



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01 05 2024 T Period end date 30 04 2025
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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Churches Together in Stafford & District

Other names charity is known by Love Stafford

Registered charity number (if any) 1200830

Charity's principal address Stafford Baptist Church

Bailey Street

Stafford

Postcode

ST17 4BG

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	Ron Davis	Chair	01/08/24 to 30/04/25	
2	John Marshall	Chair	01/05/24 to 31/7/24	
3	Mark Datson	Treasurer		
4	Samantha Phillips			
5	David Clark			
6	Stephen Harrison			
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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)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	By a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees (Constitution document paragraph 11.1)

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.

In August 2024 our Chair of Trustees stepped down having given notice of doing so a year earlier. During that year as a charity we had identified a new chair of trustees and undergone an intentional handover ensuring that strategic relationships have been maintained and all our stakeholders have been aware of and confident in this transition. As a group of trustees we feel this process has been managed well.

Main risks:

Medium: Reputational risk (mitigated by strong relationships across churches and with the local borough council; clear communications; risk management assessments completed for events).

Low: Financial mismanagement risk (low turnover; multi-factor authentication; two signatories required for bank transactions; minimal petty cash).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is the advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching.

The aim of Love Stafford is to create a unity partnership between churches and Christian organisations that will add value to the wider community of Stafford and the area around it. Love Stafford creates the opportunity for church leaders to

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)

meet monthly for prayer and networking.

Main activities undertaken:

Monthly Prayer meetings attended by local church leaders and Christian organisations.

Organisation of events to support the aim of Love Stafford ie

- Christmas events
- Week of Unity and prayer.
- Easter Events

The trustees of the CIO have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

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.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Monthly prayer meetings for Church Leaders and local organization leads – for prayer and information sharing. This monthly event supports and encourages church leaders and organization leaders in our town.

In November 2024 we arranged and hosted a meeting for church leaders and organization leaders to meet with our MP in a question and answer session.

In January we hosted the Love Stafford Celebration and Mission Market (week of Christian Unity), with speaker Lloyd Cook, from the Saltbox organization in Stoke, with an emphasis on church and community cohesion. This is an annual opportunity to bring churches together and pray and worship together and demonstrate the unity within our town churches. It is always a significant event for church communities.

In March 2025 we arranged and hosted a meeting for church leaders and organization leaders to meet with the leader of Stafford Borough Council in a question and answer session, with particular emphasis on local government reorganization and its implications for the community.

On Good Friday we arranged and hosted a public worship time in the Market Square, attended by 200-250 people representing all the churches of the town and open to shoppers and passers-by, as we recalled this significant day within our Christian faith.

The Executive Team has continued to meet regularly, reviewing the activities of Love Stafford and planning for the future. The email communication network between churches and other organisations has been maintained.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

n/a

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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.

This year's result was an expected net deficit outcome, given that income raised in previous years had not all been spent, and no additional fundraising appeals were made. The charity has sufficient cash holdings to cover activities that may occur in the next financial year.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S.J. Phillips

Full name(s)

SAMANTHA JANE PHILLIPS

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE

Date

30.9.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Churches Together in Stafford & District

No (if any)
1200830

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/05/2024	To	30/04/2025
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Church Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Interest from business account	49	-	-	49	-
Cash from Crematorium services	76	-	-	76	-
Donations received at church leaders breakfast	52	-	-	52	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	277	-	-	277	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	277	-	-	277	-
A3 Payments					
Website Maintenance	61	-	-	61	-
Public Liability Insurance	288	-	-	288	-
Contribution to Churches Linked Across Staffordshire and the Potteries (CLASP)	100	-	-	100	-
Church leader gathering	235	-	-	235	-
Church leaders lunch meeting with local MP	264	-	-	264	-
Christian Unity joint service	229	-	-	229	-
Printing	60	-	-	60	-
Long service recognition	53	-	-	53	-
Purchase of Bibles	105	-	-	105	-
Sub total	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,394	-	-	1,394	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,117	-	-	- 1,117	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,856	-	-	6,856	-
Cash funds this year end	5,739	-	-	5,739	-

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

B1 Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Treasurer's Account	1,204	-	-
Business Account	4,535	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	5,739	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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		-	-
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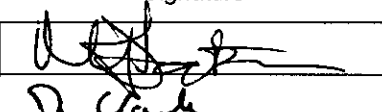

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mark J Datson	29/08/25
	DAVID CLARK	30-9-2025