

TELFORD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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 2023 to 31st March 2024**

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 Anne Ward		All Year

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 2-3 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 3 times in this period and used WhatsApp extensively for discussion and decisions regarding several important matters.
4. TCF is a ChristCentral church and is one of 8 churches in Shropshire, Staffordshire & Derbyshire belonging to that group (see <https://christcentralchurches.org/>). Giles and the leaders of the other 7 churches met and supported one another every other month on average for partnership, support and oversight. Giles also helped to develop active relationships with the other 3 Shropshire church leaders, functioning as necessary additional support.

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 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. Three Home groups all year and a fourth group started in November 2023. 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 4 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 have been serving the children every Sunday through the year. The number of children regularly attending the church increased in this period.
4. A team to serve Youth started in early 2024, gathering the Senior School aged children once per month.

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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 and our participation in a focussed prayer gathering. 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 2023, 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. Leadership attending training events held on Zoom and in-person hosted by ChristCentral Churches. These were for Leadership training, Theological instruction and encouragement generally – totalling 10 in the year.
9. 10 Church social events from April to September 2023 to help build the church community. This included a highly attended Baptism Service in July 2023, the first in 6 years.
10. Launch of Men's breakfasts on Saturday mornings – averaging once every 6 weeks.
11. Delivering an R.S. lesson to a Year 3/4 class in a local Church of England Primary School.
12. Safeguarding Policy reviewed in January 2024. Regular DBS checks on all workers carried out in accordance with our Safeguarding policy.
13. Retaining good links with the Central Telford Ecumenical Partnership.
14. Launch of Christ Central Telford on Sunday 24th March 2024 – replacing "Telford Christian Fellowship". The process to change the church name started in February 2023, engaging the services of a reputable company to create a new logo and website. During this year the new logo and website was created, greatly enhancing our on-line presence. Additionally, we enhanced our on-line presence on different social media platforms, i.e. YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. The required changes were made with the Charity Commission, HMRC and other key bodies.

Going forwards, we are Christ Central Telford, with the same Charity Commission Charity number (1184306).

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 2024.

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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Robert Humphreys FCA
Chartered Accountant

Date: 27/8/2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 March 2024
Receipts & Payments Account**

	Restricted Funds £	General Funds £	2024 Total for Year £	2023 Total for year £
Receipts				
Donations, Legacies and Other similar receipts:				
Collections & Tithes	-	41,314	41,314	23,756
Other Donations	-	-	-	5,134
Tax Refunds & Gift Aid	-	9,048	9,048	3,012
Operating Activities to further charitable objects:				
Conference Fees & Events	-	-	-	99
	-	50,362	50,362	32,001
Payments				
Payments for generating funds:				
Charitable Payments:				
Gifts/Tithes	-	4,278	4,278	3,486
Charitable activities:				
Staff Salaries	-	18,699	18,699	19,050
Hall Hire	-	1,269	1,269	1,470
P.A/Repairs/Equipment	-	3,170	3,170	586
Travel	-	842	842	723
Training	-	869	869	1,150
Devoted Events	-	880	880	153
Launch costs	-	1,532	1,532	-
Support Costs:				
Stationery/Books/Postage/Printing	-	1,157	1,157	906
Insurance	-	460	460	435
Website Design	-	6,990	6,990	-
Copyright Licence	-	261	261	243
Miscellaneous	-	55	55	125
Telephone	-	519	519	345
Other professional fees	-	267	267	356
Management & Administration				
Examination of Accounts	-	504	504	496
	-	41,752	41,752	29,524
Net Receipts/Payments	-	8,610	8,863	2,477
Transfers	(1,100)	1,100	-	-
Balance brought forward from previous year	4,352	48,620	52,972	50,495
Balance carried forward at end of year	3,252	58,330	61,582	52,972

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash Funds				
Cash in Hand		-		427
Other Monetary Assets				
NatWest Current Account	61,582		50,292	
Loan	-		253	
	<u>61,582</u>		<u>50,545</u>	
	<u>61,582</u>		<u>52,972</u>	
Representing Assets on the following Accounts:				
General Fund	58,330		48,620	
Restricted Funds	3,252		4,352	
Accumulated Funds	<u>61,582</u>		<u>52,972</u>	

Non-Monetary Assets

Furniture and Equipment at insurance value: £5,530

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on: *Wed 21st August 2024*

Signed on their behalf by: *Giles Higgins*
GILES HIGGINS

Position: Chair of trustees and Church Leader

Date: *21/8/24*

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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

	2024	2023
Christ Central	1,770	1,320
Church Central	540	540
Mercian Community	480	480
Christian Together in Telford	360	360
Other Giving	1,128	786
	<u>4,278</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Charged to General Fund	4,278	3,350
Charged to Restricted Funds	-	136
	<u>4,278</u>	<u>3,486</u>

4) Restricted Funds

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening Balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer	Closing Balance
Dawley Day	137	-	-	(137)	-
Devoted	963	-	-	(963)	-
Building Fund	3,252	-	-	-	3,252
	<u>4,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,100)</u>	<u>3,252</u>

5) Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

Remuneration of £17,496 (2023: £18,602) 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.