



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | Period start date | | | Period end date | | |
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| From | | 1st | 10 | 2023 | To | 30th | 09 2024 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Fellowship345

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1199645

Charity's principal address

Maen y Felin, 5, Black Lion Fields,

Talybont,

Ceredigion

Postcode SY24 5EN

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 | Bishop Stuart Bell | Chairperson | | Trustees/membership |
| 2 | Mrs Prudence Bell | | | Trustees/membership |
| 3 | Rev. David Poole | Secretary | | Trustees/membership |
| 4 | Mrs Anne Poole | Treasurer | | Trustees/membership |
| 5 | Mr John Ruff | Website Coordinator | | Trustees/membership |
| 6 | Mrs Catherine Ruff | Gift Aid secretary | | Trustees/membership |
| 7 | Mrs Diane Kelly | | | Trustees/membership |
| 8 | Mr Stephen Kingston | | Appointed 22/07/2024 | Trustees/membership |
| 9 | Mrs Helen Jones | Safeguarding Officer | | Trustees/membership |
| 10 | Mr David Jones | | | Trustees/membership |
| 11 | Rev David Ceri Jones | | Resigned 06/07/2024 | Trustees/membership |
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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 |
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| N/A | |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| N/A | | |
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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

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| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | Constitution |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Elected and appointed by Trustees and membership at our Annual General Meeting. |

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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| <p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <p>Any new trustees are interviewed and advised by existing trustees. All trustees are DBS checked and are on the recommendation of other trustees, with full background checks being carried out.</p> <p>The charities organisation and structure both abide by our document of Constitution and are in line with our commitment to the Jerusalem Statement and the Evangelical Alliance statement of faith.</p> <p>Trustee Mrs Helen Jones overlooks and is responsible for all safeguarding and health and safety issues – both these documents are posted on our website: fellowship345.co.uk. We do have a Thirty-one-eight Safeguarding Membership – for arranging DBS checks and up to date guidance on safeguarding.</p> <p>We hold six-weekly trustee meetings and 'safeguarding' and our 'financial position' are considered important agenda items.</p> <p>We are affiliated with ACE – Anglican Convocation in Europe. Our trustee chair Bishop Stuart Bell is ACE - Assistant Bishop (Wales) – this is outside the remit of Fellowship 345, but our alignment of ACE is seen as very important as it ensures accountability and supervision for those in leadership roles.</p> |
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The key object of our charity is the advancement of the Christian faith, in accordance with our Fellowship 345 Statement of Belief and Practice, for the benefit of the public especially, but not exclusively, within North Ceredigion and the surrounding area. We believe the Jerusalem Statement December 2008 best describes our beliefs and practice.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities for the organisation are to promote the Christian faith in North Ceredigion and the surrounding area through our weekly Sunday afternoon worship services, weekly bible study meetings carried out at members homes (we currently have three groups), a weekly prayer meeting, and Discipleship Explored Courses.

The worship service, prayer meeting and discipleship courses are held at a village community hall which we lease for each activity.
Rhydyppennau village hall, Bow Street, Aberystwyth. SY24 5BQ.

We advertise weekly through our Facebook page (fellowship345 Ceredigion) as well as other local Facebook pages. We emphasise that all are welcome to join us. For special services i.e. Christmas and Easter we also advertise through posters and individual invitations to the local community of Bow Street by leaflet drop.

We have a banner on a Sunday outside the hall advertising our service and inviting people to join us.

We collect food items for our local food bank on the first Sunday of the month.

We undertake pastoral visits to those members who are sick.

All trustees are aware of the Charity Commission Guidance on Charity Purposes and Rules. Our charity secretary Rev. David Poole is also our Charity Commission representative, as well as our DBS co-ordinator, and any new information is brought to the notice of all trustees during our regular committee meetings.

Our constitution of Fellowship 345 includes the appointment, function and duties of our Trustees, the calling and procedure of general meetings etc. We abide by the requirement for statements of accounts, reports and returns as set out by the Charities Commission.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We do give away funding to other Christian organisations. We are led in our decision making by what is happening to our Christian friends around the world and local Christian initiatives. We have made contributions to Open Doors, Barnabas, and Tearfund as well as local charities including our local food bank.

Guest speakers are invited to speak to our congregation from these charities and our congregation are invited to contribute to the cause – this is treated as restricted income.

As a Christian organisation, we do tithe a portion of our income to other Christian charities – this is shown in our unrestricted income.

In this financial year we have supported:

Open Doors – Nigeria Disaster Appeal

Barnabas Aid – Pakistan Appeal for medical supplies, aid to the poor etc.

Bibles for Children

Jubilee Storehouse (local foodbank)

We have raised and given away a total of £10,295.64.

We have been in the fortunate position of starting a Christian Adventure Club – run by three volunteers who have worked in children's work of this nature both professionally and as volunteers for many years. All have been thoroughly vetted and are known to the trustees over many years.

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

Summarised from our AGM of 22nd September 2024:

- We have 10 in our trustee/leadership team with serious and prayerful commitment to this enterprise.
- We have started the Christian Adventure Club.
- We have run a series of Christianity Explored courses.
- We have established a music group, of professional standard.
- Our charity membership has risen from 57 to 66.
- We have 140 followers on Facebook.
- Our special services such as Christmas and Easter also attracted local people, and during the summer months we are welcoming holiday visitors.
- We celebrated an ordination resulting in 6 ordained Anglican clergy worshipping with us + 1 non-conformist minister.
- Our average Sunday attendance has been 53 over the year.
- Summer visitors are finding us through our Facebook
- We now have 3 house groups.
- We have established a Wednesday weekly prayer meeting.
- We have a list of volunteers each week to serve on our welcome team, set up the service or to prepare and serve refreshments.
- 50 of our attendees contribute in one way or another to the worship life of the fellowship each week – this includes pastoral care.
- We were involved in the distribution of Bibles to the children in Rhydypennau School, Bow Street – funded by our charity.
- We have given away over £10,000 to local and national Christian charities.
- We now have an attractive website, with approx. 87 hits/month.
- A new 3.45 service is being initiated in Harrogate - having heard what we are doing.
- We held a Fellowship 345 picnic for membership and friends.
- We have had a leadership away day – the purpose being to record where we are and discuss our future aims and objectives.
- We are affiliated with ACE – part of the world-wide network of Anglican Christians.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It became evident in our first year of business that our income would exceed our expenditure. We do ensure that we have funds in place for major items of expenditure which are: the Hire of the Hall; Public Liability Insurance; website; licences etc. Many of our congregation now pay by monthly BACS which also assists us in the budgeting process. All our current services are provided by volunteers i.e. retired clergy, retired children's workers etc.

This year as part of our strategic planning we have set up a reserve business savings account, attracting interest. We are conscious that as our retired clergy get older and as our membership grows, we need to plan for our future – this may include a paid part-time minister or part-time youth worker. £15,000 has been transferred to this account to enable future planning.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil.

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.

All our income comes from voluntary donations from our members and any visitors. We have a donations box set out on a table but do not ask for donations as we view all our donations as voluntary. Some of our members prefer to pay by a monthly BACS. We claim gift aid and have gift aid declaration forms and gift aid envelopes for this purpose.

All our expenditure is used for the enablement of our key objective which is to promote the Christian faith. In view of our generous members, we have easily covered all our expenses.

As stated previously we also give financial support to other Christian organisations, inviting guest preachers from these agencies to speak on their needs.

All expenditure is authorised by trustees and two signatures are required for authorisation.

Section F

Other optional information

We have now been in operation since October 2021 and have been thrilled to see our numbers increase in promoting the Christian faith. We have also seen growth amongst our members in their understanding, knowledge and faithfulness of what it truly means to follow faithfully our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | S. R. Bell | A. S. Poole |
| Full name(s) | Stuart Rodney Bell | Anne Susan Poole |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Trustee / Chair | Trustee / Treasurer |
| Date | 16/06/2025 | |

FELLOWSHIP 345

Charity Number : 1199645

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the period 01/10/23 - 30/09/2024

Section A - Receipts & Payments

| A1 | Receipts | Total | Last year | A2 | Payments | Total | Last year |
|----|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | £ | £ | | | £ | - |
| | Box Donations | 11266.72 | 12701.38 | | Equipment - 2 Bosch Kettles | 165.32 | 109.48 |
| | Donations via BACS | 11419.24 | 3050.00 | | Hire of Hall:October - September | 2580.00 | 1630.00 |
| | Gift Aid | 2956.44 | 2751.51 | | Stationery, Holy Communion Wine & Cups, Paper Cups, Printing etc | 1098.54 | 890.49 |
| | | | | | Public Liability Insurance | 259.82 | 259.82 |
| | | | | | Website | 246.00 | 194.40 |
| | | | | | Unrestricted Charity Donations | 2557.50 | 7279.75 |
| | | | | | DBS Checks | 169.50 | 212.00 |
| | Charity Donations (Restricted) | 7270.64 | 2970.25 | | Charity Donations (Restricted) | 7738.14 | 2970.25 |
| | | | | | Christian Courses & Away Day | 201.57 | 339.53 |
| | | | | | ACE & Evangelical Alliance | 2512.86 | 1250.00 |
| | | | | | Guest Speakers | 475.00 | 60.00 |
| | | | | | Church Copyright Licence | 223.00 | 284.00 |
| | | | | | Refreshments | 456.08 | |
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| | Total Receipts | 32913.04 | 21473.14 | | Total payments | 18683.33 | 15479.72 |
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| A3 | <u>Restricted funds included in total receipts</u> | 7270.64 | A4 | <u>Restricted funds included in total payments</u> | 7738.14 |
| | Total Receipts less Total payments (Surplus / Deficit for the year) | | | | 14229.71 |
| A5 | Total cash funds brought forward from last year | | | | 10486.89 |
| A6 | Total cash funds at year end included in total cash funds above | | | | 24716.60 * |
| A7 | Total restricted funds at year end included in total cash funds above | | | | -467.50 |
| A8 | *£15000 now held in a Lloyds Commercial Bank 95 Day Notice Account Gross Rate p.a. 3.81% variable | | | | |

Section B - Statement of Assets and liabilities at the year end

| B1 | Cash funds | | Total | Last year |
|------|--|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| B1.1 | Final bank balance as per Account Ledger , including uncleared items | | 24716.60 | |
| | Reconciliation of final bank balance from Account Ledger to bank statement | | | |
| | Bank statement total at year end | 9218.27 | | |
| | Plus amounts paid into bank but not cleared | 3616.01 | | |
| | Less cheques written but not cleared | 708.00 | | |
| | Less any cheques uncleared from last year | 0.00 | | |
| | Total (should equal balance at B1.1) | 12126.28 | | |
| B1.3 | Savings / deposit account balance | | 15000.00 | |
| B1.4 | Petty cash in hand | | 0.00 | |
| | TOTAL CASH FUNDS | | 27126.28 | |
| B2 | Investments | | 0.00 | |
| B3 | Other monetary assets | | 0.00 | |
| B4 | Other assets held by Fellowship 345 | Value | Original cost | |
| | Keyboard | | 656.48 | |
| | Banners | | 239.49 | |
| | Kettles | | 87.08 | |
| B5 | Liabilities | Date Due | Amount due | |
| | Payments due immediately but not paid | | 0.00 | |

Signed on behalf of all Fellowship Trustees

Independent financial examiners signature:

Signature Name
 Stuart Bell
 Anne Poole

Signature Name

Date of Approval:

Section C - Notes to the Financial Statement

| C2 | Details of restricted funds | Receipts this year | Payments this year | Balance held at year end |
|----|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | Open Doors - Nigeria / Africa | 2796.24 | 2796.24 | |
| | Open Doors - Nigeria / Africa | 1440.76 | 1440.76 | |
| | Open Doors - Nigeria / Africa | 763.00 | 763.00 | |

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|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Christian Adventure Club - Bibles for schools | 40.00 | 40.00 | |
| Barnabas Aid Pakistan | 1980.64 | 1980.64 | |
| Barnabas Aid Pakistan | 0.00 | 467.50 | Reimbursed by Gift Aid - 16/10/24 |
| Barnabas Aid Pakistan | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| Total | 7270.64 | 7738.14 | -467.50 |

C3 Further details of Fellowship 345 Giving

| Details | Receipts this year | Details | Payments this Year |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Unrestricted Income | | Saint Anne's Jubilee Storehouse - Christmas Giving | 500.00 |
| | | Barnabas Aid - Nigeria | 1000.00 |
| | | Bibles for Children - Sponsorship | 57.50 |
| | | Barnabas Aid - Pakistan | 1000.00 |
| Total receipts from General Fund | 2557.50 | Total payments from General Fund | 2557.50 |

Independent Financial Examiners Report

To the Trustees of Fellowship 345:
Charity Number :1199645

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fellowship 345 for the year ended 3th September 2024.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed: Chris Macey

Date: 12/07/2025

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies:

FCCA



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees /
members of

Fellowship 345

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1199645

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2024.

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 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:

11/07/2025

Name:

Christopher Hywel Macey

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

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants

Address:

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Waunfawr, Aberystwyth

Ceredigion SY23 3QQ

Section B

Disclosure

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.