

TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

James Holyoak & Parker Limited
Chartered Accountants

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: **1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

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
Ms A Ward		06/04/2022 - 31/03/2023
Mr Paul Badham		01/03/2022 - 06/04/2022
Mr Matthew Badham		01/03/2022 - 06/04/2022

Description of the charity's trusts:

Governing document: Constitution dated 8th 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 2 elders Giles Higgins and Hannes Kerr-Gold (also a Trustee) met on average once every 2 weeks for the purpose of effective spiritual leadership, oversight of ministries, pastoral care and outreach. This team functioned well, strengthened by working closely together with their wives, Sarah and Alison respectively.
3. The Trustees functioned well together in overseeing all matters of finance, legal compliance and governance. They met 4 times in this period and used WhatsApp for discussion and decisions regarding several important matters.
4. TCF is a ChristCentral church and is one of 4 churches in Shropshire belonging to that group (see <https://christcentralchurches.org/>). Giles and the leaders of the other 3 Shropshire churches met and supported one another in the first half of this year. From September 2022, the Shropshire churches joined with 4 other ChristCentral churches in Staffordshire and Derbyshire for partnership, support and oversight.

TCF congregation overall and regular Sunday morning worship meetings –

- TCF continued to meet each Sunday morning at Dawley House for worship, teaching of the Bible, news sharing and the building of the Christian Community.
- The overall size of the congregation grew noticeably in this period, as did the committed membership.

Meetings and groups in addition to Sunday mornings –

1. Prayer meetings throughout the year, every Sunday evening. Prayer meetings are considered a major part of the backbone of the church due to the positive effects experienced by many. The attendance has been consistently higher than in previous years.
2. Two Home groups all year and a third group started in September 2022. These provide essential fellowship, support and encouragement for committed members and other attenders. Much friendship building and pastoral care takes place within all groups.
3. Bible study group, meeting weekly on Tuesday mornings – functioning much like the 3 Home Groups described above.

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. The Junior TCF team was extended due to an increase of children during the year who were regularly attending.

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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. The special focus on Ukraine continued throughout this period.
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 – a group for mainly elderly, local people for worship, teaching and fellowship. This included organising and leading a civic Remembrance Service in November 2022, attended by many local civic dignitaries.
5. Carol Services for TCF and Dawley Restroom and Carol singing for the Dawley Community Christmas light switch on event.
6. Foundations course for teaching, discipling and mentoring of members.
7. Worship team gathering together approximately once per 2 months to strengthen the worship aspect of the church.
8. Conducting a funeral of a member, which involved in-depth serving of the family concerned. We also helped with a Thanksgiving event for a member who had died in the early COVID era.
9. Leadership attending training events held on Zoom and in-person hosted by ChristCentral Churches. These were for Leadership training, Theological instruction and encouragement generally.
10. Church social events (averaging once per 2 months) to help build the church community.
11. Safeguarding training in February 2023 to bring up to date all children's workers, members responsible for pastoral care and leadership generally. Regular DBS checks on all workers carried out in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.
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 and text to church members.
13. Retaining good links with the Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership.

Going forwards –

1. A revised Vision and Values was shared with the church in September 2022.
2. The Trustees decided the church needs a completely new website, built on up-to-date web programming and out-sourced to a reputable company who will serve us well. This necessary step prompted a review as to how we are known and perceived by anyone outside the church. The decision was made to re-name the church to Christ Central Telford. The process of making this decision, although initiated by the elders, included consultation and agreement with the Trustees and the committed membership. The process to actually change the church name started in February 2023, engaging the services of a reputable company to create a new logo and website. It is anticipated the launch of our new name will be during the Autumn 2023.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the Charities Act 2011 and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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SHREWSBURY, SY1 3GA**



Robert Humphreys FCA
Chartered Accountant

Date: 13 November 2023

TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 March 2023
Receipts & Payments Account

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	2023 Total for Year £	2022 Total for year £
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and Other similar receipts:				
Collections & Tithes	-	23,756	23,756	23,352
Other Donations	136	4,998	5,134	568
Tax Refunds & Gift Aid	-	3,012	3,012	3,319
Operating Activities to further charitable objects:				
Conference Fees & Events	-	99	99	35
	136	31,865	32,001	27,274
Payments				
Payments for generating funds:				
Charitable Payments:				
Gifts/Tithes	136	3,350	3,486	3,968
Charitable activities:				
Staff Salaries	-	19,050	19,050	17,422
Hall Hire	-	1,470	1,470	426
P.A/Repairs/Equipment	-	586	586	167
Travel	-	723	723	378
Training	-	1,150	1,150	480
Devoted Events	-	153	153	268
Support Costs:				
Stationery/Books/Postage/Printing	-	906	906	368
Insurance	-	435	435	424
Copyright Licence	-	243	243	229
Miscellaneous	-	125	125	43
Telephone	-	345	345	150
Other professional fees	-	356	356	-
Management & Administration				
Examination of Accounts	-	496	496	420
	136	29,388	29,524	24,743
Net Receipts/Payments	-	2,477	2,477	2,531
Balance brought forward from previous year	4,352	46,143	50,495	47,964
Balance carried forward at end of year	4,352	48,620	52,972	50,495

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash Funds				
Cash in Hand		427		13
Other Monetary Assets				
NatWest Current Account	52,292		50,149	
Loan	253		333	
		52,545		50,482
		52,972		50,495
Representing Assets on the following Accounts:				
General Fund		48,620		46,143
Restricted Funds		4,352		4,352
Accumulated Funds		52,972		50,495

Non-Monetary Assets

Furniture and Equipment at insurance value: £5,530

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: 3rd December 2023

Signed on their behalf by: Giles Higgins

GILES HIGGINS

Position: Chair of trustees and Church Leader

Date: 3/12/2023

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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

	2023	2022
Bread Trust	-	933
Christ Central	1,320	1,395
Church Central	540	540
Mercian Community	480	480
Christian Together in Telford	360	360
Other Giving	786	260
	<u>3,486</u>	<u>3,968</u>
Charged to General Fund	3,350	3,968
Charged to Restricted Funds	136	-
	<u>3,486</u>	<u>3,968</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	963	136	136	963
Building Fund	3,252	-	-	3,252
	<u>4,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,352</u>

5) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

Remuneration of £18,601.85 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.