



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 April 2023 To 5 April 2024

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, as well as regular services held in 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. Preparation sessions and pastoral support is also offered before such life-events. 3. Bible studies and discussion about application to our lives are held in church three times weekly, both in person and online, in the daytime and the evening. 4. Teaching, Bible study and devotional material are further available online on the church website and Facebook page, circulated by email or alternatively made available by personal CD delivery. 5. Open prayer meetings are held at least twice weekly, to cater for different groups and varying needs. People attend either in person or online. The church building is also available 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 Ministers are available at any time for prayer, ministry and company. 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. Weekly lunchtime meetings for spiritual and social support are held in church, regular free afternoon tea events also attract non-churchgoing visitors, and open groups of men and women further meet monthly in
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		the community for breakfast and a chat. 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 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	Continued financial, pastoral and prayer support for individuals and charities supporting vulnerable people. Appointment of a second (part time) Minister, who is known and valued by all, fully trained in all aspects of a Minister's work and gifted and experienced in pastoral care. 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 cost of living concerns. Seeing work to further develop the church's children's work starting to bear fruit, with more children and parents attending services and parents also joining weekly meetings aimed at those who are searching or new to the faith.

		Providing a number of weekly activities in what is a small, independent church, whilst also continuing to meet the spiritual and social needs of long-standing, ageing church members, many of whom have complex health and social care problems. Further improvements of safety arrangements in the large church yard, in line with our risk assessment.
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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 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 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's recent investment in a large number of new ashes niches has continued to yield additional income. Building of more ashes chambers could generate extra future income but would also incur initial cost. 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. 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. 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, in whichever way this best can be achieved.

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	See above regarding free cash reserves and 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.
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 (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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 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. This system also gives associate trustees experience of requirements of trusteeship before committing themselves to becoming new trustees. The charity currently has one associate trustee.

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 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 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	Tammie Beckett	Ex officio trustee, Associate Minister	1/10/2023- 5/4/2024	
3	Anne-Louise Bond	Chair		
4	John Thomas	Treasurer		
5	Wendy Gillan			
6	David Kendall			
7	Judith Moretta			
8	Francis Judge		5/4/2023-31/8/2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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 and Independent 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

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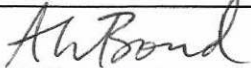
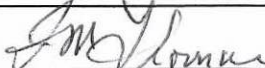
Other optional information

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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)	Anne-Louise Bond	John Thomas
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer.
Date	20.08.2024.	

Inghamite Church
Year ended 5th April 2024

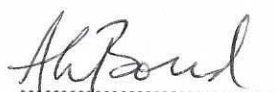
Receipts and payment account

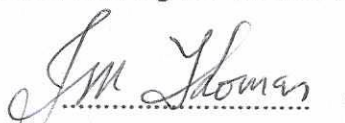
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Year ended to 5.4.23 £
<u>Receipts</u>				
Offerings	43,299		43,299	
Missionary offerings	3,369			
Other Income	214			
Funerals and weddings	9,570			
Total receipts	56,452			
<u>Payments</u>				
Administration	2,425			
Buildings and Graveyard	9,989			
Fellowship activities	5,425			
Manse	2,000			
Missionary gifts	5,074			
Utilities	3,667			
Minister	22,322			
Minister – associate	2,520			
Total payments	53,422			
Net	3,030			
Balance b/f	12,196			12,196
Cash funds his year	15,226			

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5th April 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Cash funds	General funds	15,226	Nil
Other monetary assets			
Church building		Unrestricted Funds	
Manse		Unrestricted Funds	

Approved by the trustees on 20/08/2024 and signed on their behalf by


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Trustee


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Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024

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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25th November 2024