

SHARON FELLOWSHIP CHURCH COLCHESTER

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

CHARITY NUMBER: 1195543

SHARON FELLOWSHIP CHURCH COLCHESTER
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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 28th February 2024 for the charity, Sharon Fellowship Church Colchester with charity number 1195543.

The Trustees of the charity are: Rejoice Rajan
Joseph Varghese
Jain Thomas

The principal address of the charity is : Stanway Community Centre
Villa Road, Stanway
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity governing document is a CIO – Foundation Constitution registered 17TH August 2021. The Charity is governed by a board on which the trustees are represented. It meets regularly to review, plan activities and monitor the financial position.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the organisation are first to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs for the benefit in the United Kingdom and in such other parts of the world as the trustees may think fit from time to time . The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Organisation continues to hold successful meetings through the year in which individuals were equipped and educated on the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith. The organisation also continues to hold outreach meetings during the year in which individuals had the opportunity to hear the message of the Christian faith. This has produced good results in reaching and helping members of the community. The church also supported Christian outreach work in India.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The income of the charity is above £28,300. This is a higher amount for this year of the charity the costs have been well managed over this period. The organisation is still in a good position to manage its costs. The main cost of the organisation was paying for the rent. Ministers expenses and equipment it uses for its meetings.

RESERVE POLICY

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the reserves of the charity at about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover any emergency expenditures that may arise from time to time. The charity will seek to maintain this level throughout the year.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The charity have assessed all the major risks to which the charity is exposed to, in particular those related to operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the church. They are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed.
4. Prepare financial statements on an ongoing basis.

They are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the finances of the church at any time and to ensure that such accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 2nd September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

SHARON FELLOWSHIP CHURCH COLCHESTER

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th February 2024

1 Receipts & Payments Account (General Purpose Fund)

Income Receipts	£/ 2024	£/2023
Donations	28855	19047
Interest	0	0
Total Receipts	28855	19047
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Advert	231	
Hall Hire	5654	2933
Professional fees	460	280
Church Supplies	922	156
Web hosting costs	160	0
Welfare	505	0
Insurance	198	191
Pastor Expenses	10800	7950
Refreshments	1640	177
Church conferences	2157	1020
Printing	0	744
Missions	2380	727
Volunteer expenses	230	
Travel	2	
	25339	14178
Other Expenditure		
Equipment	3342	2517
Instruments		
	3342	2517
Total Payments	28681	16695
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	174	2352
Cash Funds brought forward	8456	6104
Cash Funds at the end of the year	8630	8456

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2 Statements of Assets and Liabilities at 28th February 2024

Monetary Assets

Cash Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	
	£/2024	£/2023
	£	
Cash at hand and in bank	8630	8456

Total Cash Funds

8630	8456
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Assets Retained for the

Charity's Own use

Non-monetary Assets and Liabilities

Musical Instruments

Equipments

Fixtures & Fittings

4771	2622
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Liabilities

Bookkeeping

290	280
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These accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Rejoice Rajan

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th February 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis. Non-monetary assets are shown at estimates of the value at the end of the year.

Funds

The CIO has a general unrestricted fund that receives voluntary donations from attendants at the services.

The CIO has no outstanding guarantees to third parties no any debts secured on the asstes of the CIO

Public Benefit

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or aims that are for public benefit.Details of how this is achieved are provided in the Trustees report. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated at 20% reducing balance method.