

FOUNDATION CHURCH

WOKINGHAM

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	David Main James Moreland Richard Baker (until 18 December 2019) Owen Hayward (from 18 December 2019) Anne Hill (from 18 December 2019)
Pastor:	Owen Hayward
Treasurer:	Anne Hill
Charitable position:	Registered Charity No. 1181334
Governing document:	CIO Constitution registered 21 December 2018 Name change registered 6 June 2019
Address for correspondence:	95 Arbor Lane Winnersh Wokingham RG41 5JE
Independent Examiner:	To be appointed
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the 15-month period ended 30 September 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spiritual Leadership

Our pastor, Owen Hayward, leads the Church and provides input to the trustees. He shares oversight and spiritual leadership of the whole Church with one other leader, and they are supported by team leaders each of whom has responsibility for a specific area of the Church's ministry. The pastor bears prime responsibility for the spiritual teaching in the Church, bringing a theological lead to the Church, and heading up the pastoral care.

Trustees

The Spiritual Leadership of the Church appoints new trustees having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. On or before the appointment of a new trustee, he/she is made aware of the Charity's constitution, and any amendments made to it, and the most recent Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts. New trustees are also provided with access to all policies and procedures in place at the time of their appointment.

External accountability

Foundation Church is independent of any other church within the area. However, we believe in the importance of leadership accountability and we are therefore in relationship with the Advance Movement (www.advancemovement.com) – a network of churches within the UK and overseas. The Advance Movement is dedicated to planting and strengthening churches globally, around shared values, doctrine, mission and developing meaningful relationships. Responsibility for decision-making within Foundation Church remains with the spiritual leadership of the Church.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

Our aims

Foundation Church is established to advance the Christian religion in accordance with the Statement of Faith; to relieve poverty and those in need by reason of ill-health, disability, unemployment or such other disadvantage; and to advance education both general and vocational for children or adults but always within the principles of the Christian faith.

Our core pursuits

- **Knowing Jesus** – *helping people get to know Jesus through reading the Bible: who he is, what he's done for us, what he's like*
- **Growing like Jesus** – *encouraging people to become more like Jesus in the way they live their lives*
- **Going with Jesus** – *being people who are committed to sharing the good news of the gospel with others, that they too might know Jesus for themselves*

.....And, we seek to do the above, **All for the glory of God**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Pre-launch

Foundation Church started meeting in July 2019 and seeks to serve the people of Wokingham and surrounding area by providing services for worship, prayer and the preaching of good news from the Bible, by providing pastoral care, and by seeking to meet practical needs in the wider community.

The Church was offered use of facilities at Oakwood Youth Challenge (<http://oakwoodyouth.co.uk>) for its Sunday services and children's work. In addition, the Church pastor works in the office at the Oakwood Climbing Centre, this being one aspect of the community we are seeking to reach with the gospel. The Church normally meets at 4.30pm on a Sunday – a time selected to suit families who might be otherwise committed earlier in the day. The Foundation Church leaders are extremely grateful to the trustees of OYC for their generous provision.

During our first six months, we focused on ensuring that those who had joined us fully appreciated what was important to us as a Church and our core pursuits.

Public launch

In preparation for our public launch service, we ran a fireworks event in November 2019 for family and friends, using this as a way of building connections and encouraging others to join us for our Christmas services. Our carol service attracted 148 people, including over 100 guests from the local area, to sing carols and hear the gospel proclaimed. January 2020 saw our public launch as a Church and we were joined by guests, including representatives from other churches.

Sunday services

We only met in person for seven Sundays before lockdown commenced, but even in this short time, we saw new families visit and join us. During the periods of lockdown, we moved services online, initially through pre-recorded services before moving to live streaming. We saw several more couples and families join us over lockdown, some of whom joined us for small group Zoom chats before ever meeting us in person.

The move online meant a big adjustment for Sunday teams. We are so thankful that God has provided, within the Church community, people with gifting in areas such as audio and

Videography, and for their willingness and availability to produce content for us.

Children's work

When our Sunday services are taking place in person, our children meet under the banner of Foundation Kids in two separate groups, one for pre-school and the other for those of primary school age. Their teaching follows Christ-centred chronological (the Gospel Project) devised by Lifeway with lessons that are stimulating through the use of video and craft work as well as learning about Jesus through studying bible stories.

During lockdown they have been provided with materials online together with a Zoom session in which they were able to keep in touch with friends.

Alpha

Our Alpha course also started in January, meeting in the café at the Climbing Centre. The first few sessions were completed face-to-face before the Covid restrictions required us to move online, completing the remainder of the course via Zoom. We saw guests make re-commitments with two of them making a profession of faith for the first time.

Life Groups

We are committed to developing relationships within the Church and with those seeking to know Jesus. We believe this is best achieved through small groups where people can be encouraged to work out their faith on day-to-day basis, seven days a week. So, our public launch also saw the formation of these Life groups. Although we managed very few activities pre-lockdown, these groups continued to meet via Zoom throughout lockdown, providing an invaluable source of community, care and support over the following six months.

Other events

We have sought every opportunity to gather and to build community during lockdown whilst adhering to the Government's Covid guidelines. We held Drive in and picnic services over the summer months and these provided a great opportunity to connect with one another. In many ways, we felt like we came out of (what we now know as the first) lockdown having stepped forwards and grown as a church community.

It would be fair to say that no one could have predicted the way this period would turn out and that has meant changes to our plans – both programme and financial. Throughout all the change, God has been faithful to us and we've been able to keep moving forward and had the resource to support those in need too.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Growth

In the short time since our public launch, and with the restrictions necessary due to Covid-19, we have grown as a Church community to 83, including 22 children. Whilst growth in numbers is important to establishing a thriving Church, this is far from being our sole or even primary measure of impact. We have seen people strengthened in their faith and in their willingness to step out, often for the first time, in new areas of service and ministry.

Serving our local community

We recognise that the pandemic, and the necessary mitigations set out by Government, have led to hardship for some within the Church and for many in the wider community. We have been pleased to provide direct financial support to families within and outside the Church and to provide funding to the local Foodbank to support their efforts. People from across the Church have also volunteered in befriending schemes and in delivery of food parcels on behalf of the Council.

Serving the wider church community

The pandemic has, of course, had a global impact, and Church groups in many other nations have suffered far greater hardship than we have in the UK. Through our partnership with the Advance Movement, we have been able to channel support in particular to Church pastors in Asia and Africa. Throughout the period, we have also continued to support financially the Advance Movement in its aim to plant and strengthen churches around the world.

FINANCES

Total receipts for the period were £111,843, of which £9,210 was for restricted funds primarily associated with relief of poverty and hardship in the local community and overseas. Total payments in the period were £58,812 of which £8,250 was from restricted funds.

The balance on unrestricted funds at end September 2020 was therefore £52,071 with a further £960 remaining in restricted funds.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and carrying out their duties.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have determined that unrestricted funds of between 3 and 6 months' normal revenue expenditure should be held in reserve. The Covid-19 pandemic has curtailed a number of programmes that would otherwise have been implemented as a result of which reserves currently exceed this measure.

This report is signed on behalf of the Trustees on 8/7/2021 by David Main.

Signed: 

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FOUNDATION CHURCH, WOKINGHAM
('the CIO')

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Foundation Church for the period ended 30 September 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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.

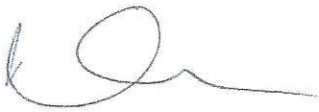
Independent examiner's statement

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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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: MATTHEW REDSELL

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): CHARTERED INSTITUTE

Address: 10 SPRINGDALE, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE, RG40 4RZ

Date: 8th JUNE 2021

OF MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTANTS (CIMA)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Foundation Church

1181334

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

01-Jul-19

To

Period end date

30-Sep-20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary receipts	102,633	9,210	-	111,843	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	102,633	9,210	-	111,843	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	102,633	9,210	-	111,843	-
A3 Payments					
Costs of charitable activities	49,532	8,250	-	57,782	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,532	8,250	-	57,782	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer & other equipment	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,030	-	-	1,030	-
Total payments	50,562	8,250	-	58,812	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	52,071	960	-	53,031	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	52,071	960	-	53,031	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	52,071	960	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	52,071	960	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computers & other equipment	Unrestricted	1,030	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	NI/PAYE payable	Unrestricted	155	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		DAVID MAIN	8/7/2021