

# Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia Trustees Annual Report For Financial Year Ending December 2022

## Section A Reference and Administration Details

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Charity Name                | Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia |
| Registered Charity Number   | 1180434                                   |
| Charity's Principal Address | Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA   |

### Names of the Trustees for the year: -

J Newman (Secretary)

T D Austin

I Brown

J Greenway

R Newman

R B Newman

C Norton

J T Plumb

## Section B Structure, Governance and Management

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Type of governing document     | Constitution which is our governing document including practices and procedures as well as additional provisions required by the Charity Commission. This was adopted September 2018 following a ballot of members      |
| How the charity is constituted | Unincorporated association  |
| Trustee selection method       | Annual appointment by secret ballot of the charity members  |
| Additional information         | The trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia. They are chosen by nomination from members of the ecclesia and are familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia |

## Section C Objectives and Activities

### The objects of the Charity:

To advance Bible-based Christian faith to the glory of God and the honour of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Christadelphian Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith (BASF) for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and members of the public, particularly in and around Sutton Coldfield and district.

### The activities

Activities undertaken to meet the objects include but are not limited to: -

- Holding meetings, open to the public, for worship, prayer, breaking of bread by Christadelphians and Bible study and teaching.
- Engaging with the local public through personal preaching and/or by invitations to preaching / teaching meetings and/or by other means, including the provision of Sunday school and/or youth club(s) and/or other occasional activities.
- Engaging with the wider Christadelphian community and wider public through periodic donations to charitable needs, including donations for; Meal a Day, World Disasters, Samaritan Fund, Christadelphian Care Homes.
- Serving, to the extent feasible, the pastoral and other welfare needs of ecclesial members and others.

All our activities are open to all. No fee is charged, and no-one receives private benefits from the charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

## Section D Achievements and Performance

Our ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 102 adults. The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady.

Our collective fellowship and preaching activities have continued to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority of meetings and activities continue to be accessible online with some being online only and some held at our hall as well as being streamed.

Summary of regular weekly activities using our hall / online: -

- Regular meetings on Sunday, for sharing bread and wine
- Bible Study Class meets regularly on Tuesday
- Activities for young people include Sunday School, occasional Youth Circle and Discussion Classes
- We have held additional regular online meetings for members, particularly our older members who would otherwise be isolated, to stay in touch and maintain their spiritual focus, including;
  - 3 times weekly fellowship sessions
  - For Bible readings and discussion
  - For Bible studies

Summary of one off and irregular activities held: -

- We hosted a family fraternal at Elford village hall in May
- We held a carol service in December which was advertised to the public

Other activities: -

- We are providing support to refugees from Iran, some of whom are now members and others are attending our services
- We hold regular collections of food and other essential items for donation to our members and a local public food bank
- We have encouraged Bible reading by regular distribution of leaflets and newspaper adverts entitled 'Grab Your Bible'. An offer of a free Bible reading course is included.

## Section E Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments accounts and statement of balances below. In addition, details are given of the financial support given to good causes, both by specific donations to restricted funds and as grants from the unrestricted General Fund.

The reserves policy of the ecclesia is to hold £10000 (originally part of the General Fund balance) in an unrestricted General Reserve fund to meet any financial emergency as determined by the trustees. All funds are held in two instant access bank accounts and one 60 day notice account. The balance in these funds at the end of the year was considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia.

Contributions from members are made through regular monthly donations, with taxpayers encouraged to use the Gift Aid provision. Funds donated specifically for external charities or organisations are normally forwarded to the relevant body within three months of the donations being received. We do not seek to raise funds from members of the public.

Welfare financial support to our members is managed confidentially by a sub-committee based upon need on a case-by-case basis. Funds used by this sub-committee are taken from the welfare fund. Grants above a certain threshold value require the approval of the trustees (the arranging brothers). On occasion interest free welfare loans are granted which are financed from the general fund.

All financial decisions and activity is subject to the acceptance and approval of the members, normally given at a quarterly business meeting of the ecclesia.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1180434

Set out on pages

Spreadsheet: 'Crosscheck\_2022 Accounts\_Review\_MJ\_Ver05'

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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:

5<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Name:

Mark R Jones

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

Address:

33 Grosvenor Close

Four Oaks

Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

**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). [N/A](#)

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

[None](#)



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\* See next page for detail

|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Bank Accounts as at 31st Dec 2022</b> |               |               |
| Lloyds Current                           | 907           | 2,596         |
| Lloyds Deposit                           | 20,580        | 4,566         |
| Shawbrook (CAF) Deposit                  | 55,155        | 50,026        |
| Cash in Hand                             | 73            | 6             |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                       | <b>76,715</b> | <b>57,246</b> |

**\* Donations made to good causes**

**2022**

**2021**

| Year Ended 31st December 2022   |               |          |               |
|---|---------------|----------|---------------|
| <b>From Donations to and Collections for Appeal Funds</b>               |               | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>      |
| Including Gift Aid Tax Refunds & £3000 topup donation from General Fund |               |          |               |
| Christadelphian Benevolent Fund (CBF)                                   | <b>347</b>    |          | 509           |
| Christadelphian Care Homes (CCH)  | <b>2,529</b>  |          | 1,187         |
| Christadelphian Auxiliary Lecturing Society (CALS)                      | <b>1,516</b>  |          | 3,359         |
| Christadelphian Bible Mission - General Fund (CBMG)                     | <b>2,052</b>  |          | 2,988         |
| Christadelphian Bible Mission - Welfare Fund (CBMW)                     | <b>3,752</b>  |          | 1,874         |
| Christadelphian Isolation League  | <b>484</b>    |          | 528           |
| Christadelphian Meal a Day Fund (MaD)                                   | <b>2,631</b>  |          | 3,624         |
| Christadelphian Samaritan Fund  | <b>1,042</b>  |          | 1,301         |
| Solihull Bible Learning Centre (SBLC)                                   | <b>302</b>    |          | 413           |
| World Disasters (DEC India and Afghanistan Appeals)                     |               |          | 1,335         |
| Sundries (Malawi)   | <b>430</b>    |          |               |
| Sundries (Parkinsons UK)  |               |          | 373           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>15,085</b> |          | <b>17,492</b> |

| <b>Grants from the General Fund</b>                |              | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>     |
|--|--------------|----------|--------------|
| <b>To External Organisations</b>                   |              |          |              |
| Appeal Funds Topup in lieu of collection support * | <b>3,000</b> |          | 3,500        |
| Solihull BLC Funding Support                       | <b>800</b>   |          | 800          |
| Sutton Baptists Funding Support                    | <b>300</b>   |          | 300          |
| CBM Covid Appeal                                   | <b>1,000</b> |          |              |
| Burton Building Appeal                             | <b>150</b>   |          |              |
| DEC Ukraine Appeal                                 | <b>500</b>   |          |              |
| C'ian Video Productions Funding Support            | <b>100</b>   |          |              |
| CARA (C'ian Refugee Support Funding Support        | <b>200</b>   |          |              |
| Christadelphian Care Homes Covid Appeal            |              |          | 2,000        |
| Ashton Building Appeal                             |              |          | 300          |
| <b>To SCCE Funds (Funds transfer)</b>              |              |          |              |
| Foodbank Topup                                     |              |          | 1,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>6,050</b> |          | <b>7,900</b> |

\* included in above table