



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	23rd	June	2021		31st	March	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Canterbury Chinese Christian Church
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	CCCC
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1194911
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	c/o St Andrew's United Reformed Church Watling Street Canterbury, Kent <b>Postcode</b> CT1 2UA

### 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	Yunhai Wu	Chair (COCM missionary)		Ex officio trustee
2	Chijun Zhong	COCM missionary		Ex officio trustee
3	Huiqing Li	Secretary		Board of trustees
4	Jacqui Man			Ditto
5	Leiping Xu	Treasurer		Ditto
6	Chun Ming Dominic Man			Ditto
7	Huiying Li			Ditto
8	Jingjing Hu		23/06/21 – 16/11/21	Ditto
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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

## 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)	Constitution adopted on 1st May 2021
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	A trustee is appointed by the current trustees (the board of trustees) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### 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.

From its very beginning as a Chinese Christian fellowship, the organisation, now registered as Canterbury Chinese Christian Church (CCCC), has always had a very close working relationship with, and been helped and supported by, both spiritually and operationally, the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM), which itself is an interdenominational Christian charity established in 1950 with the objective of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the Chinese diaspora and local communities in the UK and Europe.

CCCC and its predecessor has never had any paid full or part-time pastor/minister as its leader. So in December 2018 the fellowship was delighted to welcome Yunhai Wu and Chijun Zhong, missionaries from the COCM and originally from the US, as its new volunteer leaders and who had felt called to serve God in England. In parallel, CCCC and its predecessor has been and continues to be blessed by the generous support offered by St. Andrew's United Reformed Church, Canterbury, where CCCC holds its Sunday worship services and runs other related activities. The church thanks God for all these blessings.

Under the leadership of Yunhai Wu and Chijun Zhong, the fellowship became a registered charity in June 2021, constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), whose trustees are the only voting members serving for a term of 3 years and for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. A trustee who has served for two consecutive terms may not be reappointed for a third consecutive term but may be reappointed after an interval of at least one year; this provision does not apply to ex officio trustees.

Objectively, the lack of paid, 'permanent' leaders naturally poses some level of uncertainty and instability to the leadership. The church continues to put its trust in God our Father in Heaven, believing He is faithful and continues to lead and guide us as the church seeks to honour and glorify

His name by bringing the good news of Jesus to and serving the Chinese communities in Canterbury and beyond.

As a result of the resignation of one of the first trustees (Jingjing Hu) in November 2021, and the granting of a sabbatical year in 2022 to Rachel Huiying Li (another first trustee), at the end of 2021 the board of trustees agreed to invite Mr & Mrs Frank and Aimei Hao, who have been very active and committed members of the church congregation, to join the board as non-voting members (i.e. not as trustees). Early in 2022, the board also agreed to invite Mrs Christina Denziloe, again an active and musically gifted member of our congregation to take a more regular and prominent role in leading Sunday worship. We praise God that Mr & Mrs Hao, and Mrs Denziloe have accepted our invitation and been able to contribute in many wonderful ways to our ministries. This, we believe, is a real and tangible sign of God's love, faithfulness and compassion in meeting the need of His church, for which we are very grateful to Him.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The principal purpose of the charity/church is the advancement of the Christian faith primarily but not exclusively among people of Chinese origin in the Canterbury area in England according to the historic Christian Faith as set forth in the Old and New Testaments and as summarised in the Apostles' Creed. In fulfilling this purpose the church will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others that will vary from time to time with activities being initiated, expanded, or closed, as appropriate.

Consistent with the purpose/objects of the church set out in its constitution, and **having had full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**, the following activities were undertaken by the church during the period covered by this report.

#### *Foreword*

In the past couple of years, the coronavirus pandemic has caused deaths in the millions, countless disruptions and untold sufferings across the entire world, and practically every organisation has had to adjust because of government-enforced lockdowns and associated legal safety restrictions. Thanks to the phased lifting of legal restrictions in the UK that began at the end of March 2021, many of the church activities, which had to be carried out online during the various lockdowns have gradually gone back to being physical. At time of writing this, some activities have returned completely to being in-person as in pre-pandemic times, while others have remained virtual conducted via Zoom.

#### *Sunday Worship*

CCCC returned to St. Andrew's Church for Sunday worship on a hybrid format in September, and fully in-person in November 2021. Weekly worship attendances were gradually returning to pre-pandemic level, being on average 20-30 people including children. Throughout the year, Holy Communion was celebrated on the second Sunday of each month, using individual single-use prefilled cups since going back to St. Andrew's Church for worship.

#### *Trustees/Co-workers' and Other Church Meetings*

During the year, trustees meetings took place every two months on Zoom, and the church's monthly prayer meeting took place on the last Saturday of every month. For the trustees who are responsible for bringing God's Word to our congregation on Sundays, there is a 'preaching fellowship' meeting, which is held every 2-3 months enabling them to pray for one another and to share their preaching experiences to

### 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)

the glory of God and for mutual support and encouragement.

#### *Bible Study Groups*

During the week we have four Mandarin-speaking Bible study groups, one Cantonese-speaking Bible study group and one university student group. These, alongside personal Bible study, enable individuals to grow spiritually based on the foundation of God's Word – the Way, the Truth and the Life. Group studies offer an opportunity for systematic and deeper study of the Bible, enable sharing of life applications and experiences, and encourage mutual love and care.

#### *Children Ministry*

Since the middle of 2021, we ran a children Sunday school online with two classes, one for 7 to 11 years old and the other for 12 years old and above; the total number of children attending ranged from 10 to 15. The online classes were particularly valuable for some children whose parents would not usually come to church on Sundays – a real outreach opportunity for these children! The school returned to St. Andrew's Church at the beginning of 2022 as people were more and more willing to engage with one another face-to-face. Back at St. Andrew's it has become possible to hold a baby/toddler group while the worship service is going on, which the parents can attend.

#### *Student Ministry*

The start of a new academic year in September/October 2021 saw the arrival of new university students and the return of familiar faces. CCCC and its predecessor has been blessed continually by the partnership of Christian students as well as by students who wish to seek and know more about Jesus Christ. The weekly student Bible study group is popular with students, Christian and non-Christian alike. The number of students served by this ministry has been stable, ranging from 10 to 15. A couple of Christian students are also involved in our Sunday worship, serving the Lord through working the projector or through their musicality.

#### *Outreach Events*

During the year, we were able to hold a number of outreach events on Sundays, at the following times: Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (19/09/21), Christmas (19/12/21), and Chinese New Year (06/02/22). These events were well attended by up to 100 people including children, during which a specially chosen evangelical message was preached. Trustees/co-workers and volunteers worked hard to make these events successful, and we praise God that a total of 8 new believers came forward to declare their faith in Jesus Christ at these events.

#### *Christian Conferences*

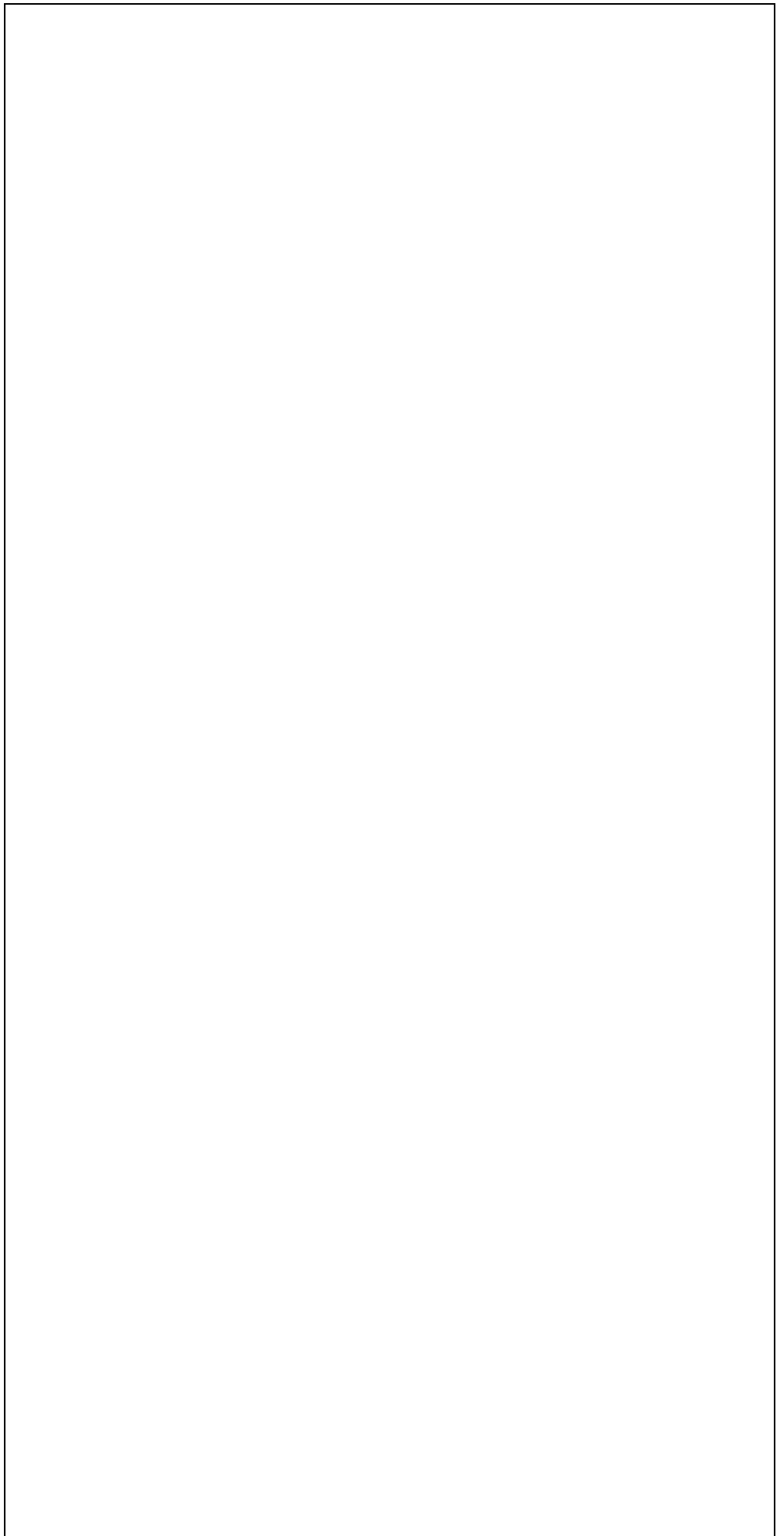
CCCC actively encourages all members of its congregation (students, families, etc.) to attend suitable Christian conferences organised by the COCM, which focus on a wide range of topics such as 'family' or 'a particular book of the Bible'. The church publicises these conferences as they have become available, and seeks to facilitate attendance by financially supporting those members who would otherwise be unable to afford the full conference costs. Besides meeting other Christians from the wider church family, feedback from attendees has confirmed the values of going to these conferences, for instance, having their faith strengthened and gaining a greater and deeper understanding of God's will in their lives.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The church thanks God for the many contributions to the life of our church made by volunteers, our brothers and sisters in Christ who lead our Sunday worship services regularly, as well as those who manage and run all the different church activities faithfully, and in compliance with our constitutional provisions and current applicable legal requirements.

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

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



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In the face of a most devastating pandemic in generations, by all accounts 2021/2022 has been a very challenging year. We thank our God that the board of trustees have been able to work together, united in Christ, responding to the demands caused by the pandemic and meeting the needs of our congregation. Thanks to the knowledge and skills of some trustees, CCCC was able to operate 'online' enabling our Sunday worship and many of our activities to continue. In the same way, by focussing on God our Lord and Saviour and by being sensitive to the needs of our congregation, CCCC was able to resume many face-to-face activities as the legal safety restrictions were gradually being lifted.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, on Sunday 6 February 2022, we were blessed to witness the baptisms of a couple expecting their second child, and the dedications of their little girl as well as the baby yet to be born. We thank God for His love, grace and mercy as we see new creations made and lives transformed.

During the year, there has been a strong feeling that, by God's grace, CCCC is building a big Christian family, which is able to reach out to the local Chinese communities, a growing family from which they can receive care and support and to which they feel they belong. Yet there remains a lot more to be done but the trustees are being encouraged by these achievements and developments. For all this, we give our thanks and praise to our God who is the head of our church.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Currently, the church has no policy on reserves, which will be a subject for consideration by the trustees in the future.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

### 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.

At the moment, CCCC has no debts or loans, and has no significant assets.

The charity's principal source of funds comes from regular offerings given by the church congregation. We thank them for their faithfulness and for their continued support of the ministries of the church. Occasionally, the church raises money from its congregation on an ad hoc basis in support of good causes e.g. raising money for Ukrainian refugees.

Because of the relationships/partnerships described briefly in Section B (Additional governance issues) above, the church makes regular donations to both the COCM and St. Andrew's Church as a token of our gratitude and in support of their ministries.

The church part-funds individuals as well as families within its congregation to attend Christian conferences to help them mature spiritually and who would otherwise not be able to afford the full fees.

## 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)



Full name(s)

Yunhai Wu

Chijun Zhong

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair  
COCM Missionary

COCM Missionary

Date

21 January 2023







CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Canterbury Chinese Christian Church

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
23-Jun-21

To

Period end date  
31-Mar-22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Weekly offerings	13,929	-	-	13,929	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,929</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
St Andrew's URC (host Church)	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM)	4,900	-	-	4,900	-
Guest speaker honorariums	640	-	-	640	-
Chinese Christian Herald Crusades HK	400	-	-	400	-
Living Water	400	-	-	400	-
Ministry (charitable objects)	408	-	-	408	-
Governance	402	-	-	402	-
Bank charges	27	-	-	27	-
Mission (COCM / 10% of receipts)	1,393	-	-	1,393	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,570</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					

New projector	130	-	-	130	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>-</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC church account	3,229	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	3,229	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Projector	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Yunhai Wu (Chair)	1/21/2023
	Leiping Xu (Treasurer)	1/21/2023