

**FOUNDATION CHURCH
WOKINGHAM**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees:	David Main Owen Hayward Anne Hill Toni Garlinge
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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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022.

We are thankful to God for his faithfulness to us through the year in which we have sought to continue the development of a healthy, biblically based church community in which members care and support one another and are encouraged to share the love of Jesus with others in the wider community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Spiritual Leadership

Our pastor, Owen Hayward, has led the Church throughout the year, providing input to the trustees. He has shared 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.

The programme to test, train and affirm a team of elders to serve the Church continued throughout the year and led to the appointment of the first team of three elders in November 2022. Over the past year, the pastor has borne prime responsibility for the spiritual teaching in the Church, bringing a theological lead to the Church, and heading up the pastoral care. The appointment of elders will see these responsibilities shared among the team in the future.

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 hosted a community firework event on the Oakwood site in November 2021 attended by some 300 people associated with the climbing centre and/or living in the local area. However, the emergence of the Omicron Covid variant, and the imposition in December 2021 of new restrictions on meeting, necessitated some creative re-thinking of our arrangements for Christmas events. We led carol singing at a local pub using outdoor space covered by a stretch tent, with enthusiastic participation from the locals who gave generously towards the nominated charity – the Wokingham Foodbank. We had to cancel to planned 'Carols & Climbing' event due to take place in the climbing centre. However, we were able to host a ticketed carol service for over 100 guests in the new extension to the climbing centre, whilst observing the restrictions in place at the time.

Other special events held during the year included a 'Thank You' Sunday when we enjoyed games and food at a local school and 'Taste the Nations' at which we celebrated the diversity within the Church by sampling dishes that represented their national cuisines.

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

The children participate in worship along with the rest of the Church before leaving to meet under the banner of Foundation Kids in two separate groups, one for pre-school and the other for those of primary school age. In these groups, their teaching follows Christ-centred chronological material (the Gospel Project) devised by Lifeway with lessons that are made stimulating through the use of video and craft work as well as learning about Jesus through studying bible stories.

Youth

This year saw the establishment of a youth group to serve those of secondary school age within the Church. The youth participate in Sunday worship following which, on alternate weeks, they leave to receive bible teaching tailored specifically for them. A small group attended the Newday in the Summer, giving them the opportunity to gather with thousands of other young people for teaching and times of worship and prayer....as well as having lots of fun!

Alpha

We ran another Alpha course in Autumn 2021, this time in person as there were no Covid restrictions in place at the 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. These groups have continued to provide an invaluable source of community, care and support not only to those within the Church community but also to their neighbours and friends.

Our groups are organized geographically and our encouragement to them is to engage with their local communities in some way. Examples over the past year include involvement in litter picking, street parties, and leading carol singing in a local pub.

Advance

A group from the Church attended the Advance Global conference held in Bournemouth in May 2022 and enjoyed great fellowship and teaching alongside others from partner churches around the world. We've also benefited from having guest speakers from UK, USA and South Africa bringing teaching to the whole church during the course of the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our Church community

We did not have a formal church membership in the year 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 90 including some 25 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. The growing needs of the church resulted in us adding another member of staff who works part-time on administration and in supporting our children's work.

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 £76,896 (2021: £133,975), of which £6,999 (2021: £5,182) was for restricted funds primarily associated with relief of poverty and hardship in the local community and overseas. Total payments in the period (including equipment purchase of £10,820) were £109,854 (2021: £115,917) of which £9,090 (2021: £0) was from restricted funds.

The balance on unrestricted funds at end September 2022 was £38,134 (2021: £69,079) with a further £0 (2021: £2,010) 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.

This report is signed on behalf of the Trustees on 4 July 2023 by David Main.

Signed:



David Main

Date:

4 July 2023

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 2022.

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: *Emily Halley*

Name: EMILY HALLEY

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

Address: 60 WILNA RD SW18 3BA

Date: 27/05/23

Chartered
Accountant



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Foundation Church

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Oct-21

To

30-Sep-22

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	71,714	5,182	-	76,896	133,975
Transfer	- 1,817	1,817	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69,897	6,999	-	76,896	133,975
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	69,897	6,999	-	76,896	133,975
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	90,022	9,009	-	99,031	78,083
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	90,022	9,009	-	99,031	78,083
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
PA/worship equipment	9,090	-	-	9,090	37,834
Marquee	1,730	-	-	1,730	-
Sub total	10,820	-	-	10,820	37,834
Total payments	100,842	9,009	-	109,851	115,917
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 30,945	- 2,010	-	- 32,955	18,058
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69,079	2,010	-	71,089	53,031
Cash funds this year end	38,134	-	-	38,134	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	38,134	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,134	-	-
	(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			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Computers & other equipment	Unrestricted	1,030	-
	PAWorship equipment	Unrestricted	40,101	-
	Seating	Unrestricted	6,823	-
	Marquee	Unrestricted	1,730	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	
		David Main	04-Jul-23	