



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	01	2022		31	12	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Association of Festival Churches

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1191777

Charity's principal address

7 East Street
Holme-On-The-Wolds
BEVERLEY
HU17 7PT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sir Antony Brian Baldry	Chair		
2	Julie Patricia Banham			
3	Wendey Coombey MBE			
4	The Venerable Darren Miller			
5	Geoffrey Rea Hunter			
6	Rev Mark Betson			
7	Rev Andrew Paul Whitehead			
8	Andrew Boyce			
9	Vivienne Anne Cooling			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Solicitor	Lee Bolton Monier-Williams LLP	1 The Sanctuary, Westminster, London, SW1P 3JT

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Association Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the members at the AGM. Any vacancies may be filled either by election by the members or appointment by resolution of the trustees, to hold office until the next AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity works closely with the Church of England and conducts itself in accordance with the principles, tenets and teachings of the Church of England.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

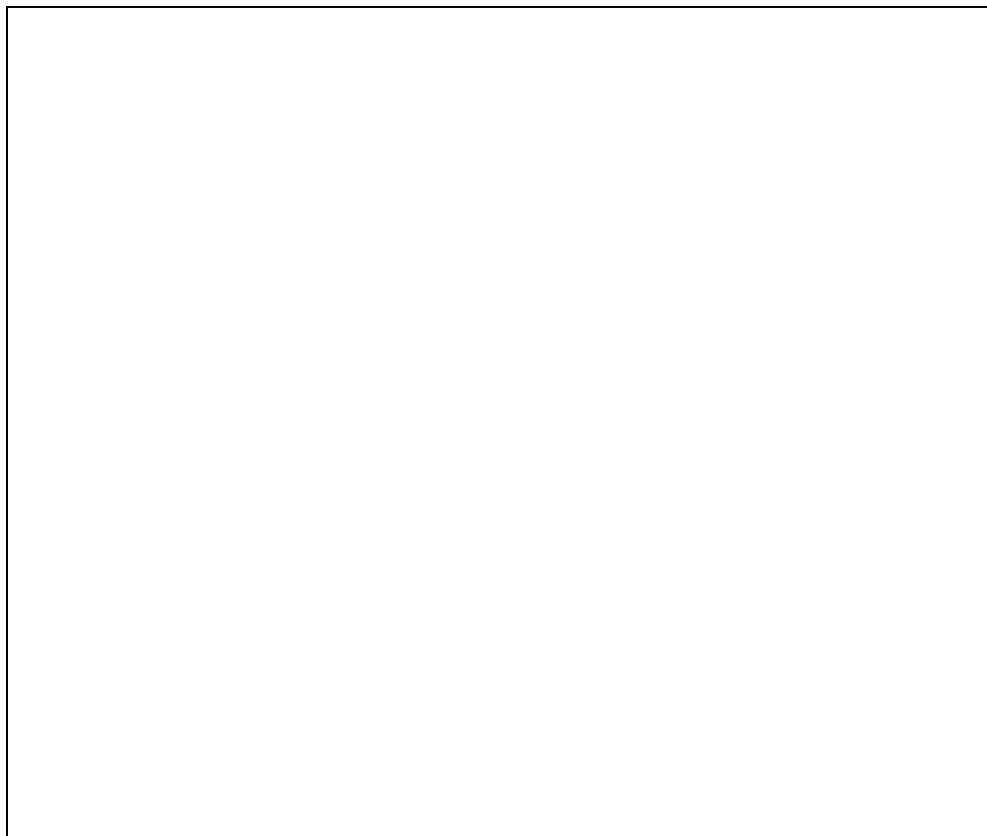
THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS, PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND THROUGH SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE USE OF CHURCHES AS FESTIVAL CHURCHES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE DELIVERY OF DIVINE SERVICE WITHIN THE CONSECRATED SPACES.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This last year the Association of Festival Churches (AFC) has been focused on securing funding to enable the Association to move forward on a sustainable basis.

The Trustees consider that at the minimum to be effective we need a full-time Project Manager and a website that can be easily accessed and navigated by parishes, or those considering whether it might be sensible for a church to become a Festival Church.

To this end, we are in discussions with the Church Commissioners to whom we will be submitting an application for funding later in the year, and if successful we would hope to secure match funding from another national charity.

This is clearly crucial time for the future of church buildings. Many Dioceses are considering how they sustain the existing number of church buildings.

The Archbishops' Council is preparing new pastoral proposals for General Synod and there is talk of allowing churches simply to become "fallow" (which sounds like a synonym for closing churches that are still technically "open").

The purpose of the AFC is to try to ensure that as many church buildings as possible can remain open and ways can be found for their management and maintenance that are sustainable.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity currently holds no reserves or any other funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

As above.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity does not hold any funds or reserves, received no income and incurred no expenditure during the financial year.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) A.B. Baldry

Full name(s) Sir Antony Brian Baldry

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 31 October 2023

Association of Festival Churches

Charity Registration number 1191777

Receipts and payments accounts for the financial period from 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

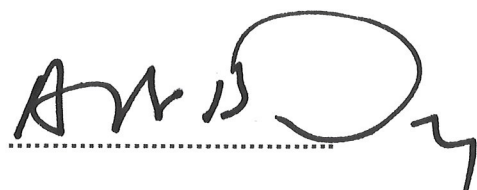
Receipts and Payments

Receipts		
	Unrestricted funds (to nearest £)	Total funds (to nearest £)
Ongoing governance costs paid by trustees on Charity's behalf ¹		
Total receipts	420	420
Payments		
Ongoing governance costs – Professional fees in relation to charity filing	420	420
Total payments	420	420
Net receipts (payments)	0	0
Cash at 31.12.2022	0	0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2022

Assets		
	Unrestricted funds (to nearest £)	Total funds (to nearest £)
Cash funds	0	0
Total assets		
Liabilities		
Carried forward liabilities from previous financial year	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0
Net assets (liabilities)	0	0

Signed by Sir Tony Baldry, a Trustee, on behalf of all the trustees, on 26 October 2023



¹ The Charity has applied for grant funding and has been told that it will receive this but has not yet received it and as a result has not yet opened a bank account. Sir Tony Baldry, a trustee, paid the Charity's governance costs on behalf of the Charity.