

TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

James Holyoak & Parker Limited
Chartered Accountants

Trustees' Annual Report

Charity name: Telford Christian Fellowship (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Charity details:

Other names charity is known by: Telford Christian Fellowship

Registered Charity number: 1184306

Charity's principal address:

Mr. Giles Higgins
8 Gregson Walk
Dawley
Telford
TF4 2GA
Shropshire

Period of Report

Financial year from: **1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021**

Names of the charity Trustees

Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted
Mr Giles Higgins	Chairman	All Year
Mrs Alison Kerr-Gold	Secretary	All Year
Mr Hannes Kerr-Gold	Finance	All Year
Mr Paul Badham		All Year
Mr Matthew Badham		All Year

Description of the charity's Constitution:

Governing document: Constitution dated 8th July 2019

Objects of the charity:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve persons in conditions of need or hardship or who are sick, aged or homeless
3. To promote and fulfil other such charitable purposes.

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Activities and Achievements:

Leadership, management and structure

1. TCF continues to employ Giles Higgins on the basis of a 0.6 contract (21 hours per week) to lead the church and oversee its various ministries and activities. Giles leads the team of elders and always works in liaison with the Trustees. Giles is also a Trustee and Chair of Trustees.
2. The other 2 elders are Hannes Kerr-Gold (Trustee) and Paul Badham (also a Trustee). The eldership team meets weekly on Zoom for the majority of the year for the purpose of effective spiritual leadership, oversight of ministries, pastoral care and outreach. We report that this team continues to function well together and has done since November 2014.
3. The Trustees function well together in overseeing all matters of finance, legal compliance and governance. They met 5 times in this period on Zoom.
4. TCF is a ChristCentral church and is one of 5 churches in Shropshire belonging to that group (see <https://christcentralchurches.org/>). We are overseen by Nick Priggis (Hope Church, Shrewsbury) who leads the ChristCentral Shropshire churches. Giles also meets monthly (on Zoom) with the leaders of ChristCentral Shropshire churches for partnership, support and personal accountability. Some of these meetings are also attended by the other TCF elders. The elders also attend larger Zoom meetings hosted by ChristCentral churches main leadership team.

Regular worship meetings at Dawley House.

1. TCF has not meet physically at all in the year. From the first COVID 'lockdown' to early September, the church was encouraged to attend on-line meetings broadcast by other churches.
2. Teaching was recorded on average once per week and made available through a new TCF YouTube channel.
3. From 13th September 2020, we started Sunday morning worship meetings on Zoom. This has been extremely positive and uplifting, given the isolation and loneliness of many in the church. 30%+ of the congregation were directly assisted by others in the church to be more IT literate, which facilitated their participation in the various Zoom meetings led by TCF leaders.

General

1. From the beginning of the COVID lockdown, we set up a pastoral structure to prompt the leaders to make sure each person in the church was contacted regularly. This was essential as Sunday morning meetings did not take place from mid-March to mid-September 2020. Where possible, to serve those unable to leave their homes, various errands were done for them, e.g. shopping, obtaining medication, banking and making and delivering meals. When the "rule of 6" was in place, the pastoral care and fellowship increased.

Meetings and groups in addition to Sunday mornings at Dawley House:

1. Prayer meetings throughout the year, every Sunday evening. These have been more attended than when meeting physically before March 2020. Prayer meetings are considered a major part of the backbone of the church due to the positive effects experienced by many.
2. Two Home groups, both meeting fortnightly on Zoom. These provide essential fellowship, support and encouragement for committed members and other attenders. Much friendship building and pastoral care takes place within both groups.

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Other activities and achievements as part of outreach, serving people and the church being internally strengthened

1. TCF took part in a local VE Day 75th Anniversary by contributing to the virtual celebration led by Great Dawley Town Council.
2. Conducting funerals of 2 members, which involved in-depth serving of their families.
3. Supporting BREADTrust, through substantial financial giving. The church is kept informed of their activities via the circulation of newsletters by e-mail to the members. BREADTrust's sphere of operation includes farming projects in Zambia and humanitarian aid in Ukraine.
4. Support of a Christian couple and their team in the Middle East – seeking to bring the Christian gospel to people in the heart of the Middle East. Support is both financial and through the circulation of newsletters to interested parties in the church.
5. Financial support of other organisations seeking to advance the Christian Gospel and serve the poor, e.g. STAY Telford, C.A.P. Telford and ChristCentral Churches. We are pleased to report that the church's giving is more than the target of 10% of overall income.
6. The Pastoral team continues to work well together to make sure the pastoral care in the church is sufficient and effective. It also includes providing significant financial help to needy people as and when appropriate.
7. Launch of the Foundations course for teaching, discipling and mentoring of members – all done on Zoom.
8. Extra meetings held on Zoom over Christmas and New Year – for fellowship and helping to keep the church together.
9. Leadership attending training events held on Zoom hosted by ChristCentral Churches.
10. Attendance of the on-line version of "Devoted", which is the summer festival at which many of our members normally attend.
11. On-going and up-to-date maintenance of the church's Website and Facebook profile, which keeps church members and outside interested parties informed of the activities of the church. Notices are also communicated via e-mail to church members.
12. Retaining good links with the Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership – a large group of churches working together serving the people of central Telford.
13. Members giving/donations to the church have converted to giving via on-line banking.

Church Governance

1. Safeguarding. Our policy was reviewed and signed off in March 2021. The Trustees and the Safeguarding Officer take appropriate steps to make sure we adhere to this policy and to keep up to date with Safeguarding guidelines.
2. Transition from Charitable Trust to Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This took place at the conclusion of the 2019/20 year and the commencement of this year. During the first 6 months of this year, all necessary tasks (financial and administrative) were carried out to properly conclude the operations of the Charitable Trust (1067780).

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 March 2021
Receipts & Payments Account**

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	2021 Total for Year £	2020 Total for year £
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and Other similar receipts:				
Collections & Tithes	-	19,465	19,465	22,096
Other Donations	330	-	330	1,290
Tax Refunds & Gift Aid	-	3,951	3,951	5,712
Operating Activities to further charitable objects:				
Conference Fees & Events	-	142	142	-
	<u>330</u>	<u>23,558</u>	<u>23,888</u>	<u>29,098</u>
Payments				
Payments for generating funds:				
Charitable Payments:				
Gifts/Tithes	-	3,550	3,550	4,281
Charitable activities:				
Staff Salaries	-	17,751	17,751	17,751
Hall Hire	-	-	-	1,685
P.A/Repairs/Equipment	-	179	179	1,025
Travel	-	-	-	684
Refreshments	-	-	-	172
Outreach	-	-	-	25
Training	-	304	304	65
Devoted Events	-	-	-	2,559
Support Costs:				
Stationery/Books/Postage/Printing	-	30	30	92
Insurance	-	405	405	403
CRB Checks	-	-	-	145
Copyright License	-	216	216	-
Miscellaneous	-	458	458	462
Telephone	-	245	245	279
Advertising of meetings etc	-	44	44	172
Management & Administration				
Legal Fees	-	-	-	3,465
Examination of Accounts	-	684	684	450
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,866</u>	<u>23,866</u>	<u>33,715</u>
Net Receipts/Payments	330	(308)	22	(4,617)
Balance brought forward from previous year	3,389	44,553	47,942	52,559
Balance carried forward at end of year	<u>3,719</u>	<u>44,245</u>	<u>47,964</u>	<u>47,942</u>


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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year ended 31 March 2021

	2021		2020
	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash Funds			
Cash in Hand		13	13
Other Monetary Assets			
NatWest Current Account	47,108		47,929
Loan	843		
	<hr/> 47,951		<hr/> 47,929
	<hr/> 47,964		<hr/> 47,942
Representing Assets on the following Accounts:			
General Fund	44,245		44,553
Restricted Funds	3,719		3,389
Accumulated Funds	<hr/> 47,964		<hr/> 47,942

Non-Monetary Assets

Furniture and Equipment at insurance value: £5,530

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: 23rd January 2022

Signed on their behalf by: 

GILES HIGGINS

Position: Chair of trustees and Church Leader

Date: 26th Jan 2022

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Notes on Accounts

1) Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2) Trading

The Church has not had a trading activity in pursuit of its charitable objects.

3) Donations Made

	2021	2020
Bread Trust	300	-
Christ Central	1,520	1,320
Church Central	540	540
Mercian Community	480	480
Christian Together in Telford	360	360
Hope Initiatives	-	911
CAL-SIBZ	150	-
Other Giving	200	170
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>4,281</u>
Charged to General Fund	3,550	4,281
Charged to Restricted Funds	-	-
	<u>3,550</u>	<u>4,281</u>

4) Restricted Funds

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening Balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Closing Balance
Dawley Day	137	-	-	137
Devoted	-	330	-	330
Building Fund	3,252	-	-	3,252
	<u>3,389</u>	-	-	<u>3,719</u>

5) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

Remuneration of £14,870 was paid to one of the trustees in the year for the purpose of pastoral/spiritual leadership and overseeing all the ministries of the church.