



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date      Period end date  
**From** 01 09 2022 **To** 31 08 2023

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Crossway Church Centre Black Country

Other names charity is known by

www.crosswayblackcountry.org.uk

Registered charity number (if any)

1196121

Charity's principal address

11 Springfield Drive

Halesowen

Postcode B62 8EU

### 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	C. Robson	Chair		Trustees (current)
2	A. W. Potter	Secretary		Trustees (current)
3	S. C. Williams	Treasure		Trustees (current)
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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	Constitution: agreed and adopted September 2021
How the charity is constituted	CIO (Foundation Model)
Trustee selection methods	Invited and appointed by current 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.

Trustee induction:  
 Charity Commission Web Site – 5 minute guide for charity Trustees  
 Copy of Crossway Church Centre Black Country Constitution  
 Safeguarding Policy  
 Health and Safety Policy  
 Risk Assessment  
 Insurance Company and insurance cover  
 Charity Accounts  
 Relationship with Heath Street Ind. Methodist Church (Landlords)  
 Checks on DBS database

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

Advancement of the Christian faith, primarily but not exclusively within Halesowen, Sandwell and the surrounding neighbourhood and such other charitable purposes as shall further the work of the church.



**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)**

Crossway Church Centre Black Country is committed to enabling as many as possible to worship at our church or at neighbouring churches. Offering; Christian counsel, peer support and pastoral care, enabling the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith (published on our website) Activities carried out to meet these objectives are:

Sunday Morning Worship Service (Praise, Prayer and Gospel learning) allowing attendees to share and increase their knowledge and trust in Jesus. After service refreshments are now available and increases the support opportunities for all attendees.

Sunday Evening Fellowship, a virtual (Zoom) meeting of Christians including some from other churches (currently five other churches represented)

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, following the end of COVID lockdown this meeting is now face to face with the option of a hybrid type meeting when necessary.

Saturday Coffee Morning, has not met this year but may be reviewed for 2023/2024.

Good Friday Reflection, a time of quiet worship and meditation to acknowledge the sacrifice of Jesus; bringing the congregation into a closer relationship with almighty God.

Funeral; our first funeral was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 and was very well attended with approximate 90 – 100 attendees. The Gospel message was given as instructed in the deceased's will.

Open the Book, a project operated through Bible Society where a group of Christians go into local schools to deliver Bible stories.

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

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

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

No grant making takes place within the organisation

Currently there are no investments; this may be addressed during the year by the Trustees

All activities at and for Crossway Church Centre Black Country are carried out by volunteers with no remuneration.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

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

Opening of a bank account was particularly time consuming at the beginning; this has now been operating very well with no problems.

HMRC responded to our request for Gift Aid status and granted us our online account for Gift Aid claims on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Claim payment received for year 2021/2022 (Gift Aid and GASDS)

Attendance at our morning worship service has remained fairly static but reduced by one who died during July 2023.

Sunday Morning Worship Service has been held on 52 occasions.

Sunday Evening Fellowship has met virtually on 52 occasions, increasing from 4 denominations to 5 with an average attendance of 7.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting has met face to face on approx. 46 occasions. Average attendance 5.

Good Friday Reflection, was held during the afternoon with approximately 10 people in attendance.

Open the Book, the team (two from Crossway and two more from other churches) delivered several stories to the Children of Olive Hill Primary School over 3 school terms; reaching approx. 400 children.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

Our policy on reserves is that we retain a balance of three times the income offering three to four year buffer. This to be reviewed by the Trustees where additional commitments are taken on.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**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.

Principle source of income is from the 'Free Will' offering (regular weekly/monthly giving) of the congregation. No fundraising activities take place and no grants applied for. Total income was £19,070, resulting in no need for an audit only an independent examination.

Expenditure has addressed the key objectives:  
 Rent – covers the Sunday Services and Friday Reflection  
 Web Site – Information on the charity and items of Christian knowledge, learning and support. Safeguarding Policy and Health & Safety Policy, along with the Trustees Annual Report to enable public scrutiny  
 Copyright Licence to enable projection of song words during a service  
 Maintenance – to support the safety of attendees to the services

No investment policy agreed – currently no investments made.

## Section F

## Other optional information

**Finance** We began the year with a balance of 11,816 our income for the year £ 19,070 and our expenditure £2,191 giving a Year End Balance of 28,695 See Receipts and Payments accounts CC16a



**Location** Sunday Morning Worship service is held within the building belonging to Heath Street Independent Methodist Church and in order to maintain good relationships and to support the cost of the building we made a monthly contribution of £70.00. Further support was given in supporting the electrical work being carried out in response to the Electrical Safety Report by funding the provision of an isolation switch (£98.07).

## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Christine Robson	
Full name(s)	Christine Robson	Anthony Wallace Potter
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair 	Secretary
Date	2.10.2023	

Income & Expenditure statement

AFR row		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	AFR row		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
1	Income				15(a)	Expenditure			
2	Offering	1,935.00	0.00	1,935.00	15(b)	Circul	0.00	0.00	0.00
3(a)	Sunday Men G.A.	13,878.21	0.00	13,878.21	16(a)	Assessment	0.00	0.00	0.00
3(b)	Sunday G.A.	3,007.14	0.00	3,007.14	16(b)	Contribution to Property Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
3(c)	HMRC Repayment	250.00	0.00	250.00	16(c)	Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	16(d)	Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Donation	0.00	0.00	0.00	16(e)	Gas	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	16(f)	Water	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Legacies received directly by group	0.00	0.00	0.00	16(g)	Insurance	255.64	0.00	255.64
8	Legacies received via other bodies	0.00	0.00	0.00	17	Maintenance	98.07	0.00	98.07
9	Lettings	0.00	0.00	0.00	18	Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	19	Tithes	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	In memoriam donations and funeral collections	0.00	0.00	0.00	20	Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Church activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	21	Mission	506.88	0.00	506.88
13	Outings	0.00	0.00	0.00	22(a)	Church activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	22(b)	Outings	840.00	0.00	840.00
15	Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	22(c)	Meetings	490.71	0.00	490.71
16	Coffee Mornings	0.00	0.00	0.00	22(d)	Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Interest on bank balances	0.00	0.00	0.00	23	Coffee Mornings	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Transfers from other Methodist departments	0.00	0.00	0.00	24	Financial Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Other items	0.00	0.00	0.00	25	Stationery & postage	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Sale of purchased items	0.00	0.00	0.00	26	7 A	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Total Income	19,070.35	0.00	19,070.35	27	7 B	0.00	0.00	0.00
					28	Other items	0.00	0.00	0.00
						Cost of purchasing items for resale	0.00	0.00	0.00
						Total Expenditure	2,191.30	0.00	2,191.30

Balances and Bank Reconciliation

Bank balances at		29/08/2023
Bank name	Description	Balance
Lloyds Bank Plc	Current Account	28,695.92
Bank name	Deposit Account	
Total bank balance		28,695.92
Reconciling items as at		31/08/2023
Plus: receipts not cleared in bank		0.00
Less: uncleared cheque payments		0.00
Adjusted bank balance		28,695.92
Total adjusted cash and bank balance		28,695.92
Difference between adjusted cashbook balance and bank balance at period end		0.00

C	Opening cashbook balance at	01/09/2022	11,816.87
A	Plus: income		19,070.35
B	Less: expenditure		2,191.30
D	Cashbook balance at	31 August 2023	28,695.92

Treasurer	Signature	
Verified by committee member	Name	CHRISTINE ROBSON
	Signature	Christine Robson
	Date	2.10.2023

Note: "Total adjusted cash and bank balance" K should equal "Cashbook balance" D





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CROSSWAY CHURCH CENTRE  
BLACK COUNTRY

1196121

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular Donations	15,813	-	-	15,813	-
Donation	250	-	-	250	-
HMRC Gift Aid/Gasds refund	3,007	-	-	3,007	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	19,070	-	-	19,070	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	19,070	-	-	19,070	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	256	-	-	256	-
Web Site	243	-	-	243	-
ZOOM	144	-	-	144	-
Christian Safeguarding Services	120	-	-	120	-
Maintenance	98	-	-	98	-
Rent (Heath St Meth. Church)	840	-	-	840	-
Projection License	170	-	-	170	-
First Aid Course	198	-	-	198	-
Refreshments & Communion	122	-	-	122	-
<b>Sub total</b>	2,191	-	-	2,191	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	2,191	-	-	2,191	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	16,879	-	-	16,879	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	11,816	-	-	11,816	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	28,695	-	-	28,695	-

## 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	Bank Balance	28,695	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	28,695	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


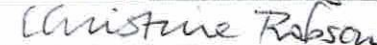
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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
	S. C. Williams	2/10/23
	C. Robson	2/10/25





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Crossway Church Centre Black Country

On accounts for the year  
ended

August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1196121

Set out on pages

1 below

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

03-10-23

Name:

M. Rew

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Not applicable

Address:

5 Jason Road, Wollescote

Stourbridge, DY9 8XZ

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.