

**TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**James Holyoak & Parker Limited**  
**Chartered Accountants**

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**TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Trustees' Annual Report**

**Charity name:** Telford Christian Fellowship Trust (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: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Names of the charity Trustees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates Acted</b>
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 trusts:**

Governing document: Constitution dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Objects of the charity:**

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

**Advisors:**

None

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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 met weekly on either Zoom or in-person for the purpose of effective spiritual leadership, oversight of ministries, pastoral care and outreach. This team continued to function well together and has done since November 2014. In January 2022, Paul Badham stepped down from the Eldership team due to a decline in his health.
3. The Trustees functioned well together in overseeing all matters of finance, legal compliance and governance. They met 2 times in this period on Zoom and used WhatsApp for discussion and decisions regarding several important matters.
4. TCF is a ChristCentral church and is one of 5 churches in Shropshire belonging to that group (see <https://christcentralchurches.org/>). We were overseen by Nick Priggis (Hope Church, Shrewsbury) who led the ChristCentral Shropshire churches. Giles also met monthly (on Zoom) with the leaders of ChristCentral Shropshire churches for partnership, support and personal accountability. The elders of the ChristCentral Shropshire churches also attended larger Zoom and in-person meetings hosted by ChristCentral churches main leadership team. From approximately March 2022, Nick Priggis stepped down as overseer of TCF and the ChristCentral Shropshire Churches as Hope Church Shrewsbury was closed down.

Regular Sunday morning worship meetings –

From April 2021 to early August 2021:

- Sunday morning meetings continued on Zoom and were deemed successful in terms of the quality of Christian worship, fellowship and the numbers regularly attending.
- Teaching was recorded most weeks and made available through TCF's YouTube channel.
- From May to September we joined in several outdoor in-person worship meetings led by Hope Community Church, Admaston, i.e. COVID secure.

From 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021:

- Resumption of in-person worship meetings at Dawley House. This was highly welcomed and the church was strengthened as a result.

General –

1. In-depth pastoring of people in difficult life circumstances – some regularly attending the church, some not. This included home and hospital visits, provision of a substantial number of meals as well as helping people in the context of church meetings. For some the pastoral care meetings were regular, for others they were one-off meetings. The level of pastoral care given remains high as we endeavour to look after those in need.
2. In-depth encouragement and help given to many in their personal development as Christians who are making a difference through their lives. This is not giving remedial help but helping people who are secure becoming even stronger and more fruitful for the benefit of those in the church and to the local community.
3. A Junior TCF team is prepared to serve children, even though no children regularly attended TCF.

Meetings and groups in addition to Sunday mornings –

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. These were on Zoom until mid-August 2021, then consistently in-person for the remainder of the period and onwards.
2. Two Home groups, both meeting fortnightly on Zoom until August, then in-person. These provide essential fellowship, support and encouragement for committed members and other attenders. Much friendship building and pastoral care takes place within both groups.
3. Bible study group, having ceased meeting from March 2020, was re-started from September 2021.

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**Trustees' Annual Report Continued**

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

1. 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. We especially focussed on giving channelled to helping Ukraine from March 2022.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. We help lead Dawley Restroom Fellowship which was re-started from August 2021 – a group for mainly elderly, local people for worship, teaching and fellowship. This included organising and leading a civic Remembrance Service, assisted by ChristCentral Shropshire leadership.
5. Carol Services for TCF, Dawley Restroom and for the Dawley Community Christmas light switch on event.
6. Foundations course for teaching, discipling and mentoring of members – all done on Zoom and in-person from Summer 2021.
7. Worship team gathered together from January 2022 for monthly meetings to strengthen the worship aspect of the church.
8. Conducting funerals of 2 members, which involved in-depth serving of their families.
9. Leadership attending training events held on Zoom and in-person hosted by ChristCentral Churches.
10. Active involvement with the other ChristCentral Shropshire churches – joining in each other's prayer meetings and leading worship at a major 'together' event.
11. Attendance of the on-line version of "Devoted", which is the ChristCentral summer festival at which many of our members normally attend.
12. 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.
13. Retaining good links with the Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership – a large group of churches working together serving the people of central Telford.



**TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
For the Year ended 31 March 2022  
Receipts & Payments Account**

	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>General Funds £</b>	<b>2022 Total for Year £</b>	<b>2021 Total for year £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Donations, Legacies and Other similar receipts:</b>				
Collections & Tithes	633	22,719	23,352	19,465
Other Donations	-	568	568	330
Tax Refunds & Gift Aid	-	3,319	3,319	3,951
<b>Operating Activities to further charitable objects:</b>				
Conference Fees & Events	-	35	35	142
	<u>633</u>	<u>26,641</u>	<u>27,274</u>	<u>23,888</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Payments for generating funds:</b>				
<b>Charitable Payments:</b>				
Gifts/Tithes	-	3,968	3,968	3,550
<b>Charitable activities:</b>				
Staff Salaries	-	17,422	17,422	17,751
Hall Hire	-	426	426	-
P.A/Repairs/Equipment	-	167	167	179
Travel	-	378	378	-
Training	-	480	480	304
Devoted Events	-	268	268	-
<b>Support Costs:</b>				
Stationery/Books/Postage/Printing	-	368	368	30
Insurance	-	424	424	405
Copyright Licence	-	229	229	216
Miscellaneous	-	43	43	458
Telephone	-	150	150	245
Advertising of meetings etc	-	-	-	44
<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>				
Examination of Accounts	-	420	420	684
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,743</u>	<u>24,743</u>	<u>23,866</u>
<b>Net Receipts/Payments</b>	633	1,898	2,531	22
Balance brought forward from previous year	3,719	44,245	47,964	47,942
Balance carried forward at end of year	<u>4,352</u>	<u>46,143</u>	<u>50,495</u>	<u>47,964</u>

**TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities**  
**For the Year ended 31 March 2022**

	2022		2021
	£	£	£
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Cash in Hand		13	13
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>			
NatWest Current Account	50,149		47,108
Loan	333		843
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	50,482		47,951
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	50,495		47,964
<b>Representing Assets on the following Accounts:</b>			
General Fund		46,143	44,245
Restricted Funds		4,352	3,719
Accumulated Funds		<hr/>	<hr/>
		50,495	47,964
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<b><u>Non-Monetary Assets</u></b>			
Furniture and Equipment at insurance value: £5,530			

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: *Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

Signed on their behalf by: *Giles Higgins*

*GILES HIGGINS*

Position: Chair of trustees and Church Leader

Date: *15/1/2023*

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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**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Bread Trust	933	300
Christ Central	1,395	1,520
Church Central	540	540
Mercian Community	480	480
Christian Together in Telford	360	360
CAL-SIBZ	-	150
Other Giving	260	200
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,550</u>
Charged to General Fund	3,968	3,550
Charged to Restricted Funds	-	-
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>3,550</u>

**4) Restricted Funds**

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
Dawley Day	137	-	-	137
Devoted	330	633	-	963
Building Fund	3,252	-	-	3,252
	<u>3,719</u>	<u>633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,352</u>

**5) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses**

Remuneration of £14,998 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.