

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia Trustees Annual Report For Financial Year Ending December 2023

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

J Greenway

R Newman

R B Newman

C Norton

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 103 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 changed ways of living brought about 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. The number of those attending the hall for our main fellowship service on a Sunday morning has increased progressively during the year. We have continued to take the precaution on health grounds of having individual items for the sharing of bread and wine.

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

- Regular meetings on Sunday, for sharing bread and wine
- Meetings on a Sunday once a month covering topical Bible subjects aimed at being of interest to members of the public.
- Bible Study Class meets regularly on Tuesday
- Activities for young people include Sunday School, regular Youth Circle and Discussion Classes

Summary of one off and irregular activities held: -

- 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.

The most significant item of expenditure during the year involved replacing 11 windows on the front elevation of our church hall. Although we initially financed this expenditure from our funds, in the event, we were able to apply for a grant from the Christadelphian Halls and Buildings Society. The application was successful and allowed us to recover the full cost of the windows project.

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia
Receipts and Payments Account (£)
Year Ended 31st December 2023

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	Total Funds 2023	SCCE												Restricted Appeal Funds (*)	Total Funds 2022
		Total SCCE	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds										
			General Fund	Reserve	Building	CYC	Camp	Foodbank	Minibus	Preaching	Sunday School	Welfare	Youth Weekend		
RECEIPTS															
Weekly and other non-GA collections	195													195	404
Gift aided regular and one-off donations	27,356	18,654	10,698		1,053	3	129	1,865		849	486	3,571		8,702	25,666
Non gift aided donations	5,631	4,505	3,824		433		4			60	26	158		1,126	1,352
Gift aid recovered on donations (2021/22)	6,591	4,496	3,054		244	63	36	463		225	114	285	13	2,095	14,380
Flat rental income	3,800	3,800	3,800												2,700
Grants from Christadelphian Bodies	26,450	26,450	15,650		8,290		210					2,300			17,244
Insurance Settlement															
Bank interest	375	375	375												145
Total External Receipts	70,397	58,279	37,400		10,020	66	379	2,328		1,134	626	6,314	13	12,118	61,892
Transfers into funds	19,901	19,901			15,651			1,250				3,000			3,000
Total Receipts (Inc Transfers)	90,298	78,181	37,400		25,671	66	379	3,578		1,134	626	9,314	13	12,118	64,892
PAYMENTS															
Donations to beneficiaries	8,468	8,468										8,468		12,353	5,178
* Donations to other causes	13,553	1,200	1,200												18,135
Food parcels/Foodbank															
Other welfare expenses	122	122										122			144
Windows replacement	23,940	23,940			23,940										
Major building work	2,949	2,949			2,949										1,797
CYC expenses	264	264				264									
Camp expenses															87
Transfer to Camp bank account	1,790	1,790					1,790								
Foodbank Purchases	3,290	3,290						3,290							2,480
Minibus Expenses															7
Preaching expenses	1,249	1,249								1,249					3,224
Sunday school expenses	736	736									736				326
Youth weekend expenses															
Utilities	3,269	3,269	3,269												2,183
Repairs and maintenance	1,817	1,817	1,817												1,111
Flat Utilities	1,551	1,551	1,551												2,191
Insurance	1,601	1,601	1,601												1,449
Technology	969	969	969												927
Speakers' Expenses	213	213	213												223
Catering	176	176	176												397
Activities	322	322	322												292
Cleaning	440	440	440												385
Secretarial, Postage, Printing	225	225	225												253
Subscriptions/Magazines															
Equipment	151	151	151												163
Wine	100	100	100												80
Consumables	399	399	399												68
Bank Charges															
Outstanding Loans	650	650	650												1,350
Sundries	182	182	182												
Total Payments to External	68,424	56,072	13,264		26,889	264	1,790	3,290		1,249	736	8,591		12,353	42,423
Transfers out of funds	19,901	19,901							18,651			1,250			3,000
Total Payments (Inc Transfers)	88,326	75,973	13,264		26,889	264	1,790	3,290	18,651	1,249	736	9,841		12,353	45,423

* See next page for detail

Balances														
Opening Balances 1 Jan 2023	76,715	75,854	19,621	10,000	13,668	1,908	1,482	271	18,651	3,917	2,439	3,450	448	57,246
External Receipts	70,397	58,279	37,400	0	10,020	66	379	2,328	0	1,134	626	6,314	13	61,892
Net Transfers between Funds	0	0	-	0	15,651	0	0	1,250	-18,651	0	0	1,750	0	0
Less Payments to External	68,424	56,072	13,264	0	26,889	264	1,790	3,290	0	1,249	736	8,591	0	42,423
Closing balances 31st Dec 2023	78,688	78,062	43,757	10,000	12,450	1,710	71	558	0	3,801	2,330	2,924	460	76,715
Plus Unallocated Cash Received	0													0
Closing Total Funds Balance	78,688													76,715

Bank Accounts as at 31st Dec 2022														
Lloyds Current	481													907
Lloyds Deposit	14,712													20,580
Shawbrook (CAF) Deposit	63,398													55,155
Cash in Hand	97													73
Total Funds	78,688													76,715

*** Donations made to good causes**

2023

2022

Year Ended 31st December 2023			
From Donations to and Collections for Appeal Funds		£	£
Including Gift Aid Tax Refunds & 2022 £3000 topup donation from General Fund			
Christadelphian Benevolent Fund (CBF)	410		347
Christadelphian Care Homes (CCH)	2,474		2,529
Christadelphian Auxiliary Lecturing Society (CALS)	616		1,516
Christadelphian Aid for Refugees & Asylum Seekers (CARA)	57		0
Christadelphian Bible Mission - General Fund (CBMG)	1,365		2,052
Christadelphian Bible Mission - Welfare Fund (CBMW)	1,778		3,752
Christadelphian Outreach Group (COG)	52		0
Christadelphian Isolation League (CIL)	381		484
Christadelphian Meal a Day Fund (MaD)	2,753		2,631
Christadelphian Samaritan Fund (CSF)	747		1,042
Solihull Bible Learning Centre (SBLC)	228		302
World Disasters (DEC Ukraine Appeal)	900		0
Sundries (CBM Malawi)	593		430
Total	12,353		15,085

Grants from the General Fund		£	£
To External Organisations			
Solihull BLC Funding Support	800		800
Sutton Baptists Funding Support	400		300
Appeal Funds Topup in lieu of collection support *			3,000
CBM Covid Appeal			1,000
Burton Building Appeal			150
DEC Ukraine Appeal			500
C'ian Video Productions Funding Support			100
CARA (C'ian Refugee Support Funding Support			200
Total	1,200		6,050

* included in above table



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1180434

Set out on pages

Pages 5 and 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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:

6th Feb 2024

Name:

Mark R Jones

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

Address:

33 Grosvenor Close

Four Oaks

Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands

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](#)

