



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	April	2023		31st	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Canterbury Chinese Christian Church

Other names charity is known by CCCC

Registered charity number (if any) 1194911

Charity's principal address c/o St Andrew's United Reformed Church

Watling Street

Canterbury, Kent

Postcode 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	Grace Liu	Chair (COCM Ordained Minister)	01/08/22 to date	Ex officio trustee
2	Frank Hao	COCM missionary	01/01/23 to date	Ditto
3	Aimei Hao	COCM missionary	01/01/23 to date	Ditto
4	Leiping Xu	Treasurer		Ditto
5	Chun Ming Dominic Man			Ditto
6	Huiqing Li	Secretary		Board of trustees
7	Jacqui Man		Resigned 31/5/23	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)	Foundation 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. Notwithstanding this, and because of the past and on-going relationship with the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission (COCM), the church relies on the Mission to put forward suitable ministers/missionaries for appointments to the board of 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.

The first half of the year was dominated by changes in the composition of the board of trustees. Following extensive discussion and consultations by the COCM with individual trustees, prompted by Gabby Zhong and Yunhai Wu's wish to scale down their church responsibilities for personal health reasons, at a co-workers' meeting in April 2022, the board of trustees decided to accept COCM's suggestions and help to restructure and strengthen the leadership team of the church. The resulting changes meant that Gabby and Yunhai were able to relinquish many of their administrative responsibilities and concentrate on their worship and preaching, spirituality and praying, and student ministries. Rev. Grace Liu, a COCM ordained minister, based at the Mission in Milton Keynes, would join CCCC in the following months, initially visiting Canterbury once a month, to help shepherd the church as its senior pastor and Chair of the board of trustees; Rev. Liu took up her appointment in August 2022. Around the same time, Mr Frank Hao (a part-time Master's Degree Theology student who lives in Canterbury and a very active member of the church congregation for many years) together with his wife also joined the board of trustees to share in the ministry of the church; they have since become COCM missionaries in February 2023. Gabby Zhong and Yunhai Wu eventually resigned and left the church in March 2023, having been called to serve in another mission field in Portsmouth. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to one of our trustees Miss Rachel Li, a dear co-worker who had decided to leave CCCC, having settled in another church during her sabbatical year in 2022. In early 2023, our Treasurer Leiping took leave to go to China, visiting her parents for 6 months during which arrangements were made to cover her duties. Despite all these changes, we give thanks to God as He graciously provides the church with additional servants enabling the work of His church to continue. We look ahead to 2024-2025 in humility, trusting and expecting our loving and faithful God to continue to provide us with new co-workers as the term of office of 4 of the current trustees, all 'first trustees', comes to an end in June 2024.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The principal purpose of the 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.

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)

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.

Sunday Worship

In 2023-2024, we thank God for guiding us through the challenges brought about by COVID. The number of attendees at Sunday worship services has been steadily increasing, with an average of 35-45 participants, including children.

The church's themes were 'faith rooted in the rock of Christ' (扎根磐石的信仰) and "Victory in Christ: Rooted in God's words, Pray without ceasing" for 2023 and 2024 respectively.

Typically during Sunday services, we utilize YouTube for the worship segment. Over the past year, we aimed to involve the youth in our church in this aspect, allowing them to showcase their musical talents by playing piano and violin. We attempted this initiative once during the evangelical Sunday service for the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, with the goal of integrating the youth into our worship team.

Trustees/Co-workers' and Other Church Meetings

The trustees held monthly meetings, sometimes in person and occasionally on Zoom due to varying circumstances. Additionally, two prayer meetings were organized regularly: one on Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, and the other on the fourth Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church.

Adult Sunday School

This year, we initiated our online adult Sunday school program. The first course, 'Basic Christian Theology,' covered fundamental concepts of Christianity, such as God, sin, Jesus, salvation, the Holy Spirit, and church life. The course ran from October 8th to December 3rd, 2023.

In 2024, we've scheduled three courses throughout the year: 'Introduction to the Old Testament' (February 5th to April 1st, 2024), 'Development History of the Chinese Church' (May 6th to June 24th, 2024), and another session of 'Introduction to the New Testament' (September 16th to November 11th, 2024). Our goal is to ensure that our church members are well-equipped with a diverse range of knowledge related to their faith.

Family ministry

We've identified certain challenges within some families, including conflicts between couples, navigating child-rearing, and supporting youth through their difficult developmental stages. In the past year, we organized three lectures to address these issues: one featured a couple's testimony on how their family was transformed by God, another focused on insights into children's ministry, and the third provided guidance on handling teenagers. Moving forward, we aim to offer more such sessions and courses to provide comprehensive support for families. May God grant us wisdom to assist those families in managing their households.

Bible Study Groups

Apart from encouraging members of our congregation to invest in daily personal Bible study, during the week the church runs three Mandarin-speaking Bible study groups, one Cantonese-speaking Bible study group and one university student group. The aim is to 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, allow sharing of life applications and experiences, and

encourage mutual love and care.

Children Ministry

Every Sunday, the total number of children attending our Sunday school ranged from 15 to 20. The school is divided into two classes, one for teenagers and the other, for children of primary-school age. We need more volunteers to be Sunday school teacher. Much prayer support is needed for this ministry in the face of difficulties related to language and discipline, as well as the availability of suitable teachers.

Over the past year, the attendance of children in Sunday school has remained steady, with a noticeable increase during major festivals such as Christmas and the Chinese New Year. We are in need of more volunteers to join our teaching team. Thanks to God's provision, starting in 2024, COCM has assigned an associate staff member, Xiangyu, a children's minister. She will assist in training our teachers to better serve these children.

Student Ministry

In July 2023, all of our previous students graduated, except for two co-workers who remained in the city for work. In September, we began rebuilding our fellowship. We entered the school and invited new students to join our welcome events. We give thanks and glory to God for inspiring more sisters to prepare food before the fellowship starts. Currently, we have more than ten students regularly attending our fellowship. Frank and Amy lead the group on a weekly basis.

Outreach Events

Throughout the past year, we've arranged four evangelical events: Easter Sunday service, the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas, and the Chinese New Year. The average attendance for these gatherings was approximately 100 people, encompassing both adults and children. We are grateful to God for His mercy and grace, as we've been able to connect with newcomers, including Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong. Some have already expressed their commitment to joining our Sunday service and fellowship. We pray that God will provide us with co-workers who can speak Cantonese to better serve these new immigrants.

Christian Conferences

The church continued to encourage its congregation to attend Christian conferences by publicising those organised by the COCM as they have become available, and sought to part-support financially individuals as well as families who genuinely needed assistance. 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)

We gratefully acknowledge 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, those who manage and run all the different church activities faithfully, and in compliance with our constitutional provisions and current applicable legal requirements, as well as those individuals and families who voluntarily prepare food for our students' fellowship every Friday. We thank God for them.

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

We believe whatever achievements and (praise-worthy) performance that happened during 2023-2024 were made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit according to the grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God our Father in Heaven.

In May 2023, three brothers and two sisters were baptized into Jesus Christ. Their names are: Brothers Yingjie Fan, Haoqian Wen, and Ping Du, as well as Sisters Yuming Li and Yanqiu Du. May God guide them to remain steadfast in their faith.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Currently, the church has no policy on reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

This year, we achieved a surplus of over £2,500 due to an increase in receipts compared to last year. This growth was driven by an increase in church membership, leading to more offerings, along with over £5,000 claimed in Gift Aid from the government. Payments, however, remained largely consistent with the previous year.

We thank God for His abundant provision. The trustees remain committed to managing the church funds wisely, recognizing that these resources are entrusted by God to the church for the furtherance of His kingdom.

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.



While there is only a single source of income i.e. weekly offerings, the trustees remain confident that the church's finance is fundamentally sound. The bank balance of the church at the time when it became a registered charity was in credit, which has served to be a kind of 'reserves' for the church. As at 31/03/2024, the church's book balance stood at £32,150. Ultimately, we believe so long as the church remains faithful to its calling, God will provide us with the necessary resources to continue His work for the glory of His name.

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)	Rev. Grace Liu	Mr. Frank Hao
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair COCM Ordained Minister	Trustee COCM Missionary
Date	23/01/2025	23/01/2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/4/23

To

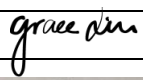

Period end date
31/3/24

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Weekly Offerings	19,543	-	-	19,543	16,360
Gift aid claim back	5,299	-	-	5,299	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
AR)	24,842	-	-	24,842	16,360
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	24,842	-	-	24,842	16,360
A3 Payments					
St. Andrew's URC (Host Church)	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
Chinese Overseas Christian Mission	12,200	-	-	12,200	10,036
Guest Speaker honorariums	2,240	-	-	2,240	1,680
Chinese Christian Herald Crusades HK	400	-	-	400	400
Living Water	400	-	-	400	400
Bank charges	113	-	-	113	128
Workshops	150	-	-	150	-
Governance	2,455	-	-	2,455	2,532
Bible camp support (charitable objects)	1,115	-	-	1,115	870
1 volunteer support at Friends	500	-	-	500	1,000
Other donations	-	-	-	-	2,130
Sub total	21,972	-	-	21,972	21,576
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Translation Kits	303	-	-	303	-
Printer	-	-	-	-	213
Sub total	303	-	-	303	213
Total payments	22,275	-	-	22,275	21,789
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,567	-	-	2,567	- 5,429
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,567	-	-	2,567	- 5,429

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Book balance as of 1/4/2023	29,583	-	-
	Book balance as of 31/3/2024	32,150	-	-

	Total cash funds	2,567	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Printer	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Rev. Grace Liu (Chair)	23/01/2025	
		Leiping Xu (Treasurer)	23/01/2025	