Church Romford

**Registered Charity Number:** 1180079

**Name of Managing Trustees:**

<b>Trustee Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Dates acting as Trustees</b>
Eric Fenn	Chairman	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020
James Edwards	Treasurer	Jan 2020 - Aug 2020
Daniel Smith	Vice Chair	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020
Rev. David Thomas	Pastor	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

**Objectives and Activities:**

The trustees of Christ Church Romford (CIO), have the responsibility of cooperating with the elders of the church to advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in Romford, the UK and worldwide in accordance with the church's Statement of Faith.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The appointment of trustees at Christ Church Romford as set out in the Constitution to be the minister of the church along with others appointed as trustees at the incorporation of the charity. The trustees met formally on five occasions during the year 2020. Prevented from holding an Annual Church Meeting for regular church attendees during this period due to COVID-19, a postponed meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The trustees of the church, as registered with the charity commission, changed during the year with Mr. James Edwards relocating away from the area and therefore stepping down as a trustee of the charity in August. The trustees registered with the charity commission as of 31 December 2020 were:

Mr. Eric Fenn (Chairman)  
Mr. Daniel Smith (Vice Chair)  
Rev. David Thomas

The trustees are actively looking to appoint suitable additional trustees to share responsibilities as beneficial.



## Administrative Information

Christ Church Romford is situated in the Mawneys area of Romford in Havering. It is a part of the International Presbyterian Church denomination. The correspondence address is 67 Linley Crescent, RM7 8RB.

The church owns no property and instead lease a community hall for our Sunday morning meetings in the Mawneys area of Romford. We continue to have a good relationship with the owners of the hall, though the COVID-19 lockdown reduced our usage of the hall during 2020, when we were unable to meet in person.

## Summary of Activities:

The trustees are committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to foster community and relationships based on the Christian faith within Christ Church Romford.

When planning and evaluating our activities and ministries for the year, the pastor of the church and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and guidance for charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we seek to enable people to discover, understand and grow in faith in Jesus Christ through:

Worship and Prayer	providing public weekly Christian worship services to declare the gospel and teach and support those who are seeking to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus.
Pastoral Care and oversight	offering spiritual and practical support in line with the Christian faith, to those members of the church who have particular needs
Mission and Outreach	seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who want to discover more about Biblical Christianity

## Specific Risks:

During March of the year, the Coronavirus pandemic hit, affecting all areas of public life and causing the trustees of the church to reassess all areas of our ministry and work. From 22<sup>nd</sup> March, all of our in-person meetings were halted, and we moved to broadcasting an act of worship online on Sunday mornings. After a number of weeks, we additionally were able to organise Sunday afternoon online Sunday School classes for children and adults, and arranged for our weekly mid-week prayer meeting to be held using online conferencing tools.

Whilst this was far from what Christian gathered public worship ought to be, it did enable the continuation of preaching and teaching to build up God’s people in their Christian faith at an especially challenging time. To address the lack of the social aspect of church life, after some weeks we additionally held weekly Sunday online chat and catch-up meetings for people to share news and points for prayer.

We sought to make use of the church web site and social media to advertise our presence online and 'welcomed' a number of online 'visitors' during the time in which we broadcast.

By the end of July, we began the process of returning to gathering for worship at St. John's Hall, while continuing to stream the service online for those shielding or needing to isolate. The trustees produced a full risk assessment for this meeting, making use of the information from the Government website and supplemental information produced by other denominations, including the Church of England and the Baptist Union, on meeting safely under the ongoing restrictions.

All other meetings either continued online or were cancelled, and we regularly updated our risk assessment to keep in line with the latest Government guidance for gathering for public worship; including moving the services online for the month of November when it was made illegal to gather for worship. We were also grateful to be able to consult with churches within the International Presbyterian Church and other local churches to share best practices and learn from the experience of others.

Financially, our expenditure has been reduced during the year from either paying no rent when we were conducting worship online or paying a reduced rent when we were gathering solely for an act of public worship.

It has been clear that the effects of the lockdown and restrictions have had a significant effect on the emotional and spiritual well-being of many of the church members, despite a concerted effort by the pastor and many members of the church family to keep in touch with one another, through phone calls, emails, and social media.

## **Achievements:**

### *Worship and Prayer*

Over the course of the year Christ Church Romford has sought to offer an act of worship, either gathering in person on Sunday mornings at St John's Hall on Mawney Road or broadcasting an act of worship online. We have sought to include singing, prayers, and celebrating the Lord's Supper, when this has been possible, but have provided readings, teaching, and preaching from the Bible throughout the year. We love to welcome those of all ages to our worship service, including children.

We have sought to support children, young people, and adults with activities to consider Biblical teaching, doctrine and to provide pastoral support.

We have welcomed several new people to our Sunday morning activities from Romford and the wider local area. During the year we have seen two families move away from the area and one older lady who has not returned to church since lockdown. We have also seen a family and three individuals regularly join us and we have welcomed the wives of two of our members who have been married during the year. We have welcomed one new baby into



the church family. At the close of the year there were 31 adults and 11 children in regular attendance each week.

There were three baptisms held at the church in February and no funerals were held at the church during the period of reporting.

Our weekly mid-week Prayer Meeting provides an opportunity for the church family to pray together, and we have additionally held days of prayer in response to the pandemic.

### *Mission and Evangelism*

Seeking to share our Christian faith with those in our local area has proved particularly difficult during the circumstances of the pandemic. We have been unable to make contact this year, through door knocking, with the residents in the streets neighbouring the church hall, but we have sought to notify people of our activities online, both through the local newspapers and social media and our web site. We were grateful to be able to offer personal invitations to our in-person Christmas carol service in December. Our pastor has written a number of articles for the local newspaper at Easter and Christmas, sharing the Christian good news and inviting people to join us to worship the living God together.

The church gave financial gifts towards Christian work in other countries through various mission agencies.

### *Pastoral Care*

Being a relatively small church, we seek to foster a strong church family ethos and our pastor seeks to maintain ongoing contact with each family and individual connected to the church, through hospitality and through more focused meetings and support where required. This area of church life has been greatly disrupted by the pandemic restrictions throughout the year, but pastoral support has been offered through seeking to be in contact with church members via telephone, email, and online conferencing. Where essential pastoral matters have arisen, the pastor has sought to meet with people in a socially distanced manner. General pastoral support for all the church has been given through the weekly preaching and teaching ministry and there has been 'Welcome to Marriage' online sessions for a couple who had been recently married.

All of those at Christ Church who have volunteered to work with children and vulnerable adults have been DBS checked and all of our ministries have run in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.

For those who are unable to attend our worship services we make previous sermons available to access online.

### *Church Relations*

We have been grateful for our partnerships and collaboration with other churches throughout the year, especially in seeking to determine how best to operate during the lockdown restrictions.



We have remained active members of the International Presbyterian Church (IPC) with the pastor and others from the church attending online presbytery meetings on four occasions during the year, and with the pastor additionally joining with other IPC ministers to pray and discuss how to conduct church procedures during restrictions. As a church we joined two national online prayer meetings along with other IPC churches during the year.

Our pastor is a part of a locally organised ministers fraternal and meets with other church ministers at various groups – all of which having been conducted online this year. In addition, the pastor has preached online for other churches during the year and we have welcomed other ministers to preach for us on occasion.

### **Reserve Policy**

Our intention is to maintain an amount of three months average expenditure in funds.

### **Volunteers**

In what has been a particularly challenging year with the pandemic, we would like to thank all the church members and attendees who act in various ways as volunteers for their hard work to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Without their support, Christ Church Romford would not be the welcoming church it endeavours to be.

### **Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signed:**

  
Eric Fenn (Oct 28, 2021 00:14 GMT+1)

**Eric Fenn (Chairman of Trustees)**

Oct 28, 2021











# CCR 1180079 Combined Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2020

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