

Anglican Asian Living Church

Registered Charity No: 1188895

Annual Report

1 January to 31 December 2020

Governance Statement

The Purpose of the Charity is:

The dissemination and support of the Christian faith, for the public benefit amongst Asian communities and those closely associated with them in Cowley and Oxfordshire, and when appropriate elsewhere in the United Kingdom and globally, by the provision of worship, Christian education, social and community support and other recognised needs within the community.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

As at 31.12.20 the members of the board of trustees were:

Mr. Robin Ajit

Miss Jasmine Masih

Mr. Arun Mattu

Revd. Canon Geoffrey Bayliss

The charity currently has no employees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the trustees' report and the financial statements are prepared for each financial year, in accordance with English law and regulations, and UK accounting standards. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies, as described in the Statement of Accounts and then apply them consistently;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant law and regulations.

The trustees 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. During the year trustees have reviewed all AALC policies including their Safeguarding policy.

Bankers

The charity's bankers are: Lloyds Bank PLC, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN

Charity Address

The charity's registered address is:

St. James Church Centre, 13 Beauchamp Lane, Oxford, OX3 3LF
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Public Benefit Statement

Anglican Asian Living Church is a Christian Church, functioning under a Bishop's Mission Order within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. We seek to equip our members and those with whom we work in the wider community to live in a way that reflects the Christian faith and its focus on generous love. We seek to work in a positive way alongside and with communities of different faiths and philosophies whilst sharing openly the faith in God which guides our work. We believe our work transforms communities in ways that enhance human life and build a society of respect, tolerance, peace and spiritual health.

Statement of Activities

During 2020 the Anglican Asian Living Church started the year well with our usual services and programmes with a New Year celebration for AALC to progress further in its structure and growth both spiritually and numerically. It has also continued working on its application for BMO (Bishop's Mission Order).

The AALC became a registered charity with 4 Trustees at the moment (including the present Rector of Cowley Parish).

In March 2020 the Covid 19 pandemic struck! All services for AALC went on line until we were able to meet again in Church under social distancing rules. By the technical skills of Jasmine Masih and Geoff Bayliss we were able to provide Sunday services, Wednesday Meetings and Friday Classes online.

Because of the financial impact of not meeting in Church under lockdown, the AALC Trustees decided to take their minibus off the road.

In July 2020 Rev Richard Chand, our part-time pastor, was appointed the Priest in Charge of St Paul's Parish in Braintree, Essex, and so left Cowley.

In September the AALC had baptisms for four of its member. In October a new family joined the Church with baptisms of four more family members.

The Trustees of the AALC charity are in charge of the decision making and a Church committee for the day to day running of the Church; a strong choir and music team, an active Sunday School and the Youth Group. There are presently four trained Worship Leaders and a Secretary of the AALC. There are various other teams in the AALC which do valuable duties as well.

A huge thanks is due to Parish of Cowley Team Ministry for providing valuable ordained spiritual, pastoral and sacramental support for the AALC. The Parish and the Archdeacon of Oxford were quite happy to guide the AALC towards gaining BMO status within the Parish of Cowley very soon.

Since the departure of Rev Richard Chand the AALC Trustees have been smoothly running the church. There has been times where we've had to have online services whereby the AALC worship leaders would plan the services and Jasmine Masih the AALC trustee would put this together to post on our Facebook page and she would also organise the rota to ensure all the Worship Leaders get a chance to lead.

We continue to hold our once a month youth services which gives the young people a chance to lead and participate together and our Friday classes which run fortnightly on a Friday.

The Cowley Team Parish ministers have really helped us since the departure of Richard Chand in worship, giving the sermon and holy communion services. All the congregation appreciate their efforts and as a thank you every Sunday, we donate £40 to them from the AALC donations that Sunday.

We have also ensured that Safeguarding courses are completed for all our church members and Lesley Williams, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, has been supportive in ensuring this training is all up to date for our members and Jasmine Masih has been appointed as our Assistant Safeguarding Office for the AALC and supports Lesley Williams,

Going forward we will continue to work together as one congregation and with the Cowley team parish ministers. With COVID 19 easing in coming months we hope to go back to our normal services which include the service and refreshments in the St James Centre which gives us a chance to get together with each other after the service and helps with Mental Health for all our members as it has been a difficult time for us all. We also hope to look for a permanent minister for our church as we continue to build our church fund for this opportunity for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gail Douglas', written in a cursive style.

Chair of Trustees

The Anglican Asian Living Church

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Annual Accounts

1 January 2020 - 31 December 2020

Balance Sheet

	31.12.20	31.12.19
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£6,837	£5,477
Debtors	£0	£0
Current Total Assets	£6,837	£5,477
Creditors	£0	£0
Nett Current Assets (Liabilities)	£6,837	£5,477
Capital and Reserves		
Restricted Funds	£0	£0
Designated Funds	£0	£0
General Fund	£6,837	£5,477
Total Capital and Reserves	£6,837	£5,477
Represented by		
Cash at bank (Lloyds bank)	£6,837	£5,477
Profit and Loss Account		
Opening Balance	£5,477	
Current year earnings(loss)	£1,360	
Closing Balance	£6,837	

Statement of Income and Expenditure

INCOME

	£1,74
Planned giving: Standing order	2
	£2,07
Planned giving: Envelope	5
Collections: Special Services	£471
	£5,09
Collections: Sunday services	2
	£1,16
Collections: Wednesday meetings	0
	£1,42
Collections: Lockdown services	0
Boxes: Lockdown	£117
	£2,40
Tax reclaimed (Gift Aid)	8
Prepayments	£0
	£14,4
Total incoming resources	85

EXPENDITURE

	£11,0
Payment to minister	00
Rental of premises	£560
Insurance	£211
Deanery Share	£120
Minibus expenses	£559
Gratuities to visiting pastors	£310
Church expenses (cheque payments)	£250
Church expenses (cash payments)	£115
	£13,1
Total outgoing resources	25
	£1,36
Operating profit(deficit)	0



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