

**FOUNDATION CHURCH
WOKINGHAM**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	David Main Owen Hayward Anne Hill James Moreland (until 30 September 2021) Toni Garlinge (from 30 September 2021)
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
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Independent Examiner:	Matthew Redsell FCMA
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2021.

This year has again been impacted by the global Covid pandemic and the measures taken to mitigate the spread of the virus. Whilst this has led to the cancellation or deferral of a number of initiatives, we remain thankful to God for sustaining us, and for his faithfulness in enabling us to keep moving forward as a Church, and to support those in in our wider community.

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 four other leaders, and they are supported by team leaders each of whom has responsibility for a specific area of the Church's ministry. It is the intention to appoint an eldership team from those within the existing leadership team within the next twelve months. 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

The Church 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 normally meets at 4.30pm on a Sunday – a time selected to suit families who might be otherwise committed earlier in the day.

We had planned to hold a 'drive in' firework event in November 2020 to serve the local community; in the event, this was cancelled due to the 'tiered' restrictions in place at that time. We were, however, able to hold an outdoor Carol service – a ticketed event to which guests were invited.

The re-introduction of national lockdown in January resulted in services being held online and we are thankful to the PA/AV team that served us so well. However, as the weather improved, we were able to resume meeting together in person outdoors, under a marquee, whilst continuing to live stream for those who were still isolating. During 2021, Oakwood Youth Challenge (<http://oakwoodyouth.co.uk>) constructed an extension to the Climbing Centre on site and offered the Church use of the extension for our Sunday meetings, which would give us scope for further growth. This change of venue required investment in seating and the installation of PA/AV equipment, the cost of which was more than covered by the generous giving of the congregation at a Gift Sunday in July 2021. The fitting out of the extension is expected to be complete by the end of 2021 at which time Sunday meetings and the children's work will re-locate into this new space.

As part of our ongoing partnership with Oakwood, the Church pastor works in the office at the Climbing Centre, this being one element of the community we are seeking to reach with

the gospel. The Foundation Church leaders are extremely grateful to the trustees of OYC for their generous provision.

Children's work

When Sunday services took place in person, the 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 material (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 periods of lockdown families were provided with materials online together with a Zoom session in which they were able to keep in touch with friends.

Alpha

We ran another Alpha course during the year but, due to lockdown, the entire course was run online. A further face-to-face course is planned for January 2022.

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. These groups met throughout the year with Zoom meetings replacing in-person gatherings when necessary due to restrictions. These groups have continued to provide an invaluable source of community, care and support not only to those within the Church community but to neighbours and friends as well.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our Church community

We do not, as yet, have a formal church membership and we do not regard numbers as the sole or even the primary measure of success. We have seen people joining and some leaving during the year. Those committed to Foundation Church number around 100 (2020: 83) including some 30 (2020: 22) children. We have continued to see 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 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 local befriending schemes and in community projects such as litter-picking.

Serving the wider church community

The pandemic continued to have 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 £133,975 (2020: £111,843), of which £1,050 (2020: £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 £115,917 (2020: £58,812) of which £0 (2020: £8,250) was from restricted funds.

The balance on unrestricted funds at end September 2021 was £69,079 (2020: £52,071) with a further £2,010 (2020: £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. At September 2021, reserves exceeded this measure due to outstanding costs for the fit-out of the extension and the deferral of some programmes due to the pandemic.

This report is signed on behalf of the Trustees on 1st May 2022 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 2021.

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 J. REDSELL

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

Address: 52 BETA ROAD, FARNBOROUGH

OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS
(CIMA)

Date: 01/03/2022 1st March 2022



No (if any)
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For the period from	Period start date 01-Oct-20	To	Period end date 30-Sep-21
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Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

Voluntary receipts	132,925	1,050	-	133,975	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	132,925	1,050	-	133,975	-

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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

132,925	1,050	-	133,975	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	78,083	-	-	78,083	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
PA equipment	31,011	-	-	31,011	
Seating	6,823	-	-	6,823	
Sub total	37,834	-	-	37,834	-
Total payments	115,917	-	-	115,917	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,008	1,050	-	18,058	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,071	960	-	53,031	-
Cash funds this year end	69,079	2,010	-	71,089	-

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	69,079	2,010	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	69,079	2,010	-
	(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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

Computers & other equipment	Unrestricted	1,030	-
PA equipment	Unrestricted	31,011	-
Seating	Unrestricted	6,823	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

B5 Liabilities

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

David Main

David Main

1 May 2022

