

CHRIST CHURCH FAREHAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1186046

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-30

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN FAREHAM AND THE SURROUNDING REGION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHARITY;(B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATIONS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT:(C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE INCLUDING BY MEANS OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING ANY EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SAID LOCATIONS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME SEE FIT:(D) TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN THE FAREHAM REGION AFORESAID AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME SEE FIT:

Activities: To advance the Christian religion in Fareham and the surrounding areas. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused. To advance education in accordance with Christian principles. To provide community facilities for recreational occupation in the interests of social welfare for persons who have needs.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£101,849	£110,083	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,063	£99,051	-	-
2022-12-31	£72,051	£62,570	-	-
2021-12-31	£39,570	£31,454	-	-
2020-12-31	£64,113	£19,346	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Peter Simmonds	Chair	2019-10-01
Duncan John Sills		2019-10-01
JEFFREY NEIL MOSS		2022-10-17
Louisa Berger		2026-03-02
Wendy Joanne Clark		2023-09-11

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TRUSTEES REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

Christ Church Fareham exists to bring the hope, joy, truth, and love of Jesus in the Fareham area and surrounding regions. We seek to live out the Great Commission, given by Jesus Christ to his disciples to make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all of Jesus' commands. As part of this, we seek to grow a Bible-believing, Gospel-proclaiming, Spirit-filled Church in Fareham for today and future generations.

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- Loving God: worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ
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- Loving the world: mission and outreach work

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ

- We preach from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings. During 2024, we have preached sermon series from the Old Testament, including Deuteronomy 1-9 and all of Haggai; and have preached through Matthew 26-28 and Revelation 1-3 from the New Testament. In 2024, we have also preached thematic sermons on parenting, serving, and on becoming a Christian. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Throughout 2024, we ran Life Groups that met weekly. These groups encouraged time together in one another's homes to build friendships, pray together and learn together in discipleship. By the end of 2024 we were running 5 groups.
- We also ran a Women's Bible Study in 2024. This group met monthly in one another's homes to study Genesis and then 1 John together in a mutually supportive environment. This group received excellent feedback.
- The whole Church meets together to pray each month, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World. In 2024, we added a second monthly prayer meeting on the third Sunday of the month.
- Each Sunday we offer Children's Work for children under 11. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ.
- The youth, at secondary school age, in the Church take part in the adults meeting one week and have age-specific teaching in a classroom the other week. There are also midweek activities, learning more about Jesus.
- Jason Manning continues to lead our Under 18s ministry, bringing leadership and greater theological input for our under 18s and support for the parents in the Church. In July 2024, he completed his graduate diploma in theology that we funded.
- In 2024 we took a group of 10 teenagers to NewDay. They had a fantastic time worshipping God and reported positive experiences of God in their lives

- We attended the 2024 Commission Festival in August as a Church. A high proportion of the Church was able to make it. The feedback from this event was that it deepened faith and relationships across the week.
- We increased our equipment/capital spend in 2024 significantly, this enabled us to update our tech equipment, and to purchase items for our new Sunday venue including a storage container.

Caring for people

- We ensure church members are well provided for and no one goes without; and use our finances to bless people outside the church – including people who visit us and others we make contact with as a Church.
- In 2024, we supported members financially, this included covering the cost of attending church socials and giving a gift towards unexpected living costs.
- Over Christmas, we prepared 20 Christmas hampers in partnership with local schools and blessed needy families in the area.
- We organised a curry and quiz night in March to raise money for the brilliant work CRY do. We met the costs of running the event and all proceeds went directly to CRY. The event was enjoyed by all attendees and raised a significant sum for CRY.
- We now have 76 people on our mailing list and overall, over 100 people with whom we are in ongoing relationship through various means of communication, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.

Mission and outreach

- A huge highlight in 2024 was baptising 10 people! Two people, completed the Alpha Course, became Christians and were baptised. Three were baptised as believers, after joining the church from other denominations. Four were under 18's, including two teenagers impacted by Newday, who after declaring faith in Jesus were baptised.
- In 2024, we once again run one Alpha course. The feedback from this was positive.
- Numbers on a Sunday have increased. On average, 73 people gathered each Sunday, up from 69 in 2023. In September 2024, we moved to a bigger Sunday venue due to needing more space and are now meeting at Cams Hill School.
- We did an outreach event in Fareham Town Centre in March 2024 as part of our Mission Weekend. We gave out 300 free cakes, offered free face painting, games, and gave out flyers for the Sunday meeting. Across the weekend we delivered flyers across the town, knocked on doors, and interacted with members of the public. The event was positively received by both the members of the Church and those we interacted with.
- In 2024, we continued to support a missionary in East Asia. His work alleviates poverty and shares the Gospel with people who have never heard it before.
- We started supporting a Church plant and CRY project in Albania to care for children and see the Gospel proclaimed there
- We have also been regularly supporting Commission, the family of churches we are part of. They use their funds to spread the Gospel across the UK, India, Spain, Portugal and USA and into new regions. They also help alleviate poverty in those regions
- Our Pastor, Duncan Sills, uses some of his employed time serving Commission (part of New Frontiers) who seek to preach the Gospel and reach out across nations. On a monthly basis, he has been teaching theology to people across the South of England. This was the fourth year the course has run and Duncan is responsible for leading the course, as we take our first steps as a charity into a more formal education setting.

We are so grateful to all our members and volunteers in the Church, who enable all this work to take place. Thank you to everyone who has played even a small role in what we did in 2024.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

2024 was another very encouraging year for us. Baptising 10 people really was a wonderful celebration. We saw good growth and continued to impact the lives of people in Fareham in greater ways than in previous years. We have significant plans moving forward.

- We will run the Alpha Course again in 2025, combined with a town centre bandstand outreach event followed by Good News Sunday, designed to spur our people into a bolder missional lifestyle sharing Jesus with others around them.
- We are intending to run a Freedom in Christ course in 2025, to help our members live out their identity as Christian's in greater freedom.
- We are hoping to employ a part-time Women's Pastoral Worker in 2025, to help provide more focussed and proactive pastoral support to the ladies at Christ Church Fareham.
- We are looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. We will seek to work closely with Cams Hill School that hosts our Sunday meetings and Redlands School where lots of our children attend to explore ways of doing this.
- Our under 18s work will continue to grow and expand. In 2025, we will have two internal training lunches with under 18's volunteers and one training day led by Commission which everyone will be invited to attend. These training days along with ongoing reviews throughout the year will strengthen and equip the team to serve in the best way possible.
- We will continue to encourage Church members to engage positively with our wider family of Churches in Commission. This will be done by encouraging a group to go to the Leadership Conference in June, to consider signing up for training courses, and inviting guest speakers in.
- Most importantly, we are steadily growing our congregation and are excited for new people joining us in the future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees consider that principal risks faced by Christ Church Fareham have been:

Safeguarding

We are members of 31:8 and ensure all our under 18's workers are DBS checked to work with children. Our pastor, Duncan Sills, is also certified to work with vulnerable adults. We have a three person safeguarding team in place with a DSO and two deputies.

Financial

We are grateful to God for his generous financial provision. The trustees protect the charity by preparing budgets each year; monitoring actual receipts and spend against budget; ensuring we have the funds to continue running the charity appropriately; and having the accounts independently checked each year. Three different people have access to the accounts and so ensure each other person is using finances appropriately.

Employment Policies

Since taking on a new member of staff, CCF have adopted a number of employment policies designed to protect our employees. These will need to grow and adapt over time.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

£101,849 income has been received in 2024, an increase of 9.44% (£93,063 in 2023) and payments made of £110,083, an increase of 11.14% (£99,051 in 2023). This brought total reserves to £48,142 all of which was being held in the bank. This is well above the required 3-month operating cost requirement.

Our giving to other charitable organisations and individuals increased 37% in one calendar year, which has enabled us to be more generous and do significantly more in the mission field. The overall loss in 2024 was budgeted, as we employed 2 full time staff members, moved into a bigger venue which required new equipment to be purchased and planned to be more generous in supporting mission around the World. We are encouraged by our financial position and give praise to God for the real generosity of church members.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Christ Church Fareham is a Registered Charity (No 1186046).

Christ Church Fareham is affiliated to Commission, part of the New Frontiers family of churches.

The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to Christ Church Fareham including deciding on how the funds of the charity are to be spent.

The trustees met 5 times during the year with an average attendance of 100%.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Christ Church Fareham now meets on Sunday mornings at Cams Hill School, Shearwater Avenue, Fareham, PO16 8AH. The correspondence address is 63 Hilson Drive, Fareham, PO15 6NP.

Trustees who have served at any time from the date of registration to the date of this report was approved are:

	<u>Date</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Resigned</u>
Duncan Sills	Oct 2019	
Jonathan Simmonds	Oct 2019	
Jeff Moss	Oct 2022	
Wendy Clark	Sept 2023	

Pastor: Duncan Sills

Independent Examiner: Knight Goodhead Limited
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SO53 3DA

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The trustees are hugely appreciative of the many volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community.

- Those who enable meetings to run smoothly – getting rooms ready, AV equipment, welcoming, serving refreshments, etc
- The musicians who play, sing, and record songs to help us worship
- Those who lead services, lead prayers, share or who read and preach from Scripture at services
- Those who prepare, teach and help with our children and youth on Sundays
- Those who host and lead midweek meetings and the various social and outreach events
- Those who give – often sacrificially
- Those who cover everything going on at Christ Church Fareham in prayer – in prayer meetings and in private prayer
- Those who take the time to thank and encourage one another here.

It is astonishing how much is being done, and by so many. We thank each one of you – and give thanks to God for you.

Approved by the trustees on 13 October 2025 and signed, on its behalf by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)



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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees seek to:

- Follow best practice and guidance provided by the charity commissioners
- Use suitable accounting policies consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- State and apply applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, and explain any areas of concern or deviation
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the Charity will not continue its operations.

Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the Charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper records which disclose and explain with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 2011 Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to ensure that:

- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.

Name	Chris Goodhead
Firm	Knight Goodhead Limited
Address	7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hampshire
Postcode	SO53 3DA
	Date: 2 October 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	78,218	0	78,218	69,269
Collections/One-off giving	2,703	3,443	6,146	3,628
Gift aid recovered	16,624	861	17,485	20,166
	<u>97,545</u>	<u>4,304</u>	<u>101,849</u>	<u>93,063</u>
Total receipts	<u>97,545</u>	<u>4,304</u>	<u>101,849</u>	<u>93,063</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(60,031)	0	(60,031)	(57,084)
Church running expenses	(37,316)	0	(37,316)	(33,621)
Mission giving and donations	(12,736)	0	(12,736)	(8,346)
	<u>(110,083)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(110,083)</u>	<u>(99,051)</u>
Total payments	<u>(110,083)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(110,083)</u>	<u>(99,051)</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	(12,538)	4,304	(8,234)	(5,988)
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
	<u>(12,538)</u>	<u>4,304</u>	<u>(8,234)</u>	<u>(5,998)</u>
CASH AT BANK				
1 January	56,376	0	56,376	62,364
31 December	<u>43,838</u>	<u>4,304</u>	<u>48,142</u>	<u>56,376</u>

The restricted funds in 2024 were part of a specific collection to support a mission partner in South East Asia.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	43,838	4,304	48,142	56,376
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid recoverable	1,423	0	1,423	2,313
Liabilities				
Global Giving	0	0	0	0
Independent examination	750	0	750	1,224
HMRC	0	0	0	0
Staff Pension Contributions	0	0	0	0
Other Costs	0	0	0	0
	750	0	750	1,244

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	53,772	51,215
Contribution to pension scheme	6,259	5,869
	<u>60,031</u>	<u>57,084</u>
Average number of employees	2	2

3. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	(11,701)	0	(11,701)	(11,881)
Operating costs	(18,094)	0	(18,094)	(16,492)
Publicity	(1,393)	0	(1,393)	(1,319)
New equipment	(6,128)	0	(6,128)	(3,929)
	<u>(37,316)</u>	0	<u>(37,316)</u>	<u>(33,621)</u>
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission gift	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	(2,400)
Other giving	(10,336)	0	(10,336)	(5,946)
	<u>(12,736)</u>	0	<u>(12,736)</u>	<u>(8,346)</u>

4. One trustee, Duncan Sills, received remuneration of £28,800 in salary and a further £4,200 in pension contributions during this year. (2023: £29,700 in salary and benefits.)

Two trustees received reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the charitable organisation in 2024. Jonathan Simmonds received £42.21 and Jeff Moss received £65.51.



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- We also ran some successful Focus Groups in 2023, focused on the person and work of the Holy Spirit and a Foundations course for women in the Church. Both groups received excellent feedback.
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Caring for people

- We ensure church members are well provided for and no one goes without; and also use our finances to bless people outside the church – including people who visit us and others we make contact with as a Church
- Sadly, we conducted one funeral this year, but were able to offer end of life pastoral care and support to those who are grieving. We also gave financial support to help with funeral costs.
- Over Christmas, we prepared 16 Christmas hampers in partnership with local schools and charities and blessed needy families in the area
- We now have 61 people on our mailing list and overall over 100 people with whom we are in ongoing relationship through various means of communication, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In addition to caring for the people in the church and local area, we have a partnership with an individual missionary in East Africa to help alleviate poverty there. We continue to look for local partners, working to care for people in Fareham and the surrounding region.

Mission and outreach

- A huge highlight in 2023 was baptising 8 people! One person completed the Alpha Course, became a Christian and was baptised. Three people, after a longer journey finding faith, chose to be baptised this year. Two teenagers were baptised, after declaring faith in Jesus. Two others were baptised as believers, after joining the church from other denominations.
- Another person who completed Alpha would like to be baptised in 2024!
- Numbers on a Sunday have increased. On average, 69 people gathered each Sunday, up 53% versus 45 people gathering in 2022. Most of this growth came in the early part of the year and plateaued a little towards the end of 2023. Our building only really has room for 90 people, so we need to find a bigger venue with more space.
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- We have already started the search for a new Sunday meeting venue, so we can provide additional room to grow as a Church
- We are looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. One school, who may become our future Sunday venue, have been positive about us participating in their community events and projects
- Our under 18s work will continue to grow and expand. We have a number of plans to help train our volunteers better and run youth socials and events during the year
- In August the Church will attend the Commission Festival in Shepton Mallett, camping and learning about God all together.
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RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees consider that principal risks faced by Christ Church Fareham have been:

Safeguarding

We are members of 31:8 and ensure all our Children's Workers are DBS checked to work with children. Our pastor, Duncan Sills, is also certified to work with vulnerable adults.

Financial

We are grateful to God for his generous financial provision. The trustees protect the charity by preparing budgets each year; monitoring actual receipts and spend against budget; ensuring we have the funds to continue running the charity appropriately; and having the accounts independently checked each year. Three different people have access to the accounts and so ensure each other person is using finances appropriately.

Employment Policies

Since taking on a new member of staff, CCF have adopted a number of employment policies designed to protect our employees. These will need to grow and adapt over time.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY

£93,063 income has been received in 2023 (£72,051 in 2022) and payments made of £99,051 (£62,570). This brought total reserves to £56,376 all of which was being held in the bank. This is well above the required 3-month operating cost requirement.

Our giving increased 29% in one calendar year, which has enabled us to be more generous and do significantly more in the mission field. The overall loss in 2023 was budgeted, as we employed 2 full time employees for the whole calendar year for the first time, and planned to be more generous in supporting mission around the World (which increased 136% in 2023). We are encouraged by our financial position and give praise to God for the real generosity of church members.

There is a monetary asset of £1,872 of gift aid, which we will claim from the HMRC in 2024.

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The trustees met 3 times during the year with an average attendance of 100%. Wendy Clark was appointed a trustee in September 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Christ Church Fareham now meets on Sunday mornings at Orchard Lea Junior School, Kennedy Ave, Fareham PO15 6BJ. The correspondence address is 63 Hilson Drive, Fareham, PO15 6NP.

Trustees who have served at any time from the date of registration to the date of this report was approved are:

	<u>Date</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Resigned</u>
Duncan Sills	Oct 2019	
Jonathan Simmonds	Oct 2019	
Jeff Moss	Oct 2022	
Wendy Clark	Sept 2023	

Pastor: Duncan Sills

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- Those who enable meetings to run smoothly – getting rooms ready, AV equipment, welcoming, serving refreshments, etc
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- Those who lead services, lead prayers, share or who read and preach from Scripture at services
- Those who prepare, teach and help with our children and youth on Sundays
- Those who host and lead midweek meetings and the various social and outreach events
- Those who give – often sacrificially
- Those who cover everything going on at Christ Church Fareham in prayer – in prayer meetings and in private prayer
- Those who take the time to thank and encourage one another here.

It is astonishing how much is being done, and by so many. We thank each one of you – and give thanks to God for you.

Approved in principle by the Trustees on 16 September 2024 and signed, on its behalf, by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees) on 11 October 2024.



STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees seek to:

- Follow best practice and guidance provided by the charity commissioners
- Use suitable accounting policies consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- State and apply applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, and explain any areas of concern or deviation
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the Charity will not continue its operations.

Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the Charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper records which disclose and explain with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 2011 Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and to ensure that:

- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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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Date: 10th Oct 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2023

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	69,269	0	69,269	52,731
Collections/One-off giving	2,478	1,150	3,628	6,104
Gift aid recovered	19,941	225	20,166	13,216
	<u>91,688</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>93,063</u>	<u>72,051</u>
Total receipts	<u>91,688</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>93,063</u>	<u>72,051</u>
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(57,084)	0	(57,084)	(34,486)
Church running expenses	(33,621)	0	(33,621)	(24,544)
Mission giving and donations	(6,971)	(1,375)	(8,346)	(3,540)
	<u>(97,676)</u>	<u>(1,375)</u>	<u>(99,051)</u>	<u>(62,570)</u>
Total payments	<u>(97,676)</u>	<u>(1,375)</u>	<u>(99,051)</u>	<u>(62,570)</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	(5,988)	0	(5,988)	9,481
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
	<u>(5,988)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,988)</u>	<u>9,481</u>
CASH AT BANK				
1 January	62,364	0	62,364	52,883
31 December	<u>56,376</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,376</u>	<u>62,364</u>

All 2022 figures are unrestricted. The restricted funds in 2023 were part of a specific collection to support one church member with funeral costs.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Cash funds				
Bank current account	56,376	0	56,376	62,364
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid recoverable	2,313	0	2,313	7,205
Liabilities				
Global Giving	0	0	0	0
Independent examiner	1,224	0	1,224	1,710
HMRC	0	0	0	701
Staff pension contributions	0	0	0	487
Other costs	0	0	0	0
	1,302	0	1,302	1,110

Further information on liabilities

£1,224 liability for independent examination (covering both 2022 and 2023) will be paid in 2024.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	51,215	32,588
Contribution to pension scheme	5,869	1,898
	<u>57,084</u>	<u>34,486</u>
Average number of employees	<u>2</u>	<u>1.33</u>

3. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	(11,881)	0	(11,881)	(8,698)
Operating costs	(16,492)	0	(16,492)	(12,909)
Publicity	(1,319)	0	(1,319)	(559)
New equipment	(3,929)	0	(3,929)	(2,378)
	<u>(33,621)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(33,621)</u>	<u>(24,544)</u>
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission gift	(2,400)	0	(2,400)	0
Other giving	(4,571)	(1,375)	(5,946)	(3,540)
	<u>(6,971)</u>	<u>(1,375)</u>	<u>(8,346)</u>	<u>(3,540)</u>

4. One trustee, Duncan Sills, received remuneration and benefits totalling £29,700 during this year.



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“... that we may declare the praises of Him who called *us* out of darkness into His wonderful light.” 1Peter 2:9b

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TRUSTEES REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

Christ Church Fareham exists to bring the hope, joy, truth, and love of Jesus in the Fareham area and surrounding regions. We seek to live out the Great Commission, given by Jesus Christ to his disciples to make disciples, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all of Jesus' commands. As part of this, we seek to grow a Bible-believing, Gospel-proclaiming, Spirit-filled Church in Fareham for today and future generations.

We have four charitable aims, defined in our governing document.

- 1) To advance the Christian faith
- 2) To relieve persons in conditions of need or hardship
- 3) To advance education in accordance with Christian principles
- 4) To provide community facilities and opportunities

The trustees are committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship Jesus Christ and to be part of our community. Our activities take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We want to help ordinary people to live out their faith in Jesus every day, encouraging and supporting one another, and being led by the Holy Spirit. Our activities comprise:

- Loving God: worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ
- Loving one another: caring for people who live in and around Fareham, helping those who are in need or hardship
- Loving the world: mission and outreach work

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ

- We preach from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings. During 2022, we have preached sermon series from the Old Testament including Habakkuk, Ruth and Psalms; and have preached through a large portion of Matthew's Gospel and all of Colossians from the New Testament. In 2022, Jeff Moss preached a thematic sermon series looking at The Journey Home, a series on life, death and Jesus' return. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Throughout 2022, we ran three Life Groups that met weekly. These groups encouraged time together in one another's homes to build friendships, pray together and learn together in discipleship
- The whole Church meets together to pray each month, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World.
- Each Sunday we offer Children's Work for children under 11. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ.
- In 2022 we launched separate youth work for the first time. The youth in the Church take part in the adults meeting one week and have age-specific teaching in a classroom the other week. There are also midweek activities, learning more about Jesus.
- In September 2022, we employed Jason Manning as Administrator and Under 18s Ministry Lead. He brought leadership and greater theological input for our under 18s and support for the parents in the Church. We have also funded him to study a graduate diploma at Union Bible College
- In 2022, we saw excellent growth in numbers, as people from the local area around Orchard Lea Junior School came to visit and stay with the church
- We brought 24 adults (with 14 children) into formal church membership at the start of the year, with others completing a membership course at the end of the year ready to be brought into membership soon

We pray that in 2023 God will continue to bring growth and impact lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Caring for people

- We ensure church members are well provided for and no one goes without; and also use our finances to bless people outside the church – including people who visit us and others we make contact with as a Church
- Over Christmas, we prepared 15 Christmas hampers in partnership with local schools and charities and blessed the most needy families in the area
- We also sent 2 hampers for members of the Church to make their Christmas more special than it otherwise would have been
- We have begun building relationships with the care homes in Fareham, offering assistance, pastoral support and lifts to and from our meetings
- We now have 52 people who we are in ongoing relationship with via email, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In addition to caring for the people in the church and local area, through a partnership with an individual missionary we now help alleviate poverty in East Asia and we continue to look for local partners, working to care for people in Fareham and the surrounding region.

Mission and outreach

- As we emerged from lockdown, numbers on a Sunday have steadily increased. On average, 45 people gather, adults and children, that was an increase of 50% versus 2021
- We also saw an accelerated number of visitors towards the end of 2022, who have stayed in 2023. We now gather between 70 and 80 people every Sunday
- Our Pastor, Duncan Sills, uses some of his employed time serving Commission (part of New Frontiers) who seek to preach the Gospel and reach out across nations. On a monthly basis, he has been teaching theology to people across the South of England. This was the third year the course has run and Duncan is now responsible for leading the course, as we take our first steps as a charity into a more formal education setting.
- In 2022, we continued to support a missionary in East Asia. His work alleviates poverty and shares the Gospel with people who have never heard it before.
- We have also begun regularly supporting Commission, the family of churches we are part of. They use their funds to spread the Gospel across the UK, India, Spain, Portugal and USA and into new regions. They also help alleviate poverty in those regions

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

2022 was a very encouraging year for us. We saw good growth and began to impact the lives of people in Fareham in greater ways than in previous years. We have significant plans moving forward and with 2 full time employees good levels of resources to make it happen

- We will be launching more life groups in 2023, as well as trialling a concept called focus groups, learning together about a particular theological topic
- We are looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. We have had a meeting with Fareham Foodbank and may look to develop this relationship moving forward.
- We will be running an Alpha course for the first time after Easter and hope to see a Gospel impact, with new people learning the Gospel and putting their faith in Christ
- Our under 18s work will expand – we will take a group of teenagers to Newday, as well as offering greater input for the youth in our church.
- In August the Church will attend the Commission Festival in Shepton Mallett, camping and learning about God all together.
- Most importantly, we are steadily growing our congregation and are excited for new people joining us in the future.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Even with a small church, it is important to identify key risks and ensure that they are managed. The trustees consider that principal risks faced by Christ Church Fareham have been:

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Our giving has nearly doubled in one calendar year, which has enabled us to be more generous and do significantly more in the mission field. We are greatly encouraged by our financial position and give praise to God for the real generosity of church members who have grown giving to the church to nearly double what we expected so early in the life of the church.

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	<u>Date</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Resigned</u>
Peter McBeth	Oct 2019	Oct 2022
Duncan Sills	Oct 2019	
Jonathan Simmonds	Oct 2019	
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Approved by the trustees on 13/10/23 and signed, on its behalf by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)



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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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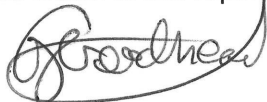
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2022

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	52,731	0	52,731	34,719
Collections/One-off giving	6,104	0	6,104	151
Gift aid recovered	13,216	0	13,216	4,700
	72,051	0	72,051	39,570
Total receipts	72,051	0	72,051	39,570
 PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(34,486)	0	(34,486)	(26,315)
Church running expenses	(24,544)	0	(24,544)	(4,296)
Mission giving and donations	(3,540)	0	(3,540)	(843)
	(62,570)	0	(62,570)	(31,454)
Total payments	(62,570)	0	(62,570)	(31,454)
Excess of receipts over payments	9,481	0	9,481	8,116
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
	9,481	0	9,481	8,116
CASH AT BANK				
1 January	52,883	0	52,883	44,767
31 December	62,364	0	62,364	52,883

All 2021 figures are unrestricted.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2022		Total	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	62,364	0	62,364	52,883
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid recoverable	7,205	0	7,205	7,651
Liabilities				
Global Giving	0	0	0	5,919
Independent examiner	1,710	0	1,710	1,080
HMRC	701	0	701	0
Staff pension contributions	487	0	487	0
Other costs	0		0	0
	2,898	0	2,898	6,999

Further information on liabilities

£1,710 liability for independent examination includes £540 which relates to the examination of 2020 accounts; £570 for 2021; and £600 for 2022.

£701 liability for HMRC represents tax and NI payable in respect of December 2022. This was paid in January 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	32,588	26,315
Contribution to pension scheme	1,898	0
	34,486	26,315
Average number of employees	1.33	1.00

3. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	(8,698)	0	(8,698)	840
Operating costs	(12,909)	0	(12,909)	(5,076)
Publicity	(559)	0	(559)	(60)
New equipment	(2,378)	0	(2,378)	0
	(24,544)	0	(24,544)	(4,296)
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission gift	0	0	0	0
Other giving	(3,540)	0	(3,540)	(843)
	(3,540)	0	(3,540)	0

The credit on venue costs in 2021 above reflects a rebate received for overpayment. The trustees have now agreed that we can provide financial support to Commission regularly. The first gift was made in January 2023.

4. One trustee, Duncan Sills, received remuneration and benefits totalling £27,433 during this year.



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TRUSTEES REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

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- Loving one another: caring for people who live in and around Fareham, helping those who are in need or hardship
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These areas of activity have remained our priority even during Covid. But some individual activities have had to change as we seek to ensure that people are cared for, and that our services remain accessible to everyone, even those less familiar with technology.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ

- Since our launch, we have preached from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings, whether online (from January to May) or in person (From May until the end of the year). During this period, we have preached sermon series from the Old Testament including Lamentations, Nehemiah and Psalms; and have preached through a large portion of Matthew's Gospel from the New Testament. In September, Jeff Moss preached a thematic sermon series looking at Authentic Conversion, Justification and Sanctification, covering the key parts of what it really means to be a Christians, according to God's Word. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Throughout 2021, we ran three Life Groups that met weekly. They met online in the first half of the year and then in person. These groups encouraged time together in one another's homes to build friendships, pray together and learn together in discipleship
- The Church met to pray together each month, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World.
- Each Sunday we offered Children's Work for children under 16. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ.
- Even during the first half of the year, there was online provision for our children
- When we started meeting in person again, we were pleased to have visitors who had watched our meetings online and we saw slow but steady growth in numbers gathering on a Sunday
- In October 2021, we appointed a new Eldership Team. Dayo Adeyemo, Jason Manning, Jeff Moss and Duncan Sills were appointed by Chris Kilby and the Church. We laid hands on them all and prayed for their leadership, as they themselves followed the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. For us, this marked the moment we became a local Church, with a Biblical leadership structure, as opposed to a Church plant, still reliant on support from Christ Central and Commission

We pray that, as we move into a new venue in 2022 at Orchard Lea Junior School, God will continue to bring growth and impact lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Caring for people

- At the start of the year, members of Christ Church Fareham continued to support those who were struggling with lockdown, buying food for neighbours, offering regular phone calls and texts to stay in contact with one another and offering zoom prayer meetings for people in need
- Over Christmas, we prepared 11 Christmas hampers and in partnership with local schools, blessed the most needy families in the area
- We have begun building relationships with the care homes in Fareham, offering assistance, pastoral support and lifts to and from our meetings
- We now have 65 people who we are in ongoing relationship with via email, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In addition to caring for the people in the church and local area, through a partnership with an individual missionary we now help alleviate poverty in East Asia and we continue to look for local partners, working to care for people in Fareham and the surrounding region.

Mission and outreach

- As we emerged from lockdown, numbers on a Sunday have steadily increased. On average, 30 people gather, adults and children, and over 50 people have attended more than once in 2021 to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is true even as some choose to stay at home and watch online.
- The service at Easter, recorded and shared online reached over 6,000 people, via Facebook and Youtube, with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Our Pastor, Duncan Sills, uses some of his employed time serving Commission (part of New Frontiers) who seek to preach the Gospel and reach out across nations. On a monthly basis, he has been teaching theology to people all over the South of England. This was the second year the course has run and Duncan is now responsible for leading the course this year and next, as we take our first steps as a charity into a more formal education setting.
- In 2021, we also started supporting a missionary in East Asia. His work alleviates poverty and shares the Gospel with people who have never heard it before.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We are encouraged by what God has done in our midst and very excited for plans moving forward in 2022 and beyond.

- From January 2022, we will meet in a new venue on Sundays – Orchard Lea Junior School. The venue is bigger, as we were outgrowing the Ashcroft Arts Centre. It is also brighter and has a lot more rooms to use for Children's Work.
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- We are looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. We have had a meeting with Fareham Foodbank and may look to develop this relationship moving forward.
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£39,570 income has been received in 2021 (£28,744 in 2020) and payments made of £31,454 (£19,346). This brought total reserves to £52,883 all of which was being held in the bank.

Some costs and giving by the church do not get paid until after the year to which they relate. There were £7,372 such liabilities at 31 December 2021. This is largely offset by £7,651 tax recovery due on gift-aided giving which was not received until 2022.

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Trustees who have served at any time from the date of registration to the date of this report was approved are:

	<u>Date</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Resigned</u>
Peter McBeth	Oct 2019	
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- Those who give – often sacrificially
- Those who cover everything going on at Christ Church Fareham in prayer – in prayer meetings and in private prayer
- Those who take the time to thank and encourage one another here.

It is astonishing how much is being done, and by so many. We thank each one of you – and give thanks to God for you.

Approved by the trustees on 17 October 2022 and signed, on its behalf by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)

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- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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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Date: 14 October 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2021

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	34,719	0	34,719	23,834
Collections/One-off giving	151	0	151	4,910
Gift aid recovered	4,700	0	4,700	0
	39,570	0	39,570	28,744
Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0
Investment income	0	0	0	0
Grant received	0	0	0	35,369
Total receipts	39,570	0	39,570	64,113
PAYMENTS				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(26,315)	0	(26,315)	(12,435)
Church running expenses	(4,296)	0	(4,296)	(6,911)
Mission giving and donations	(843)	0	(843)	0
	(31,454)	0	(31,454)	(19,346)
Cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0
Total payments	(31,454)	0	(31,454)	(19,346)
Excess of receipts over payments	8,116	0	8,116	44,767
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
	8,116	0	8,116	44,767
CASH AT BANK				
1 January	44,767	0	44,767	0
31 December	52,883	0	52,883	44,767

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	52,883	0	52,883	44,767
Other monetary assets				
Gift Aid recoverable	7,651	0	7,651	4,700
Liabilities				
Global Giving	5,919	0	5,919	3,290
Independent examiner	1,080	0	1,080	540
Other costs	0	0	0	743
	6,999	0	6,999	4,573

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 17 October 2022

Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2. Staff costs

	2021
	£
Wages and salaries	26,315
Average no of employees	1

3. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	840	0	840	(3,911)
Operating costs	(5,076)	0	(5,076)	(2,122)
Publicity	(60)	0	(60)	(279)
New equipment	0	0	0	(599)
	<u>(4,296)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,296)</u>	<u>(6,911)</u>
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission tithe	0	0	0	0
Other giving	(843)	0	(843)	0
	<u>(843)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(843)</u>	<u>0</u>

The credit on venue costs above reflects a rebate received for overpayment in 2020.

4. Liabilities

At year-end £5,919 had been set aside to give away in 2022. Of this £3,472 is based on the donations received in 2021, with the balance relating to 2020 (£3,290 originally provided less £843 given).

£1,080 liability for independent examination includes £540 which relates to the examination of 2020 accounts which was not paid until 2022.

5. Related Parties

One trustee, Duncan Sill, received remuneration and benefits totalling £25,227 during this year.



CHRIST CHURCH FAREHAM

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Annual Report and Financial Statements October 2019 to December 2020

"... that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light." 1Peter 2:9b

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TRUSTEES REPORT

AIM AND PURPOSES

- Planted from Christ Central Portsmouth, to pray for and reach the people of Fareham.
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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ

- Since our launch, we have preached from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings. During this period we have preached sermon series from the Old Testament including Jonah, Isaiah and Ezra; and have preached through several New Testament books including 1 Peter, Ephesians, Philemon and Jude. We began our sermon series through the whole of Matthew's Gospel, focussing on the life and salvation of Jesus Christ the King. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Until March 2020, we ran two weekly Life Groups. The groups shared dinner together - building relationships, praying and studying the Bible. During these times, we have read the Gospel of Mark with regular members of the Church, and with new visitors who have never read the Bible before.
- The Church met to pray together every other Sunday evening, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World.
- Each Sunday we offered Children's Work for children under 16. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ.
- In March 2020, when National lockdown was introduced, we were unable to gather in person, as we usually would. We transferred our services online. Every morning the Children's Group would gather on zoom together and continue to enjoy Bible teaching and games. The adult service, featuring sung worship, prayer and a talk from the Bible would be broadcast on YouTube and our Facebook Page and we then held a Zoom prayer meeting together after the service.
- The impact of our digital services is challenging to assess. However, we have reached more people with the Gospel than ever before. Our Easter service was seen by over 5,000 different homes and our Christmas Carol Service in December 2020 was seen by over 7,300 homes. The vast majority of these people will have just watched one or two minutes as the video appeared on their social media feeds. However, we know there were significant numbers of people who watch the vast majority of the service.

- Since March 2020, we have also run prayer meetings on zoom during the week on a Tuesday and Thursday evening. We have missed gathering in person for our prayer meetings, but we are encouraged by the new people giving time to pray together in these meetings, that people could attend from home.
- In September 2020, we were able to return to meeting in person with significant social distancing restrictions in place. Congregational singing was not allowed, everyone had to remain 2m apart and wear masks. We were not able to serve tea and coffee after the service and our people had to leave promptly after the end of the meeting. We introduced a more contemplative form of worship, to make up for the lack of singing, we prioritised the place of prayer in the service and continued to preach Biblically. We were also able to take Communion in person again, albeit with significant precautions in place. In December 2020, the Government announced the second lockdown and we restored our online services.

We pray that, as we emerge from lockdown, we will be surprised at what God has been doing within us as His people, and how He has been touching the lives of those around us.

Caring for people

- During Covid we encouraged people to care for others in whatever ways were possible. We have been encouraged that people in the Church who were particularly vulnerable and required to shield are helped and supported by those who are able, including delivering shopping and prescriptions. This work also extended to a few friends and family members in Fareham who required help.
- We used email, phone calls and texts to regularly stay in touch with people and prayed for those who needed help at our prayer meetings.
- A number of people in the Church, reached out to neighbours, posting flyers through people's doors, letting them know that if they needed help, they could ring or text and help would be offered.
- We have begun building relationships with the care homes in Fareham. Our Online Easter Service was shown at 3 or 4 care homes in the town and received well by the workers and residents. We hope to continue offering support and help to the people living and working there.
- Having started with just 14, we now have 56 people on our mailing list, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In addition to caring for the people in the church and local area, it was the trustees' intention to give money away to other charities, local and global in 2020, to alleviate poverty and help the needy. Covid has made it difficult to build these new relationships, but we have set aside money to be given away in 2021 and have started to identify areas that require financial support

Mission and outreach

- The Church has grown from 14 to over 40 regular attenders, with a wider group of people receiving information and invites from the Church
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

This was our first year as a registered charity and it has been disrupted by a National Lockdown. But we are encouraged and there are significant areas to move forward with in the future.

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- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the fifteen months ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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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Date: 25 October 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the fifteen months ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	<u>Total funds</u>
Receipts		
Voluntary giving		
Planned giving		23,834
Collections/One-off giving		4,910
Gift Aid recovered		-
Total		<u>28,744</u>
Grant received	2	<u>35,369</u>
Total receipts	2	<u>64,113</u>
 Payments		
Church activities		
Staffing costs	3	(12,435)
Running expenses	4	(6,911)
Mission giving and donations	5	-
Total		<u>(19,346)</u>
 Excess of receipts over payments		 44,767
 Cash at bank		
1 January 2020		<u>-</u>
31 December 2020		<u>44,767</u>

Equipment and other assets worth about £500 have also been received during the accounting period

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2020

Cash funds		
Bank current account		44,767
 Other monetary assets		
Gift Aid recoverable		4,700
 Liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	6	(1,283)
Giving	5	<u>(3,290)</u>
Total		<u>(4,573)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
- Christ Central Church in Portsmouth earmarked £50k towards the cost of planting a church in Fareham. In January 2020, when responsibility for accounting was passed to Christ Church Fareham, Christ Central made a grant of £35,369, being the balance of monies they had originally put aside for the church plant.

The Trustees consider that this and all other income received in the year to be unrestricted income.

3. Staff costs

	2020
	£
Wages and salaries	12,435
Average no of employees	0.5

4. Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2020
	£
Venues and gathering cost	3,911
Operating costs	2,122
Publicity	279
New equipment	<u>599</u>
	<u>6,911</u>

5. Giving

Although no mission giving and donations were made during the fifteen months ended December 2020, the Trustees have agreed to give away £3,290 in respect of income received in that period. This money is being given to Commission and other charities during 2021.

6. Creditors and accruals

	2020
	£
Payable to HMRC	743
Independent examiner	<u>540</u>
	<u>1,283</u>

7. Related Parties

One trustee, Duncan Sill, received remuneration and benefits totalling £13,807 during this period.

