

# FREE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (FCF)

England & Wales · Charity number 1196466

## Details

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**Other names** FISKERTON REVIVAL CENTRE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-11-08

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE FCF ARE TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO, IN NEWARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITY WORK OF THE CHARITY. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF FCF FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

**Activities:** Preaching of the Christian Gospel through the Word of God and the practice of healing and deliverance to those who are in need and request such services, through meetings for worship, prayer teaching and fellowship. The meetings take place at Fiskerton Revival Centre as registered with the Charities Commission and at other outreach venues hired from time to time either in the UK or abroad.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,397	£13,325	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,687	£34,311	-	-
2022-12-31	£7,663	£40,703	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Michael William Copeman</b>	Chair	2021-10-02
Christopher Blow		2025-06-24
Nigel Bird		2025-06-24
Paul Alan Cowling		2021-10-02
Susan Copeman		2021-10-02

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report 2024

This Report provides a statement of activity for Free Christian Fellowship (FCF), also known as Fiskerton Revival Centre (FRC), for the year from 1 January to 31 December 2024. FCF is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with income below the threshold, accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have been independently examined by an accountant in accordance with the Charities Commission requirements. The Statement of Account and Independent Examiner's Statement are appended to this report. The report will comprise key points only. More specific information will be provided on request.

FCF continues to fulfil its stated aims and objectives.

### **Key points**

#### Ministry

- The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ continues to be preached with signs following:
  - Weekly meetings have continued to take place, also breaking of bread on a monthly basis, this year there has been no break for the Christmas period as in past years;
  - Eight people have been baptised in water and a number have been baptised in the Holy Spirit;
  - Healing and deliverance are common place in the meetings and we thank God for it;
  - The demonstration and power of Christ's teachings continue to be promoted and published through the FRC website and social media streams in the publishing of a daily scripture, testimonies and Bible based teaching;
  - Prayer requests are taken by the FRC Prayer Group and we have reports of God's power in healing and resolution of difficult situations as a result of prayer;
  - Discipleship meetings have started to help Christians develop their walk with the Lord.

#### Income

- The number of people attending the meetings has increased from an average of 23 in 2023 to 29 in 2024. This despite a number of people not being able to attend regularly because of personal circumstances or having left the fellowship owing to doctrinal differences.
- Income is mainly generated through the generosity of those attending the meetings through free will offerings. The rise in the cost of living has not affected the level of offerings as much as expected. The table below provides an overview of income by the main categories. Gross income is the total income including any specified donations that do not directly benefit FCF. Schoolroom hire is included in the gross income but is identified to indicate 'earned' income that is fully used by FCF to fulfil its aims and objectives. The final row is the like for like actual annual income directly benefitting FCF. There was one funeral fee for the year of £125,

included in gross income (£203 in 2023). Gross income for 2024 increased by £1,094 from 2023; average attendance increased by 21%, income by 15%.

	2024	2023
Gross income	£7,397	£9,687
Schoolroom hire	£520	£190
Utilities refunds/subsidies	£230	£201
Less specified donations	£0	-£3,384
<b>Total FCF income</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>£6,303</b>

- The Schoolroom has been used as a polling station for some years. However, refurbishment of the building has attracted other external local organisations to hire the Schoolroom, generating an additional £140 this year. There were two elections in 2024 at a fee of £190 each;
  - This initiative is also starting to fulfil our objectives of having an active presence in the local community and to provide affordable facilities for use by the community;
- We have also continued to support those in need, financially, in practical terms and in pastoral care. Transport, living expenses and accommodation have been provided for Polish refugees and appropriate care for the homeless and substance addicts in the form of Christian ministry and food.

### Expenditure

- Total expenditure for the year was £13,325 (£34,311, 2023).
  - Capital expenditure significantly reduced as the refurbishment of the building is nearing completion. Repairs and renewals increased by £489 over 2023, the focus turning to renewal of existing facilities to enhance visitor experience and reduce costs;
  - A portable baptismal pool was purchased and so far eight candidates have made the witness of water baptism, more requests are being received for 2025;
  - Despite continuing increases in utilities costs, expenditure for 2024 has reduced by £1903 over 2023 costs. This is the result of somewhat warmer weather and more efficient insulation through replacement of doors and roof repairs. However, there has been additional consumption owing to Schoolroom hire. The change of supplier to Octopus and regular, accurate bills, has enabled us to focus on cost reduction. Monthly payments have consistently been greater than costs and we have claimed refunds of £230 during the year as well as Octopus reducing our monthly payments twice during the year, resulting in a reduction from £172.87 per month on 1 January to £80 per month from 28 December. This has marginally been helped by changing to a cheaper new fixed tariff. There is a credit balance of +£715 on 6 January 2025. Refund claims cannot be made when the account is in review for costs reductions or change of tariff and this has hampered refund claims. Further refunds will be sought in 2025 to achieve an account credit aligned to trend variations in actual monthly usage. Significantly, the estimated annual cost was forecast at £2,055 on 1 January 2024 but has been reduced to £1,181 on 6 January 2025.

- The five year Long Term Undertaking with Integra Insurance, building, contents and business insurance, terminated this year. Negotiations were successful in lowering the sum insured for the building which had been falsely inflated by Integra increasing market values and rebuilding costs by 6% per annum despite ongoing reductions in value and costs before Covid. It was agreed that we can challenge future indexation on an annual basis to reflect actual market fluctuations. Subsequently the annual premium has been adjusted from a renewal figure of £621 to £462, a reduction of £159. Integra were the cheapest quote and another long term undertaking was agreed, which will maintain premiums at a competitive level for the next five years, but will need careful monitoring.

#### Forecast

- Costs have significantly reduced as refurbishment of the building is completed. Forecast costs indicate that income will exceed expenditure in 2025 if current performance trends continue.
- However FCF is non-profit making charity with the primary objective of ministering the gospel and providing aid and assistance to those in need. Without wishing to make a political statement, it is anticipated that Government decision making will impact the more vulnerable and future needs may well increase, impacting expenditure levels.



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Charity Name  
**FREE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

No (if any)  
**1196466**

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from **1 January 2024** To **31 December 2024**

**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>					
Collections and Donations	6,647	-	-	6,647	-
Hire of Schoolroom	520	-	-	520	-
Octopus refunds	230	-	-	230	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>9,687</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>9,687</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Light and Heat	1,665	-	-	1,665	3,568
Legal and Insurance	654	-	-	654	821
Donations, Catering, Sundries	648	-	-	648	4,868
Repairs and Renewals	8,040	-	-	8,040	7,551
Foodbank	340	-	-	340	238
Stationery and Postage	33	-	-	33	53
Capital	1,945	-	-	1,945	17,212
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>34,311</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>34,311</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 5,928</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 5,928</b>	<b>- 24,624</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>24,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,006</b>	<b>48,630</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,078</b>	<b>24,006</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		18,078	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



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# Accounts

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## Trustees Annual Report

for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Free Christian Fellowship, aka Fiskerton Revival Centre, Registered Charity Number 1196466

### Trustees:

Susan Copeman, Trustee; Pauline LeBlanc, Trustee; Paul Cowling, Trustee, Deputy Pastor; Michael Copeman, Chair of Trustees, Pastor. No appointments or resignations during the year.

### SUMMARY

Following a year of consolidation and reviewing the options available in 2022, FCF launched a refurbishment programme for the Chapel and associated buildings. Although the Chapel is not a listed building it was important to the Trustees that the building maintained its character with no significant changes to the exterior. The refurbishment has been warmly received by Fiskerton residents and Church congregation. More detail under the Fiskerton Chapel heading.

The Christian faith has been advanced through regular fellowship meetings in Fiskerton Chapel, on-line meetings, the publication of daily scriptures, testimonies of God's mighty power still at work today in improving lives: salvation, healing and deliverance; as well as messages of encouragement through the Fiskerton Revival website and social media streams on Facebook, Messenger, WhatsApp, Email and text messaging. A prayer request portal has proven to be very successful with notable healings, spiritual support and encouragement. We give God all the praise and all the glory.

### Key points

- Offerings, donations and miscellaneous income for the period amounted to £ 9,687;
- Expenditure for the period amounted to £ 34,311;
- Phases 1 and 2 of the Chapel refurbishment programme were completed during 2023;
- Government assistance with energy costs during the year amounted to £ 201;
- Average meeting attendance numbers have increased from 19 in 2022 to 23 in 2023.

### Fiskerton Chapel

The main chapel was built in 1809 and the Schoolroom added in 1888. The kitchen and toilets area was added in 1979. The refurbishment plan has four phases. Phases 1 and 2 were completed in 2023, it is planned that the two final phases will be completed in 2024. Construction of the Chapel and Schoolroom in the 1800's means there was no damp proof course and some of the construction was in need of fundamental repair.

Phase 1: Chapel, worship area: damp proofing which included tanking, re plastering and wooden panelling to the walls to create a breathing space for damp evaporation; new composite fitted door and casing to the inner porch to provide insulation, and renovation of the external wooden door. It was considered important that the external facade should not be materially changed to maintain the character of the building within the village setting. The skills of Chris and Donald were greatly appreciated in their excellent restoration of the front door, including reinstatement of the external ironwork. This resolved a serious issue, saving £'000s, and restoring the external view of the building. Redundant electrical wiring was removed and electrical switches and sockets replaced, additional electrical sockets configured, new LED lighting was installed. Internal walls and ceiling were painted, stairs to the balcony were repaired. Amendments were made to the sound system and improved audio visual equipment installed. A new carpet was fitted and new scripture signage commissioned and installed.

Phase 2: Schoolroom, eating area and community facility for hire: damp proofing, panelling and re plastering as in the Chapel; roofing and guttering were repaired; new composite door to side entrance to improve insulation; redundant wiring removed and electrical switches and sockets replaced, additional electrical sockets configured, including the provision of power for audio visual facilities when required; new LED lighting was installed. Walls and ceiling painted and washable, commercial grade flooring fitted in the schoolroom and in the kitchen, inner hall and toilet areas. Library shelves were fitted, new dining tables purchased and scripture signage commissioned and installed.

Phases 3 and 4: Phase 3: kitchen, male and female toilets, inner hall: will comprise plastering of walls as required, following removal of redundant electrical wiring. Installation of new sockets and switches and provision of more electrical sockets. LED lighting triggered by movement will be installed in the toilets. Storage cupboards will be installed for cleaning equipment to tidy up the inner hall. The inner doors and door furniture to the toilets will be replaced, the current doors have woodworm damage. The external door will be replaced with a composite fitted door to improve insulation, the current door is rotten. Walls and ceilings will be painted. Toilet furniture will be replaced and wall mounted soap dispensers installed. Phase 4 will comprise tidying up the garden, removing self sown bush roots and clearing the area of weeds. External drainage will be reviewed and replaced where necessary.

### **Outreach**

Our stock of Why Jesus booklets has been nearly used up during the year and another order will be placed during 2024.

The refurbishment has not only brought in an influx of suppliers but interested villagers and passers-by to see what is happening. A number have been added to the Church as we have lunched together on the work days sharing the bountiful grace of God with the visitors.

We intend advertising the Schoolroom as a community facility for hire when phase 3 is complete. It is already let as a polling station. If locals use the facilities they should see that we are ordinary people with an extraordinary God who is able and willing to meet their needs, and the barrier to Church attendance will be broken down.

The average number attending the meetings during this financial year is 23 (19), the largest number being 47 (43) and the smallest 14 (10). (Last year's figures).

### **Donations from specified funds**

The following donations were made from income given for a specific purpose:

MC was asked to officiate at Peter Hitchman's funeral. A minister's fee of £ 100 was paid to FCF. The funeral collection of £ 203 plus a donation of £ 97 from FCF, £300 in all, was donated in May to ASK-of Orphanage in Ghana, in Peter's memory, as he requested.

In June, Tom Cowling, Paul Cowling's eldest son, was falsely accused of a drugs offence and arrested in Croatia. A collection was taken up among the fellowship to help toward expenses and £3000 was donated to him in July. Actual donations amounted to £ 3100, owing to an accounting error £100 is held in reserve.

In November FCF received £ 150 minister's fee for MC officiating at Barry Foster's funeral. At Barry's request £ 100 of that fee was donated to Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

### **FINANCIAL**

Although cash reserves have been depleted by expenditure for the buildings refurbishment, the cash position remains healthy. Income exceeds day to day running costs. If donations restricted

for special purpose are excluded, income has increased by £343 (5%) during a time of difficult financial conditions.

The opening cash position for the period was £48,630, comprising bank account of £48,623 and cash in hand of £7. Expenditure exceeded income by £24,624 leaving a year end cash total of £24,006, being £23,843 cash at bank and £163 cash in hand. A larger amount of cash in hand is being held to fund cash purchases for phase 3 of the refurbishment.

### Income

Total income for the year amounts to £9,687, comprised as follows:

Collections and donations:	£ 9,336	
Specified income: British Gas:	£ 201	Government utilities assistance
Miscellaneous cash receipts:	£ 150	

Of the total income £ 3,604 was donated for specified purposes, as follows:

British Gas	£ 201	Government subsidy
ASK-of Orphanage, Ghana	£ 203	FCF made the donation up to £300
Lincolnshire Air Ambulance	£ 100	
Tom Cowling Appeal	£ 3100	£100 held in reserve

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 is £ 34,311, after deducting specified donations it is £30,707. The total cost of Phase 1 and Phase 2 refurbishment was £ 23,675, of which £ 17,212 is charged to the capital account.

Items have been recorded under the Charity Commission report headings and are as follows:

Light and heat:	£ 3,568	the actual cost was £ 3,367 but as previously recorded the Government provided £ 201 utilities assistance. Total cost for 2022 was £ 993, further comment below;
Legal and Insurance:	£ 821	Comprising: Accountancy fees to Marshall Walker £ 180; Buildings, contents and public liability insurance premium to Integra Insurance £ 641.
Donations, catering, sundries:	£ 5,296	Donations in the sum of £ 3,604 were made for specific purposes, described in the Donations heading in the Summary, the remainder was allocated as follows: <u>Donations:</u> £ 1,110, comprising: Food bank donations of £ 620; Love gifts to assist financial hardship amount to £ 490; <u>Catering:</u> £ 145; <u>Sundries:</u> £ 437; of which were some items purchased as part of the refurbishment but not directly attributable to Repairs and Renewals or Capital;
Repairs and renewals:	£ 7,551	Costs directly attributable to refurbishment phases 1 and 2. However, there are also capital costs listed below. Capital costs are medium to long term items: materials, fixtures and fittings, that add to the value of the property. These items are defined and identified through HMRC guidance.
Outreach	£ 279	This includes: Roy Turner's Chorus collection, set of 10 CDs at £ 75;

		Hosting FRC internet presence £ 60;
		50% contribution to Zoom subscription for 2022 and 2023 at £72 each £ 144. Trials of the updated Microsoft Teams free will be undertaken in 2024.
Stationery and postage:	£ 53	
Capital:	£ 17,212	Notable expenditure is detailed below: Two custom made Composite doors in PVC frames, complete with door furniture and adjustable hinges £ 1260; Cordless vacuum cleaner £ 199; Additional radiator in Schoolroom £ 105; Wood panelling, scaffold hire, paint £2,100; Chapel carpet £ 2,667; TV monitor for AV presentation £818; Signage £ 610; Painting and decorating £ 5,488; Schoolroom and utilities areas, non-slip safety flooring £ 4,273.

### Utilities

As agreed by the Trustees in 2022, supply of gas and electricity was transferred from British Gas. It was impossible to reliably assess whether utility charges were accurate because bills were not submitted regularly and often elements were missing. Supply for gas and electricity was transferred to Octopus Energy on 24 May 2023. Octopus quoted a lower price for renewal than British Gas, they are also known for good customer service and have provided monthly bills clearly stating the charges for the period, which are verifiable with the Smart meters. FCF balance with Octopus at the year end is £ 262 in credit. The credit situation will be monitored regularly along with usage forecasts to attempt to reduce monthly costs.

Owing to the distractions from normal processes as a result of the larger number of visitors to the Christmas Carol Service, the central heating boiler was left active during the 2022 Christmas period, resulting in an 'excess' use of 10,997 kWh of gas, compared with the same period in 2021, which equates to £1,072 additional charge. Therefore, the Light and Heat figure would have been £ 2,496 (£ 2,295 after Government discount), an increase of £ 1,302 on 2022.

The improved heat insulation through upgrading the external doors to sealed unit composite doors, wall insulation and the further market price reductions during 2024 are expected to reduce the impact of the extremely large cost of heating the building for approximately 6 hours a week. Energy charges for 2024 are forecast at approximately £ 2,000 or £38.50 per week.

### Professional services

Accountancy: Marshall Walker, Accountants, were asked to provide the Independent Examiners Report of the accounts for the 2023 year end in compliance with Charities Commission requirements.

Recommendation - Marshall Walker to be appointed to provide the Independent Examiner's Report for 2024. To be confirmed at the AGM.

Insurances: Insurance for building, contents and third party cover has historically been managed by Integra Insurance, who have increased the building value, repair and renewal costs by 6% per annum during a time of static or falling construction costs, except for the last two years when there have been material increases. It is considered that the insurance premium overstates the current market value of the building, and possibly the cost of rebuilding given

that it is not a Grade 1 listed church, the criteria Integra apply to fix premiums, but a brick built Chapel mainly erected in the 1800's. As agreed at the 2022 AGM, requests for quotations and negotiations will be completed during 2024 ahead of the policy renewal in November 2024.

### **Charities Commission**

Preparation for the submission, to the Charities Commission, of the Trustee's Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 months to 31 December 2023, will be completed following an AGM to agree the accounts and this report.

During 2023 work has been undertaken to write and implement the following statutory and Charities Commission compliant policies, listed in alphabetical order. A statement appearing on the Fiskerton Revivals website, and posted on the Church noticeboard, indicates that policies are available on request to one of the Trustees.

- Campaigns and Political Activity;
- Child Protection;
- Code of Conduct;
- Communications and IT;
- Trustee Conflict of Interest;
- Data Protection;
- Engaging External Speakers;
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion;
- Ethical Fund Raising;
- Financial Procedures;
- Fire Safety;
- Food Safety and Handling;
- Health and Safety;
- Reserves and Investment;
- Risk Register;
- Safeguarding Adults at Risk;
- Whistleblowing.

### **Forecast**

Currently FCF's financial position is healthy. Phases 3 and 4 of the Fiskerton Chapel refurbishment, being implemented during 2024, will require expenditure in excess of income, but well within current cash reserves. Day to day running costs are not expected to exceed our income on current performance. The budget for phases 3 and 4 is approximately £ 5,000, subject to a review of the building external condition. We must be good stewards of what God has given us charge over, but we can trust the Lord to meet our needs, as He has done for many years. Our financial focus is to trust the Lord to provide the finance to meet our general running costs and to advance the ministry, preaching salvation, healing and deliverance with signs following, making disciples to follow the Lord, and to prepare the Church for the soon return of the Lord.

Michael Copeman  
Chair of the Trustees

15 April 2024.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Free Christian Fellowship.**

I report on the accounts of the fellowship.

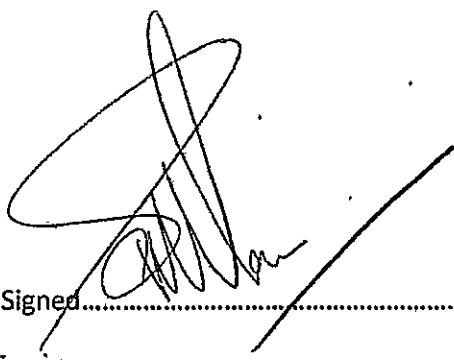
**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report.**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement.**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met or:
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed.....

Date 19 March 2024

Stephen Walker FFA, FFTA, FPA  
Marshall Walker & Co Accountants, The Croft Barn, Syerston, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG23 5NE



Charity Name <b>FREE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP</b>		No (if any) <b>1196466</b>	
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	Period start date 1 January 2023	To	Period end date 31 December 2023

**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>					
	6,083	3,604	-	9,687	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
	-0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,083</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,687</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,083</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>9,687</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Light and Heat	3,367	201	-	3,568	-
Legal and Insurance	821	-	-	821	-
Donations, Catering, Sundries	1,465	3,403	-	4,868	-
Repairs and Renewals	7,082	-	-	7,082	-
Outreach	279	-	-	279	-
Stationery and Postage	53	-	-	53	-
Capital	17,212	-	-	17,212	-
Petty Cash - Donations	190	-	-	190	-
Petty Cash - Food Bank	160	-	-	160	-
Petty Cash - Housekeeping	78	-	-	78	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>30,707</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,311</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-0	-0	-0	-	-
	-0	-0	-0	-	-0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>30,707</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>34,311</b>	<b>-0</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 24,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 24,624</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>48,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,630</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>24,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,006</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		23,843	-	-

		163	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>24,006</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>	<b>to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	KSM Graphix	Capital	190	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

**FREE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (FCF)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196466

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# Accounts

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Free Christian Fellowship

# Annual Report

8 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 2022

This first financial year runs from the date of our registration with the Charities Commission, 8 November 2021, to 31 December 2022. Future financial years will run from 1 January to 31 December.

## SUMMARY

Free Christian Fellowship was formed from the merger of Free Christian Fellowship (Beacon Hill) and HERA Fiskerton (HERAF). The reasons for the merger were:

1. the Beacon Hill congregation had fallen to very low levels and income could not sustain day to day expenditure;
2. Following a professional survey it was discovered that the building was in such a state of disrepair that remedial works would cost in excess of £250k, finance for which could not be met from income or reserves.
3. The Beacon Hill fellowship had associations with HERAF and the Fiskerton building was in a good state of repair. Although the location was not ideal, there had been a history of a thriving congregation in times past irrespective of the location.

Following discussion, a letter setting out the options to continue fellowship at Beacon Hill was sent to the Beacon Hill Trustees asking for written acceptance of one of four options. Written responses were received on 9 September 2021 confirming a unanimous decision to merge with HERAF, following the completion of the sale of Beacon Hill Chapel, and transfer of worship to Fiskerton Chapel. It was further agreed that the name of Free Christian Fellowship would be retained, simplifying the administrative changeover.

It became evident that an agreement had been made in 1988 between the Trustees of Henri's Evangelical Revival Association, Basildon, (HERA) and HERAF to purchase the Fiskerton Chapel from the Methodists. It was agreed that HERA would effect the purchase, using funds raised from the HERAF congregation, and transfer the title deed in fee simple to HERAF. Owing to a misunderstanding the transfer had not been effected. This was remedied on 14 March 2022 with legal completion of the transfer of Fiskerton Chapel from HERA to FCF Trustees being the now merged organisation.

The first full year has been successful. God's presence has been evident in the meetings and His ministry of salvation, healing and deliverance has been manifest among the congregation and outside of the meetings. We have established a good rapport with our neighbours after a rocky start owing to parking issues. Although there have been some people leave the meetings for a number of reasons, there have been others who have joined us. There is a core of weekly attendees, a larger group who attend reasonably regularly and some from time to time.

The meetings are substantially different in nature to what have been known as Glory Meetings in more recent years. God is preparing His Church for the spiritual revival that has been prophesied ahead of the soon return of Christ in the rapture. Glory meetings were so named because the Glory of God was present and it is evident that God's presence is once more ministering to the church at Fiskerton. God has given clear instruction as to how the meetings

should proceed, and His leading is being followed, making disciples and strengthening the Church. However, to continue to move forward there must be a conscious effort for outreach.

### **Key points**

From a management viewpoint, the key points are summarised as follows:

- Offerings, donations and miscellaneous income, for the period amounted to £ 7,663.02;
- Income to FCF from the sale of Beacon Hill Chapel amounted to £ 35,606.02;
- Government assistance with energy costs during the year amounted to £199, further information is available in Financial;
- Official notification has been received from the solicitors confirming completion of the transfer of Fiskerton Chapel to FCF from HERA in compliance with the 1988 agreement made between the two parties. FCF now owns the Chapel freehold. The transfer was legally completed on 14 March 2022 and the Land Registry certificate was issued on 15 November 2022;
- Coronavirus is having limited impact on attendance at the meetings and we have not had to cancel any meetings in this financial year.

### **Fiskerton Chapel**

A number of repairs and renewals have been completed during the year. We have been very grateful to some of the contractors and church members who have carried out work at no cost or just the cost of materials. These works are detailed under Repairs and Renewals. Where the work has been completed at no cost, or reduced cost, the donated element has not been costed and recorded as a donation in the financial report.

Further work has been planned for the next financial year to bring the built environment and furnishings up to a standard that will enable the hall to be hired out for events that meet the criteria contained within FCF Codes of Conduct and operational Policies. Making the chapel available as a community resource may help build relationships and encourage locals to come to the meetings, as well as provide an income stream. The hall is currently hired as a polling station for elections.

### **Outreach**

A total of 700 'Why Jesus' evangelism booklets have been purchased during the year at a total cost of £408. Two-hundred 'Why Jesus?' booklets were purchased during January 2022, a further order for five-hundred books was placed during April. An order for five-hundred booklets realises the maximum discount on a bulk purchase. Good use is being made of the booklets by the congregation. Small donations of booklets have also been made to a prison chaplain and a small local church.

The average number attending the meetings during this financial year is 19, the largest number being 44 and the smallest 10.

### **Donations**

A collection was made for Ukrainian refugees escaped to Poland. Tomasz Wenclewski's Mother is involved with a number of hotels, run by the Polish Government, providing accommodation for the refugees. The volume of refugees means the Polish Government provide nothing more than basic food and accommodation. Many refugees arrive with nothing other than the clothes they stand in. £1,320 was raised, which was used to buy gift packs for the children and much needed toiletries for the adults. Our grateful thanks for all who contributed so generously.

Donations amounting to £330 have been made from October 2022 to assist a local food bank.

A donation of £100 was made to Beaumont House Hospice in memory of Jose Berry.

## FINANCIAL

The cash position for FCF for the 2021/22 financial period remains healthy with income levels exceeding day to day running costs. Costs are carefully managed and there are no foreseeable debts or expenditure that cannot be met from income or bank reserves. Utilities costs remain a concern and work is ongoing to ensure the building is as well insulated as possible given its age and construction. Further recommendations are made under the heading Utilities.

The opening cash position on 8 November 2021 was £81,670.61, comprising bank account of £81,422.47 and cash in hand of £248.14. This included the hammer price of £70,494 for the auction sale of Beacon Hill Chapel on 28 September 2021. Excess of expenditure over income was £33,040.14 leaving a cash balance at the year end of £48,630.47.

Under an agreement made between HERA and the Trustees of Beacon Hill Chapel fifty-percent of the income from the sale of Beacon Hill Chapel less sales costs was to be paid to HERA amounting to £34,887.98. Gross income to FCF from the Beacon Hill Chapel sale amounted to £35,606.02.

Operating performance for this financial period, excluding the capital movements, indicates an increase of £2,134.32 over the previous year using a monthly average income for each period.

### Income

Total income for the year amounts to £7,663.02, comprised as follows:

Collections and donations:	£ 7,345.04	
Specified income: British Gas:	£ 199.00	Government utilities assistance
Miscellaneous cash receipts:	£ 118.98	

Of the total income £ 1,680.00 was donated for specified projects, as follows:

Purchase of 'Why Jesus' books	£.100.00	
Ukraine Appeal	£ 1,311.00	
Ukraine gift	£ 70.00	Donated post appeal closure, held in reserve

A further £535.00 was paid by Mr Stansfield to repair accidental damage to the boundary fence following a collision with a car driven by Mrs Stansfield. Trojan Landscapes quoted £535 to complete the repairs but they were able to complete the work for £ 500.00. £35 was refunded to Mr Stansfield.

### Expenditure

Total expenditure for the period from 8 November 2021 to 31 December 2022 is £ 40,703.16 excluding the costs for reinstating the damaged fencing, which is being recorded separately as a one off event. Items have been recorded under the Charity Commission report headings and are as follows, exceptional items are listed in the comments:

Light and heat:	£ 993.00	the actual cost was £ 794.00 but as previously recorded the Government provided £199 utilities assistance;
Legal and Insurance:	£ 1,971 .66	Legal fees of £ 780.00 were paid to Taylor Bracewell for services to transfer Fiskerton chapel from HERA to FCF in fee simple; The insurance premium of £ 528.87 for FCF building and contents for 2022 was paid to Integra Insurance on 10 November 2021. A further premium of £572.79

		for building and contents insurance for 2023 was paid to Integra Insurance on 28 December 2022; Accountancy fees of £90 were paid to Marshall Walker on 11 July 2022.
Donations, Catering, Sundries:	£ 2013.64	The refund of £35.00 made to Mr Stansfield, is not accounted under this heading; A donation amounting £ 1,320.00 was made on 21 March 2022, to benefit Ukraine refugees taking refuge in Polish Government accommodation; Weekly donations amounting to £ 330.00 were made to support a local food bank from 8 October to 28 December 2022; A donation of £100.00 was made to Beaumont House Hospice in memory of Jose Berry on 23 November 2022.
Repairs and renewals:	£ 406.99	£500.00 cost for the fence repair is not recorded so that expenditure is not skewed by an extraordinary event; Nottingham Fire replaced fire extinguishers and signage at a cost of £ 292.48 to comply with the annual Health and Safety review; Zoom subscription is shared with Prison Fellowship, our contribution amounted to £ 72.00.
Outreach:	£ 407.98	A total of 700 'Why Jesus' books have been purchased during the year.
Stationery and postage:	£ 21.91	
Capital:	£ 34,887.98	In compliance with an agreement made between HERA and the trustees of Beacon Hill Chapel, 50% of the purchase price less sale costs was to be paid to HERA on financial completion.

### Utilities

From 1 January to 12 April 2022 the monthly direct debit for Gas and Electricity was £25.02. This low rate was the consequence of reduced usage owing to Coronavirus closures. Owing to the volatility of the market we had not been able to negotiate a fixed price contract with anyone including British Gas the current supplier. When the contract period came to an end on 12 April 2022 we secured a 12 month fixed price contract to provide some ongoing price stability at a cost of £150 per month (£1,800 per annum) until 30 April 2023. The direct debit increase was not implemented by British Gas until 1 August 2022, consequently it was increased to £173.51 (£1,488.08 per annum). During November 2022 a bill was received that indicated that a monthly payment of £ 98.80 would meet our forecast usage by the end of the term. A request was made to British Gas to reduce the direct debit payment accordingly and the payment has been revised from 1 December 2022.

Energy cost directly relates to usage. If we use more energy than our forecast usage the direct debit will increase accordingly. It is the standing charges and the kWh rate that is fixed. There was another price cap review in October 2022. Utilities costs have increased, further reviews will be made in January and April 2023. The fixed price contract renews in April 2023 a marked increase in costs is likely.

**Recommendation** - Our usage in July 2022 for gas and electricity supply, including standing charges amounted to £87. At 27 August we had a debit of £72.31 compared to a debit of £479 in

March 2022. The strategy employed was to continue paying the direct debit amount each month until the account was in a credit at the end of the month. There is a monthly review on the British Gas app, which has proved to be inaccurate. Despite submission of monthly meter readings they insist on using estimated readings.

A smart meter was installed on 5 May 2022 to eliminate estimated readings, therefore increasing billing accuracy and enabling the monitoring of gas and electricity usage particularly during the week, when the building is unoccupied. The meter has indicated that gas and electricity usage during the unoccupied period in the week for maintaining supply to the refrigerator, freezer and gas boiler, is minimal.

British Gas invoicing has been haphazard, the statement date of 28 March 2022 covered the period from 24 August 2021 to 28 March 2022, seven months. The charge was £613.46. Surprisingly our payments for the seven month period of £175.14 were considered to be 'spot on' to recover forecast usage, despite having a closing debit against the account of £479.11. The invoice for March to May, less than three months, did not include any charge for electricity. British Gas are difficult suppliers to manage, but because of current market constraints there are no alternatives available.

Recommendation - an alternative supplier be found as soon as is practicable, but that may not be possible in the foreseeable future.

### **Professional services**

Taylor Bracewell solicitors have completed the transfer of title of Fiskerton Chapel from HERA to FCF and have tendered their invoice for £280 accordingly. The total cost for their services is £780, £500 having been paid in Q4, 2021. Free Christian Fellowship now own the building. The certificate confirming the Land Registry was received on 15 November 2022.

Marshall Walker, Accountants, were engaged to examine the accounts for the 2022 year end in compliance with Charities Commission requirements. Marshall Walker were the accountants for Beacon Hill Fellowship and have provided a professional service at a very reasonable cost for many years.

Recommendation - Marshall Walker to be considered for accountancy work for FCF, subject to annual appointment at the AGM.

Insurance for building, contents and third party cover has historically been managed by Integra Insurance. Normally an increase of 6% per annum is applied, which has been well above market cost increases for some years. The costs are fixed to Grade 1 listed building costs, so many centuries old Church of England churches. Our chapel is brick built without any of the stone work embellishments, fixtures and fittings of a centuries old church. FCF is tied to Integra through a Long Term Undertaking which reportedly gives a 25% reduction on the premium. Applying building value increases of 6% when building values, materials and labour costs have remained broadly static up until the recent surge in property values, has inflated the building value and the insurance premium. Discussions for a more market led approach to the annual valuation has resulted in the threat to only pay a percentage of any claim. The insurance valuation of the building currently stands at £446,631.

Recommendation - Our commitment to Integra ends in November 2024, it is recommended that we seek an alternative insurance provider, offering at least the same cover for less cost and with an annual uplift related to a nationally recognised inflation increase index.

### **Capital**

A replacement counter top oven has been purchased at a cost of £34.99 to provide a more reliable method of reheating cooked food for after meeting refreshments.

Plans are being formulated for the refurbishment of the building to make it more thermally secure and a more welcoming place for visitors to worship the Lord with us. Upgrading all facilities within the building will provide an opportunity for the resource to be hired out to local organisations that conform to the FCF Code of Conduct and Policies. The building is already hired by Newark District Council as a polling station for local and national elections.

### **Charities Commission**

Preparation for the submission of accounts and annual report for the period-ending 31 December 2022 to the Charities Commission, will be completed following an AGM to agree the accounts and this report. There is a further quantity of supporting work necessary as part of this first submission to the Commission. Governance documents, Codes of Conduct and operational Policies will need to be approved by the Trustees before publication. We are grateful to Christine Key who has kindly drafted policies for Trustee approval. The draft policies are undergoing review and editing and will be published to the Trustees for consideration and comment in due course. Appropriate notes regarding implications for the Fellowship will be provided, where decisions need to be made in light of guidance and FCF ethics and Statement of Faith.

### **Forecast**

Currently our financial position, in terms of cash reserves, is healthy and forecast expenditure is not likely to exceed our income on current performance. We must be good stewards of what God has given us charge over, but we can trust the Lord to meet our needs, as He has done for many years. We are not a commercial organisation focused on profitability, therefore no forecast is made regarding future income or our end of year performance. That is not to say that we should not make plans and provisions for the foreseeable future to accommodate expected liabilities and growth. Our financial focus is to trust the Lord to cover our general running costs with regular income, using the excess income and reasonable levels of our reserves to evangelise in preparation for the soon return of the Lord.

Michael Copeman  
Chair of Trustees

16 June 2023

**FREE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP -**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 8 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Period 08/11/2021  
to 31/12/2022

**INCOME**

Collections & Donations	7,345.04
British Gas	199.00
Misc Cash Receipts	<u>118.98</u>
	7,663.02

**LESS EXPENDITURE**

Henris Evangelical (50% of Beacon Hill Chapel Sale)	34,887.98
Legal & Professional Fees	780.00
Light & Heat	993.00
Insurances	1,101.66
Donations, Catering & Sundries	363.64
Repairs & Renewals	406.99
Accountancy	90.00
Food Bank Donations	330.00
Donation to Ukraine	1,320.00
Teaching Materials	407.98
Stationery & Postage	<u>21.91</u> 40,703.16
<b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b>	<u><u>- 33,040.14</u></u>

**Represented by:**

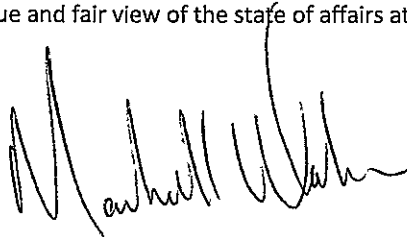
Opening Cash at Bank at 8 November 2021	81,422.47
Opening Cash in Hand at 8 November 2021	248.14
Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>- 33,040.14</u>
	<u><u>48,630.47</u></u>

Cash at Bank at 31 December 2022	48,623.36
Cash in Hand at 31 December 2022	<u>7.11</u>
	<u><u>48,630.47</u></u>

**Audit Report**

I have examined the books and receipts of the Fellowship and report that the above Income & Expenditure Account gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs at that date.

Marshall Walker & Co  
Accountants  
The Croft Barn  
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23rd March 2023

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Free Christian Fellowship**

I report on the accounts of the fellowship.

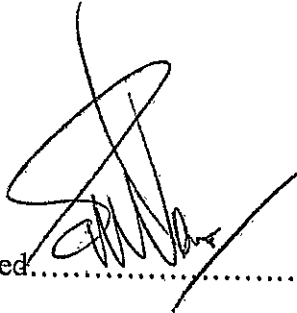
**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met or:
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed.....

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Stephen Walker FFA.FFTA.FPA  
Marshall Walker & Co Accountants, The Croft Barn, Syerston, Newark, Nottinghamshire  
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