

HILLSIDE CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1183957

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS AND PRACTICES IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN WIMBLEDON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: The teaching of the Christian faith and beliefs to those who believe and the sharing of the gospel of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ to those who are seeking. Worship and teaching meetings are held on Sunday mornings and include provision for children and young people. The charity runs a well being cafe on Tuesday mornings and the building is made available for use by other local groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£54,554	£53,159	-	-
2023-08-31	£57,858	£62,219	-	-
2022-08-31	£62,052	£59,180	-	-
2021-08-31	£41,162	£38,065	-	-
2020-08-31	£57,934	£59,680	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fiona Ng		2021-10-04
Nigel Eager		2021-10-04
PHILIP COCKERILL		2019-06-18
SUSANNA THOMAS		2019-06-18

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Accounts

Hillside Church Annual Report 2023-24

This report covers the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024¹

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2. Strategy

Our approach to meeting the objectives is as follows:

- Church services are held every Sunday morning. These are open to all.
- A wellbeing space that is open every Tuesday.
- We communicate with our church community through regular email messages which provide news, prayer points, teaching and series meditating on the Bible.
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- We have special events throughout the year, in particular at key dates in the Christian calendar.
- We work with other local churches and charities on social responsibility projects.
- We hire the church building for use by a broad range of local charities, arts and sports clubs and small businesses.

3. Achievements and Performance

Worship, Teaching, Prayer and Community

Meeting together to worship and learn is of core importance to our church community. During 2023-24 our approach on Sunday mornings was to provide a relaxed and safe setting for people to share their life and faith experiences. People are actively encouraged to share their views and raise questions, promoting an atmosphere of mutual support. Key themes are around healing and wholeness and how the Christian Faith can make a valuable contribution to holistic health. In addition to this we celebrate and welcome all people of good will.

Our Sunday services maintain a strong focus on inclusion for all. All ages meet to worship through music, reflect on Bible teachings from our pastor and pray for one another, the local community and the world.

We have extended the time that we dedicate to building community through informal meetings together. Before and after Sunday services we spend time socialising over coffee, tea and refreshments. Here friendships are formed. We

create a safe space where achievements are celebrated, and struggles are acknowledged and shared. We provide prayer support to those who want it.

Wellbeing Space

Hillside's weekly Wellbeing Café, in partnership with national charity Renew Wellbeing² has been running since 2021. The café space is a quiet, safe and inclusive place. Our aim is to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. We use the Renew approach of "being prayerful, being present and being in partnership".

The café is run in partnership with the local community including awareness from the local council. On Tuesdays, people gather to play games and socialise. Attached to the café is a prayer space where spiritual habits of wellbeing are shared.

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Local Networks

We've maintained strong links with other local churches and charities. We work at times with the Wimbledon YMCA, Merton Foodbank, Street Pastors, Grow Baby, Love All Serve All, Faith in Action homelessness support and Christians Against Poverty. This is important for us as a small, independent church. It enables people to get involved with community activities which Hillside is not directly responsible for delivering.

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In 2022/23 Hillside Church accredited to 'Churches in Communities International'. This provides Hillside Church (as an independent church) with representation to government, media, academia, inter-faith and inter-church forums. Furthermore, it provides our pastor's organisation is affirmed by Churches together England. It also provides opportunities for fellowship and support from other church ministers.

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Pastoral support

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² Registered charity 1173963

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- Private psychotherapy
- Sports clubs for children and adults
- Choirs, music and dance groups
- An artists' group
- Academic examinations
- Fundraising Exercise Groups

5. Financial Review

Overview

Total income in unrestricted funds for the period 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024 was £54,554. The main source of income was rental income (£51,354) from groups renting rooms. Over the year (to August 2024) we were able to maintain income levels but they remain lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of three months' income in our account. This would currently equate to approximately £4,500. Our reserves of £3,700 (31st August 2024) fell short of this target by 18%. We recognise the ongoing need to strengthen our reserves.

Staff

We employ one pastor on a full time, permanent contract. Self-employed staff provide cleaning and maintenance services on an as needed basis.

Volunteers

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6. Governance

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The existing trustees are responsible for the appointment of new trustees but in doing so they seek views and recommendations of the pastor and other leaders in the church. In selecting trustees, we seek to identify individuals with a Christian faith who agree with our statement of beliefs, who regularly attend church events and who are willing to volunteer to serve the local community.

Hillside Church Statement of Financial Activities
for year ending 31st August 2024

Financial Reporting Period

Hillside Church uses the financial reporting period 'September to August'. This is based on historic precedent. Prior to formal registration with the Charity Commission in June 2019, Hillside Church had operated for many years using this financial period. The period was maintained following our registration in order to maintain consistency and ensure that there was no gap in reporting periods.

Income

	2022-23	2023-24
Giving		
Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£1,640	£3,200
Non-Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	-	-
Non-Gift aided giving (restricted)	-	-
Events giving (non-gift aid)	£600	-
Gift Aid Tax refund (HMRC)	£4,582	-
Rental		
Room Rental	£49,786	£51,354
Other		
Refunds	£250	-
Loan	£1,000	-
TOTAL	£57,858	£54,554

Expenditure

	2022-23	2023-24
People		
Payroll	£29,163	£29,176
Pension	£1,796	£1,796
Caretaker	£3,054	£1,796
Building Manager	£2,360	-
Expenses	£2,641	£3,740
Property		
Council Tax	£2,237	£2,366
Electricity	£384	£5,779
Gas	£4,611	£884
Ground Rent	£300	£300
Water Rate	£924	£1,053
Carpet Cleaning	£600	£600
Insurance	£1,493	£1,660
Deposit refund	£275	£0
Subscriptions/CIC Membership	£672	£542
Broadband & Phone	£557	£584
Mortgage	£1,683	£0
Repairs & Maintenance	£3,533	£625
Refuse	£481	£391
New Assets	£118	£722
Events		
Events	£193	£0
Other		

Loan repayment	£5,000	£1,000
Total	£62,219	£53,159
Income minus expenditure	-£4,361	£1,395

Statement of Assets

	31 Aug 2023	31 Aug 2024
Current Assets		
Current Account	£2,198	£3,593
Deposit Account	£57	£57
Cash in Hand	£48	£48
Total	£2,303	£3,698
	Change in Balance	£1,395
	Income minus Expenditure	£1,395
	Discrepancy	£0

Statement of Fixed Assets

1. Hillside Church owns a 2/3rds share of the church building at 37 Worple Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 4JZ
Insured value of property = £1,530,000
(The other 1/3 is owned by the Church Growth Trust Ltd, charity ref 1138119)
2. Hillside Church owns 63% share (at Aug 2024) in the manse house property at 18 Sandbourne Avenue, London, SW19 3EN. The total (100%) value of the property is approximately £900,000.
Hillside Church share in the manse house property was adjusted in 2023-24 because one of the private owners paid approximately £7,000 to cover essential maintenance.
The property is shared ownership with five private owners. The share is calculated based on Hillside Church and other owners' investments at purchase and subsequent investments in the improvement of the property.

Statement of Liabilities

As of 31st August 2024, Hillside Church had the following liabilities, totalling £26,434.56

1. Outstanding legal fees = £23,334.56
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Hillside Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1183957

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 08 / 2024 Y.

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:

S. Anscomb .

Date:

27th June 2025

Name:

Sally Anscomb

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

CIMA

Address:

63 Gladstone Road

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London, SW19 1QR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

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- We hire the church building for use by a broad range of local charities, arts and sports clubs and small businesses.

3. Achievements and Performance

For the 2022-23 period, the leadership team reviewing the needs of the church community reflecting on the changing needs post epidemic. The approach to Sunday services was adapted accordingly. During 2022-23 the approach on Sunday mornings was to provide a relaxed and safe setting for people to share their life and faith experiences.

Worship, Teaching, Prayer and Community

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Our Sunday services maintain a strong focus on inclusion for all. All ages meet to worship through music, reflect on Bible teachings from our pastor and pray for one another, the local community and the world.

We have extended the time that we dedicate to building community through informal meeting together. In response to the cost of living crisis, we provide a simple breakfast for all attendees before Sunday services and spend time socialising over coffee, tea and refreshments. Here friendships are formed. We create a safe space where achievements are celebrated, and struggles are acknowledged and shared. We provide prayer support to those who want it.

Wellbeing Space

Hillside's weekly Wellbeing Café, in partnership with national charity Renew Wellbeing² is now well established. The café space is a quiet, safe and inclusive place. Our aim is to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. We use the Renew approach of "being prayerful, being present and being in partnership".

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Overview

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Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of three months' income in our account. This would currently equate to approximately £14,500. Our reserves at 31st August 2023 were less than £3,000. We recognise the ongoing need to strengthen our reserves.

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We employ one pastor on a full time, permanent contract. Self-employed staff provide cleaning, maintenance and administrative services on an as needed basis.

Volunteers

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Income

	2021-22	2022-23
Giving		
Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£7,219	£1,640
Non-Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£400	-
Non-Gift aided giving (restricted)	-	-
Events giving (non gift aid)	-	£600
Gift Aid Tax refund (HMRC)	-	£4,582
Rental		
Room Rental	£53,151	£49,786
Other		
HMRC furlough grant	£1,291	-
Refunds	-	£250
Loan	-	£1,000
TOTAL	£62,052	£57,858

Expenditure

	2021-22	2022-23
People		
Payroll	£31,184	£29,163
Pension	£1,796	£1,796
Caretaker	£2,235	£3,054
Building Manager	£3,216	£2,360
Expenses	£4,279	£2,641
Property		
Council Tax	£2,126	£2,237
Electricity	£384	£384
Gas	£1,528	£4,611
Ground Rent	£300	£300
Water Rate	£855	£924
Carpet Cleaning	£600	£600
Insurance	£1,443	£1,493
Deposit refund	£300	£275
Subscriptions/CIC Membership	£492	£672
Broadband & Phone	£470	£557
Mortgage	£6,171	£1,683
Repairs & Maintenance	£404	£3,533
Refuse	£529	£481
New Assets	£360	£118
Events		
Events	£330	£193
Other		

Bank charges	-	
DBS	£178	-
Repayment of Manse loan	-	£5000
Total	£59,180	£62,219
Income minus expenditure	£2,872	-£4,361

Statement of Assets

	31 Aug 2022	31 Aug 2023
Current Assets		
Current Account	£6,559	£2,198
Deposit Account	£57	£57
Cash in Hand	£48	£48
Uncleared Cheques	-	-
Total	£6,664	£2,303
	Change in Balance	-£4,361
	Income minus Expenditure	-£4,361
	Discrepancy	£0

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Hillside Church's share in the manse house property rose in 2022-23 because it bought back half of one of the private owner's share at a cost of £5,000 which is equivalent to the investment made by the private owner in 2001. This represented excellent value to Hillside Church as it effectively became equivalent to paying back a £5,000 loan after 22 years at 0% interest.
The property is shared ownership with five private owners. The share is calculated based on Hillside Church and other owners' investments at purchase and subsequent investments in the improvement of the property.

Statement of Liabilities

As of 31st August 2023, Hillside Church had the following liabilities, totalling £26,434.56

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³ 31 Aug 2022



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

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**On accounts for the year
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**Independent
examiner's statement**

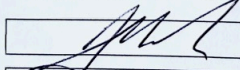
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- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which 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.

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Signed:



Date: 26 June 2024

Name:

Charles J Hazle

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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- We work with other local churches and charities on social responsibility projects.
- We hire the church building for use by a broad range of local charities, arts and sports clubs and small businesses.

3. Achievements and Performance

2021-22 was a time of change for Hillside Church. As government restrictions in relation to COVID-19 were lifted, we considered how we should return to normal activities. We consulted attendees to understand vulnerabilities and attitudes to meeting in person. Our approach was phased and careful, taking localised risks into consideration.

Worship, Teaching, Prayer and Community

Meeting together to worship and learn is of core importance to our church community. From Sept 2021 to Jan 2022, we used a hybrid approach, usually meeting in person on a Sunday, whilst maintaining an online presence. In January 2022, we returned to weekly, in-person meetings.

Our Sunday services are informal gatherings with a strong focus on inclusion for all. All ages meet to worship through music, reflect on Bible teachings from our pastor and pray for one another, the local community and the world. We encourage attendees to share their own experiences and insights.

We recognise the value of meeting together informally to build a supportive community. We spent time socialising over coffee, cake and biscuits. Here friendships are formed. We create a safe space where achievements are celebrated, and struggles are acknowledged and shared. We provide prayer support to those who want it.

During this period, we explored what people wanted from the church community, experimenting with a range of approaches, and seeking feedback. The new approach of a Café style church was implemented in 2022/23.

Wellbeing Space

In Oct 2021 we started a weekly Wellbeing Café, in partnership with national charity Renew Wellbeing³. The café space is a quiet, safe and inclusive place. Our aim is to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. We use the Renew approach of “being prayerful, being present and being in partnership”.

The café is run in partnership with the local community including awareness from the local council. On Tuesdays, people gather to play games and socialise. Attached to the café is a prayer space where spiritual habits of wellbeing are shared.

This new venture has been well received and is attended by regulars along with one off drop ins. This has opened the church to a range of people including those not seeking a ‘church service’. Through the café we’ve identified needs in the community and have been able to assist people in crisis.

Local Networks

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Events

Our main event in 2021/22 was a Christmas Celebration where we saw the welcome return of the Singology Choir. Having missed in person Christmas events in 2020 due to COVID, this was a high energy event which was enjoyed by many.

Pastoral support

Hillside’s pastor provides pastoral care to the church community. He also has extended his strong connections with local hospitals.

4. Community Activities

³ Registered charity 1173963

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- A Korean Church that holds services and prayer meetings
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- Dementia support group
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- Private psychotherapy
- Sports clubs for children
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5. Financial Review

Overview

Total income in unrestricted funds for the period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 was £62,052. The main sources of income were rental income (£53,151) from groups renting rooms and giving (£7,210). The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact on income. By September 2021, government restrictions had been lifted but people were still cautious about meeting together. This had an impact on the church's income. Over the year (to August 2022) we were able to build the church's income streams but they remain lower than pre-pandemic levels.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of three months' income in our account. This would currently equate to approximately £15,000. Our reserves at 31st August 2022 were less than £7,000. We recognise that whilst this an improvement since the challenges of the COVID-19 period, we need to strengthen our reserves.

Staff

We employ one pastor on a full time, permanent contract. The church has been successful retaining our pastor who returned to full time duties in 2021/22 after the government's furlough scheme had drawn to a close.

Self-employed staff provide cleaning, maintenance and administrative services on an as needed basis.

Volunteers

The work of Hillside Church would not be possible without the support of volunteers who organise events, manage finances, make music, clean the building, teach children, make refreshments and do many other things. We're grateful to everyone who provides support to creating a wonderful church community.

6. Governance

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet as a broader Leadership Team which includes the pastor and people appointed to positions of leadership in the church (e.g. worship leader). In addition to the Leadership Team meetings, the trustees also meet at least annually for a Trustees Meeting.

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Hillside Church Statement of Financial Activities
for year ending 31st August 2022

Financial Reporting Period

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Income

	2020-21	2021-22
Giving		
Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£7,140	£7,210
Non-Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£840	£400
Non-Gift aided giving (restricted)	-	-
Events giving (non gift aid)	-	-
Gift Aid Tax refund (HMRC)	-	-
Rental		
Room Rental	£14,751	£53,151
Other		
HMRC furlough grant	£18,431	£1,291
Refunds	-	-
Bank interest	-	-
TOTAL	£41,162	£62,052

Expenditure

	2020-21	2021-22
People		
Payroll	£28,331	£31,184
Pension	£1,796	£1,796
Caretaker	£2,100	£2,235
Building Manager	-	£3,216
Expenses	-	£4,279
Property		
Council Tax	£2,225	£2,126
Electricity	£128	£384
Gas	£100	£1,528
Ground Rent	-	£300
Water Rate	£691	£855
Carpet Cleaning	-	£600
Insurance	£1,244	£1,443
Deposit refund	£100	£300
Subscriptions/CIC Membership	£312	£492
Broadband & Phone	£353	£470
Mortgage	-	£6,171
Repairs & Maintenance	£295	£404
Refuse	£208	£529
New Assets	-	£360
Events		
Events	-	£330
Other		

Bank charges	-	-
DBS	£181	£178
Total	£38,065	£59,180
Income minus expenditure	£3,097	£2,872

Statement of Assets

	31 Aug 2021	31 Aug 2022
Current Assets		
Current Account	£3,687	£6,559
Deposit Account	£57	£57
Cash in Hand	£48	£48
Uncleared Cheques	-	-
Total	£3,792	£6,664
	Change in Balance	£2,872
	Income minus Expenditure	£2,872
	Discrepancy	£0

Statement of Fixed Assets⁴

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Insured value of property = £1,530,000
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Statement of Liabilities

As of 31st August 2022, Hillside Church had the following liabilities, totalling £26,912.94

1. Mortgage remaining on manse property, 18 Sandbourne Avenue = £478.08
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⁴ 31 Aug 2022

Hillside Church Statement of Accounts
for year ending 31st August 2022

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Hillside Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183957

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13 June 2023

Name:

Charles J Hazle

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
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Meadow Vale

109 Main Street

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HILLSIDE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183957

Accounts

Hillside Church Annual Report 2020-21

This report covers the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021¹

Charity Name	Hillside Church
Charity Ref	1183957
Charity Address	37 Worple Road Wimbledon London SW19 4JZ
Charity Trustees	Philip Cockerill Martin Green Heather Hooper Susanna Thomas Nigel Eager (appointed Oct 2021) Fiona Ng (appointed Oct 2021)
Governance	Hillside Church is a CIO Foundation, registered with the Charity Commission since 18 th June 2019.

This report covers the activities of Hillside Church over the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021².

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1. Objectives

The objects of Hillside Church are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows.

To advance the Christian faith for the public benefit in accordance with the statement of beliefs and practices in Wimbledon, the United Kingdom and the world.

2. Strategy

Our approach to meeting the objectives is as follows:

- Church services are held every Sunday morning (online or at the church building)
- We communicate with our church community through regular email messages which provide news, prayer points, teaching and series meditating on the Bible.
- We maintain a website and use social media including Facebook and Instagram.
- We have special events throughout the year, in particular at key dates in the Christian calendar.
- We work with other local churches and charities on social responsibility projects.
- The church building is used by a broad range of local charities, arts and sports clubs and small businesses.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic we have adapted the approach to providing services to the local community, using a combination of online/virtual methods and in person gatherings according to government guidelines.

3. Achievements and Performance

2020-21 was a challenging year for Hillside Church. The government restrictions around meeting together and people's concerns about returning back to in-person gatherings meant that careful thought and planning had to be made to adapt and deliver our strategic objectives. Furthermore, in order to retain our pastor whilst we were financially constrained, we placed him on furlough (full time followed by part time) for a number of months.

The church received a certificate of recognition from the Mayor of Merton for its ongoing services to the community through the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

Worship, Teaching, Prayer and Community

Sundays are core to the Hillside Church community. During the COVID pandemic we combined online services with in person gatherings every Sunday morning subject to COVID rules and guidelines.

Our online services always included a Bible based message from our pastor and sometimes included items of worship. These were broadcast through an open Facebook portal, allowing people to view and comment online.

It is difficult to assess the impact of this approach but the videos are available online for viewing at any time and have received thousands of views.

Our usual approach to meeting as a church community is to meet in person, in the church building. As COVID restrictions eased, we reviewed what would be possible under the new guidelines. We also considered the views of regular attendees about meeting in person, seeking an approach that balanced the desire to return to in-person meetings whilst respecting people's health concerns.

Our services are open to all and have a friendly and informal atmosphere. Attendees contribute providing worship music for the congregation, leading us in prayer, sharing views and experiences and regularly sharing communion. Our speaker on Sundays is pastor, Rev. Richard Thomas. We also invite guest speakers to teach the Bible and share their insights on faith.

Sunday mornings are a time of community. We share drinks and refreshments together and spend time chatting and praying for one another. We build friendships and learn how to support one another in our faith journeys and through the ups and downs of everyday life.

To complement our Sunday service, our pastor provided Bible reflections available online.

Children's and Youth work

Children and young people are encouraged to be an active part of church life. On Sundays they join the adult congregation in worship, sharing experiences, praying and receiving teaching.

The COVID pandemic impacted the ability to provide activities specifically for children. We sought to meet the children's need for community through sports activities including cycling, basketball and football. These were also opportunities to talk and pray together.

Pastoral support

Hillside's pastor provides pastoral care to the church community through regular daily Bible reflections, prayer and visits. He also has strong connections with local hospitals. During the COVID pandemic he strengthened existing ties with Wimbledon YMCA and made himself available to provide pastoral support to residents.

Events

Our events calendar was significantly impacted by COVID restrictions. We were unable to hold a series of live events as we would usually do during the year.

4. Community Activities

Our building consists of two halls and several smaller rooms which are a valuable resource to the local community. A range of activities regularly take place when COVID restrictions are not in place including:

- A Korean Church that holds services and prayer meetings
- Therapy and addiction support groups including Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sports clubs for children
- Choirs, music and dance groups
- An artists' group
- Private psychotherapy
- Academic examinations

Unfortunately, all groups were impacted by the COVID pandemic over the year. We maintained contact with the groups, provided guidelines and ensured that the building was COVID guideline compliant (e.g. provision of hand sanitiser, increased cleaning).

Many groups faced financial difficulties over this period so we provided reductions in rental fees in order to support them to continue.

5. Financial Review

Overview

Total income in unrestricted funds for the period 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021 was £41,162. The main sources of income were government furlough grants (£18,431), rental income (£14,751) from groups renting rooms and giving (£7,980). The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact on income. Many groups who would usually rent rooms have not been able to meet or their activities have been severely limited due to lockdown restrictions.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of three months' income in our account. This would currently equate to approximately £10,300. Our reserves at 31st August 2021 were less than £4,000. We recognise that this is not a healthy financial position and we will seek to build reserves as soon as possible.

Staff

We employ one pastor on a full time, permanent contract. Self-employed staff provide cleaning, maintenance and administrative services on an as needed basis.

Volunteers

The work of Hillside Church would not be possible without the support of volunteers who organise events, manage finances, make music, clean the building, teach children, make refreshments and do many other things. We're grateful to everyone who provides support to creating a wonderful church community.

6. Governance

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet regularly as a broader Leadership Team which includes the pastor and people appointed to positions of leadership in the church (e.g. worship leader). To assist in the running of the charity, the trustees have appointed a finance team, led by the church treasurer. In addition to the Leadership Team meetings, the trustees also meet at least once a year for a Trustees Meeting.

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for year ending 31st August 2021

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Income

	2019-20	2020-21
Giving		
Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£8,865	£7,140
Non-Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£1,850	£840
Rental		
Room Rental	£42,560	£14,751
Other		
HMRC furlough grant	£4,623	£18,431
Refunds	£35	-
Bank interest	-	-
TOTAL	£57,934	£41,162

In 2020/21 the church's income was affected by the COVID epidemic. In order to retain our pastor who is a full time employee we applied for HMRC furlough grants. For a short period, the pastor was placed on full time furlough and on part time furlough for a prolonged period. This enabled us to continue to function as a church whilst retaining our pastor.

Expenditure

	2019-20	2020-21
People		
Payroll	£27,798	£28,331
Pension	£1,801	£1,796
Expenses	£1,266	-
Cleaner	£1,000	-
Caretaker	£3,060	£2,100
Building Manager	£4,320	-
Property		
Council Tax	£1,835	£2,225
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Insurance	£1,339	£1,244
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Subscriptions	£305	£312
Broadband & Phone	£407	£353
Office Supplies	£279	-
Mortgage	£4,488	-
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Refuse	£278	£208
New Assets	-	-
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Christmas	£120	-
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DBS	£132	£181
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31st Aug 21

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Section A

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Charity Name
Hillside Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1183957

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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Signed:

Date:

22 July 2022

Name:

Charles J Hazle

Relevant professional
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Address:

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HILLSIDE CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1183957

Accounts

Hillside Church Annual Report 2019-20

This report covers the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020¹

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Charity Trustees	Philip Cockerill Martin Green Heather Hooper Susanna Thomas Nigel Eager (appointed Oct 2021) Fiona Ng (appointed Oct 2021)
Governance	Hillside Church is a CIO Foundation, registered with the Charity Commission since 18 th June 2019.

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1. Objectives

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2. Strategy

Our approach to meeting the objectives is as follows:

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Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic we have adapted the approach to providing services to the local community, using mainly online/virtual methods.

3. Achievements and Performance

Worship, Teaching, Prayer and Community

Sundays are core to the Hillside Church community. Prior to the COVID pandemic we held church services every Sunday morning. These meetings have a friendly and informal atmosphere and are open to everyone.

We gather to worship with wonderful music, relevant Bible teaching and a huge variety of interacting with one another and with God. We spend time in prayer for individuals, the community and the world and celebrate communion every month. Our regular speaker on Sundays is pastor, Rev. Richard Thomas and we also invite guest speakers to teach the Bible and share their insights on faith.

Sunday mornings are a time of community. Socialising over coffee and cake is so important. We build friendships and learn how to support one another in our faith journeys and through the ups and downs of everyday life.

Children's work

Children and young people are encouraged to be an active part of services including sharing prayers and their talents for acting and singing. During the quieter teaching and communion parts of the Sunday service, children attend a club, called Kids on the Hill. Here the children are encouraged to explore the Bible and their faith through puppets, games, discussions, prayer, messy art and crafts and a whole lot more.

Youth work

On Sunday mornings, young people at Hillside sometimes join in the services with rest of the congregation or sometimes have their own group where they are supported in studying the Bible, considering its relevance to their lives and exploring questions that they may have.

Young people are also invited to attend the weekly club called Youthsided held on Sunday evenings. This is place to build friendships through playing sports and sharing pizza. It's also an opportunity to talk informally about faith and life with trusted adults and to pray for one another.

Alpha Course

We ran an Alpha Course from Sept to Dec 2019. This was open to all to attend and was held in the church. This was an opportunity to consider the fundamentals of the Christian faith and it provided people with a safe space to discuss their experiences and raise questions.

Events

Hillside loves big events and we make extra efforts to publicise in order to appeal to the local community and beyond. Highlights of the year included:

City/Citta art event

In September 2019 the church became an art gallery for several weeks and was open to the public throughout the week as part of the Wimbledon Art Fair. We held an evening of live music and talks on art, with a focus on the plight of trafficked women.

Christmas events

2019 saw a series of Christmas events. We sang carols for the public in the centre of Wimbledon, as part of the local Love Wimbledon initiative. We presented a nativity and Christingle extravaganza for people of all ages and backgrounds. We teamed with the local Singology choir for an evening celebration with lots of people attending. These special events included British Sign Language translators and were promoted to the Deaf community as we seek to make church accessible to all.

Social Outreach

In January and February 2020, we joined with local churches and charities to deliver the Merton Night Shelter. Homeless people were invited to sleep in the church building and were provided with breakfasts. We have been involved in this partnership for a number of years and this service has become an important part of our church calendar.

Local Networks

We've maintained strong links with other local churches and charities, in particular the Wimbledon YMCA and Merton Foodbank. This is important for us as a small, independent church. It enables people to get involved with community activities which Hillside is not directly responsible for delivering.

Pastoral support

Hillside's pastor provides pastoral care to the church community through regular daily Bible reflections, prayer and visits. He also has strong connections with local hospitals.

Adapting to COVID

The COVID pandemic has been a challenging time for individuals, the community and for Hillside Church. We have adapted by having a live sermon online every Sunday morning and with musical items for worship. It is difficult to assess the impact of this approach but the videos are available online for viewing at any time and have received a large number of hits.

To complement the sermon series, our pastor has provided several series of daily Bible reflections available online. These have been really popular as they have spoken to people with messages directly relevant to the issues faced under the effects of the pandemic.

We have conducted informal church meetings in the church forecourt on several Sundays during the COVID pandemic when government restrictions allowed for external group gatherings.

The church has plans for new community work which were due to launch in 2020 but unfortunately the pandemic has meant that these plans have been put on hold. The trustees will continue to review what is possible and safe under the latest government guidelines.

4. Community Activities

Our building consists of two halls and several smaller rooms which are a valuable resource to the local community. A range of activities regularly take place including:

- A Korean Church that holds services and prayer meetings
- Therapy and addiction support groups including Alcoholics Anonymous
- Sports clubs for children
- Choirs, music and dance groups
- An artists' group
- Private psychotherapy
- Academic examinations

5. Financial Review

Overview

Total income in unrestricted funds for the period 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020 was £57,934. The main sources of income were rental income (£42,560) from groups renting rooms and giving (£10,715). The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact on income. Many groups who would usually rent rooms have not been able to meet or their activities have been severely limited due to lockdown restrictions.

When lockdown measures are lifted, the trustees will aim to implement a set of measures to increase income levels so that the church can become more effective in delivering its charitable aims.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold the equivalent of three months' income in our account. This would currently equate to approximately £15,000. Our reserves at 31st August 2020 were less than £1,000. We recognise that this is not a healthy financial position and we will seek to build reserves as soon as possible.

Staff

We employ one pastor on a full time, permanent contract. Self-employed staff provide cleaning, maintenance and administrative services on an as needed basis.

Volunteers

The work of Hillside Church would not be possible without the support of volunteers who organise events, manage finances, make music, clean the building, teach children, make refreshments and do many other things. We're grateful to everyone who provides support to creating a wonderful church community.

6. Governance

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet monthly as a broader Leadership Team which includes the pastor and people appointed to positions of leadership in the church (e.g. worship leader). To assist in the running of the charity, the trustees have appointed a finance team, led by the church treasurer. In addition to the Leadership Team meetings, the trustees also meet at least annual for a Trustees Meeting.

The existing trustees are responsible for the appointment of new trustees but in doing so they seek views and recommendations of the pastor and other leaders in the church. In selecting trustees, we seek to identify individuals with a Christian faith who agree with our statement of beliefs, who regularly attend church events and who are willing to volunteer to serve the local community.

Hillside Church Statement of Financial Activities
for year ending 31st August 2020

Financial Reporting Period

Hillside Church uses the financial reporting period 'September to August'. This is based on historic precedent. Prior to formal registration with the Charity Commission in June 2019, Hillside Church had operated for many years using this financial period. The period was maintained following our registration in order to maintain consistency and ensure that there was no gap in reporting periods. This report includes income and expenditure over the period September 2018 to August 2019 to ensure that the entire period since registration is presented.

Income

	2018-19	2019-20
Giving		
Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£42,070	£8,865
Gift aided giving (restricted)	-	-
Non-Gift aided giving (unrestricted)	£590	£1,850
Non-Gift aided giving (restricted)	-	-
Events giving (non gift aid)	£536	-
Gift Aid Tax refund (HMRC)	£10,607	-
Rental		
Room Rental	£60,709	£42,560
Other		
HMRC furlough grant	-	£4,623
Refunds	£22	£35
Bank interest	£19	-
TOTAL	£114,554	£57,934

In 2019/20 the church's income was affected by the COVID epidemic. In order to retain our pastor who is a full time employee we applied for HMRC furlough grants. For a short period, the pastor was placed on full time furlough and on

part time furlough for a prolonged period. This enabled us to continue to function as a church whilst retaining our pastor.

Expenditure

	2018-19	2019-20
People		
Speakers' expenses	£336	£0
Payroll	£29,141	£27,798
Pension	£1,266	£1,801
Expenses	£3,030	£1,266
Cleaner	£720	£1,000
Caretaker	£3,165	£3,060
Building Manager	£8,640	£4,320
Property		
Council Tax	£1,526	£1,835
Electricity	£2,651	£1,589
Gas	£3,604	£2,937
Ground Rent	£300	£300
Water Rate	£727	£752
Carpet Cleaning	£714	£476
Insurance	£1,854	£1,339

Deposit refund	£700	£322
Subscriptions	£469	£305
Broadband & Phone	£336	£407
Office Supplies	£667	£279
Mortgage	£6,732	£4,488
Repairs & Maintenance	£1,238	£1,131
Refuse	£316	£278
New Assets	£1,215	£0
Legal	£47,862	£3,000
Website	£236	£0
Events		
Christmas	£113	£120
Honesty Over Silence	£823	£0
Jazzy Christmas	£50	£0
Merton Arts	£0	£264
Pancake Sunday	£450	£450
Mothering Sunday	£36	£0
Other		

Bank charges	£0	£32
DBS	£0	£132
Total	£118,920	£59,680
Income minus expenditure	-£4,366	-£1,746

Statement of Assets

Movement of Funds	31st Aug 19	31st Aug 20
Current Account	£1,845	£589
Deposit Account	£546	£57
Cash in hand	£48	£48
Uncleared cheques	£0	£0
TOTALS	£2,440	£694
Change in balance		-£1,746
Income-expenditure		-£1,746
Discrepancy		£0

Statement of Fixed Assets

- Hillside Church owns a 2/3rds share of the church building at 37 Worple Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 4JZ
Insured value of property = £1,530,000
(The other 1/3 is owned by the Church Growth Trust Ltd, charity ref 1138119)

2. Hillside Church owns 62% share (at July 2021) in the manse house property at 18 Sandbourne Avenue, London, SW19 3EN. The total (100%) value of the property is approximately £900,000. The property is shared ownership with five private owners. The share is calculated based on Hillside Church and other owners' investments at purchase and subsequent investments in the improvement of the property.

Statement of Liabilities

As of 31st August 2020, Hillside Church had the following liabilities, totalling £33,083.86

1. Mortgage remaining on manse property, 18 Sandbourne Avenue = £6,649.30
2. Outstanding legal fees = £23,334.56
3. Outstanding maintenance costs = £3,100



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Hillside Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1183957

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

23 December 2021

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