



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 12 April 2021 to 5 April 2022

Charity name: Inghamite Church CIO

Charity registration number: 1194062

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statement of Faith appearing in the schedule to the charity's constitution, and such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, further the work of the Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The church is located in a semi-rural setting outside what is considered to be an affluent village but close to deprived towns in East Lancashire. This affects what work the church gets directly involved with, and what work by other charities it supports. Church life is informal, welcoming and inclusive in nature. The charity's objectives are met through activities which give opportunity to build and deepen faith in God, through worship, prayer, Christian teaching, spiritual guidance and pastoral support, and by encouraging relationships and their development within and outside of the church community. The congregation includes people of different ages, family make ups, ethnicity and cultural and spiritual backgrounds. A substantial number of people of other faiths are buried in the large graveyard and their families frequently visit to tend the graves. The wider community is further served through outreach work and involvement in local charitable work, also by providing financial support for charities and missionary societies nationally and abroad. Church activities include: 1. Weekly services held in church for worship, prayer, teaching and spiritual and social development and support, with

	communion also being celebrated midweek once a month. Regular services are further held in some local care homes. 2. Different types of life-event services are held as need arises. They include funerals, interment of ashes, burials, crematorium services, weddings, dedications, baptisms and commissioning services. Meetings with the person/families are part of the preparation for these services, with further preparation sessions, support and pastoral care provided where needed. This is provided by the Minister and a member of the pastoral team. The Minister also takes funeral services at local crematoria. 3. Weekly Bible studies and discussion about application to our lives are held twice weekly, both in person and online, in the daytime and evening. 4. Teaching, Bible study and devotional material is also made available online on the church website and Facebook page, is circulated by email or alternatively made available by CD delivery. 5. Prayer meetings are held at least three times per week, to cater for different groups and varying needs. People attend either in person or online. The church also hosts monthly interdenominational prayer meetings in support of the national charity Christians Against Poverty. The church building is further open for quiet prayer. 6. The church's pastoral group meets weekly to pray and discuss spiritual, health and practical matters and how best to support those in need. This also includes home, hospital and care home visits, practical help with things like shopping and financial support through the church's hardship fund. 7. The Minister is available at any time for prayer, ministry and company. He also mentors two other local ministers. 8. Children's work includes activities on Sundays and midweek through a parent and toddler group. The toddler group also meets during school holidays and is appreciated by children, parents and grandparents alike. Activities, age-appropriate spiritual and social stimulation, food and drinks are provided free of charge, with many older siblings returning during school holidays. 9. A weekly lunchtime meeting for spiritual and social support is held in church, regular free afternoon tea events also attract non-churchgoing visitors, and open groups of men and women further meet monthly in the community for breakfast and a chat.
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		10. Collections and deliveries are made of goods to be donated to a local food bank and toys and other articles to be given to other charities. 11. The trustees meet monthly and continuously work with tasks they are responsible for, including keeping up to date with legislation and guidance documents, taking action to further develop church management in adherence to this, ensuring trustees and volunteers receive training and guidance as appropriate, to safeguard vulnerable people, visitors, church property and finances and to further the church's mission. 12. A church work party meets twice weekly, consisting of men doing practical work in the churchyard. Invitations to join are open to anybody. The church has for a number of years also hosted an externally supervised team of people doing work in the churchyard as part of a community sentencing scheme for non-custodial crime.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees declare that in exercising their powers and duties, they have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity benefits from the assistance of a large number of volunteers, involved in all aspects of the life of the church, for example teaching, leading worship, providing activities for children, reading from God's word, leading prayer, managing the sound system and other technical aspects of services and meetings, stewarding, providing spiritual, social and pastoral support, preparing and distributing communion, taking up and counting collections, planning and organising groups and events, shopping, preparing and serving food and refreshments, washing up and cleaning. Volunteers also engage in

		different aspects of trustee work, church administration, deliver church information leaflets, update the church website and social media, keep church accounts up to date and deal with other financial matters, provide prayer support and intercede for others, repair and maintain the fabric of the church, also the manse and graveyard, make financial contributions to church work and in supporting the needs of others, and collect and distribute goods to be donated to foodbanks and charities.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Reopening church after lockdown and seeing an increased number of people attending worship services and regular weekly events. Increased financial, pastoral and prayer support for individuals and charities supporting vulnerable people during the pandemic and cost of living crisis. Further development of the weekly parent and toddler group, which continues to be attended by large numbers of children, parents and grandparents and provides a heated, comfortable meeting place, with a range of toys, social and spiritual support, also free snacks, fruit and drinks, all of which are important in view of increased mental health issues and current cost of living crisis. Improvements of the church yard, including construction of additional ashes chambers as well as using additional land for burials. Development of additional means of communication with the church fellowship and others, including use of digital means such as a new website, increased use of social media and zoom meetings. As trustees of a newly registered charity the trustees continued learning about their new responsibilities and arranging for the legal transfer of assets to the new charity, as well as re-registration with Land Registry and HMRC.

		Continued work with relevant authorities and companies to safeguard the church's energy supply, waste water management and to minimise risk of flooding as pressure from extreme weather increases.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The church believes that its continued, but also changing, work and stable presence in the local community contribute to meeting the objectives of helping people explore and grow in the Christian faith, and to finding healing and hope at a time of great change and pressure affecting many people's lives .
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No external fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The income was maintained during the pandemic, despite the church being closed for some time and the charity still has a healthy bank balance at the end of each month. The main source of income is donations, mainly from members and regular attenders but also from people who come to outreach events. Income from Gift Aid and funeral fees is also substantial. A smaller amount comes from wedding fees and donations/legacies in relation to life events. The charity owns a very large privately owned graveyard, land, the church building and the manse, where the Minister resides. An annual income is received from the War Graves Commission for maintenance of a large number of war graves. Maintenance of the graveyard and safety arrangements, particularly in the oldest parts of the graveyard, lead to costs and will continue to do so in future. The church has during the past year invested in a large number of new ashes niches, at a reduced cost as the work was done by volunteers, led by people with appropriate professional training. The new niches have yielded additional income. A number of niches have been sold and more will no doubt be sold in coming years. The trustees have discussed building more ashes chambers, which would generate extra future income. In addition to this the church owns land that currently is licensed as grazing land and therefore receives a small grazing licence income. The land could be sold if need be in order to further boost income. The church is aware of the need to re-point one side of the church and has the means to pay for it. The charity has over the years coped with the financial impact of substantial work both on the church building and the manse, without this leading to concerns about remaining resources. There are no current risks facing the church's financial health.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has no written policy on reserves, however, works with a target to maintain a free reserve of approximately £10,000, consisting of unrestricted funds, which freely can be spent on furthering the charity's purposes. It consists of cash at the bank and deposits, and excludes the value of fixed assets such as church land and

		buildings. This target level of reserve has been maintained during the whole period covered by this annual report. Appropriate levels of reserves were also maintained when the church building was closed during the pandemic, despite the church having substantial costs for legal advice and assistance in connection with registering the new CIO, transferring assets to the new charity, with Land Registry work and drawing up legal documents clarifying the Minister's role and terms of occupancy at the manse. This demonstrates the church's resilience and capacity to develop and manage unforeseen circumstances, whilst keeping appropriate reserves and meeting financial commitments. The trustees are aware that the target level of reserves is not to be regarded as static, but held under review depending on forecasts for income, expenditure, future need and opportunities. They are mindful of their duty to manage the charity's resources responsibly, in accordance with law and biblical principles. When the charity is managed in this way, the trustees have faith that God through his people will continue to provide for the work to meet the church's objectives. This has furthermore been the case since the church was founded in the middle of the 18th century.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above regarding free cash reserves. Also additional reserves in land and building assets.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	As explained above the main income stream is donations, with substantial additional income coming from Gift Aid and funeral fees. There is no external fundraising.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding and there are no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any charity assets at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The charity constitution stipulates that in selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, regard must be had to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the church. In appointing new trustees, consideration is also had to gaps in knowledge and expertise within the group of existing trustees. A system has recently been introduced, whereby potential new trustees are invited to join trustee meetings as non-voting associate trustees, enabling all involved to find out how well they work together and what the associate trustee would bring to the body of trustees in terms of skills, knowledge and experience. The new system also gives associate trustees experience of requirements of trusteeship before committing themselves to becoming new trustees. The charity currently has two associate trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	On appointment a new trustee is given a copy of the constitution, together with the latest annual report and statement of accounts. The trustees are aware of the need to further their knowledge of working as a newly registered CIO, to best manage the charity and meet the church's objectives. Data protection and safeguarding training have been provided. Risk assessments are being completed and reviewed over time. Trustees and associate trustees are sent regular Charity Commission updates, guidance documents from government and relevant authorities are reviewed regularly and information cascaded as appropriate.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. It has remained a fully independent Christian church since its inception in 1750.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As above regarding membership of the Evangelical Alliance.
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Inghamite Church CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1194062
Charity's principal address	Wheatley Lane Road, Fence, Burnley, Lancashire, BB12 9QG

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	Matthew Butler	Ex-officio trustee, Minister		
2	Anthony Yates	Chair		
3	John Marlyn Thomas	Treasurer		
4	Wendy Jean Gillan			
5	David Kendall			
6	Judith Anne Moretta			
7	Anne-Louise Bond			
8	Francis Judge			
9	Anthony Hooton Davies			
10	Diane Kate Harrison			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Bank	Unity Trust Bank	PO Box 7193, Planetary Road, Willenhall, WV1 9DG
Accountant/ Indep Advisor	Mark Heaton	KM, 1 st Floor, Block C, The Wharf, Manchester Road, Burnley, BB11 1JG

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

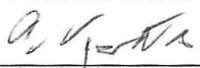
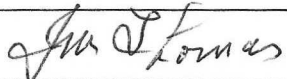
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Anthony Yates	John Marilyn Thomas
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer 
Date	29 November 2022	

INGHAMITE CHURCH CIO
Period ended 5th April 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted funds £
Receipts	
Offerings	37,780
Missionary offerings	2,695
Other income	1,402
Funerals and weddings	7,880

Total receipts 49,757

Payments	
Administration	3,463
Buildings	4,109
Fellowship activities	2,059
Manse	2,418
Legal fees	4,680
Graveyard	887
Missionary gifts	5,170
Utilities	2,926
Pastor	24,108
Total payments	49,820

Net	(63)
Cash funds last year end	10,084
Cash funds this year end	10,021

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 5th APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £
Cash funds	General funds	10,021	Nil

Other assets: Church Building, Manse and Land General funds

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 29/11 2022 by:


Trustee


Trustee

INGHAMITE CHURCH INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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12th January 2023