

Stratford Upon Avon Christadelphian Ecclesia

Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2023

Trustees Annual Report

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity Name: **Stratford-Upon-Avon Christadelphian Ecclesia**

Registered Charity Number: **1201174**

Charity's address: Christadelphian Hall, Rother Street, Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 6LU

Names of the trustees:

For the whole year

David Willey	Secretary
John Vincent	Assistant Secretary
David Ensell	Treasurer
George MacDonald	Assistant Treasurer
Andrew Bramhill	
Richard Harris	
David Simpson	

Section B: Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document: Constitution comprising Articles of Association approved following a vote of members on July 19th 2023 together with procedures adopted on June 6th 2021 following a ballot of members.

The Charity converted from a Company Limited by Guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO no 34014) on July 19th 2023, confirmed by the Charity Commission and Companies House updated on October 24th 2023. It has an annual turnover of over £25,000.

Trustee selection methods: Bi-Annual election by members

Additional information:

The Trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia. They are chosen from members familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia.

The ecclesia is part of a worldwide community of Christadelphians.

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Section C: Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity:

To advance Bible based Christian faith to the glory of God and the honour of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Christadelphian Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith for the benefit of

the Christadelphian community and other members of the public, particularly in and around Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Ways of carrying out these objects

1. Holding of meetings open to the public, for worship, prayer, breaking of bread by Christadelphians and Bible teaching.
2. Preaching to the public through personal engagement, by invitation to special meetings, seminars and seasonal events and other means.
3. Engaging with the local public through the provision of Sunday School and/or youth club and/or other occasional activities.
4. Engaging with the wider Christadelphian community and wider public through periodic collections for charitable needs, including collections for disaster relief.
5. Serving to the extent feasible the pastoral and other welfare needs of the Ecclesia members and others.

With the exception of the meetings of members of the charity known as Ecclesial Members Meetings, all our activities are open to all. No fees are charged. No-one receives private benefits from the charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

Section D: Achievements and performance

The ecclesia began the year with a membership of 46 adult members. During the year three members transferred from other Christadelphian ecclesias and one of our elderly members fell asleep in the Lord. So we ended the year with a total of 48 members. Attendance of members at services and other activities remained healthy, with some taking advantage of Zoom.

Summary of activities

Regular services were held each week for the benefit of our members and others interested to learn about our beliefs. These included a meeting each Sunday morning for the proclamation of the Gospel, followed by the sharing of the bread and wine in memory of our Lord Jesus. A meeting was held each Wednesday for the study of the Bible. Other proclamation meetings were held. A meeting during the Stratford Shakespeare festival was held to consider Shakespeare and his Bible.

There were regular activities for fellowship and recreation. Practical support for our elderly members continued. Activities for young people included a special youth day which attracted a good number teenagers for a day of religious teaching, and social and networking time. Collections and donations for other charities and appeals were made throughout the year including one for the relief of suffering caused by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Section E: Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the attached receipts and payments accounts.

The ecclesia does not have a reserves policy. All funds are held in instant access accounts. The balances in these funds at the end of the year are considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia. Most contributions from the members are made either through bank standing orders or through the weekly box collection, with all tax payers encouraged to make use Gift Aid.

Funds donated specifically for external charities are forwarded to the relevant organisation within three months of the donation.

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Receipts and Payments Statement for the Year to September 2023

Ecclesial Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted				Total
	General Fund £	Preaching Fund £	Building Fund £	Appeals Fund £	External Organisations £	£
Receipts						
Voluntary Sources						
Members Donations	11,437.56	1,605.94		585.00	9,422.87	23,051.37
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	6,098.25					6,098.25
Sale of old chairs			312.77			312.77
Transfer	-1,020.00		1,020.00			0.00
Magazines	118.00					118.00
Transfer	-6,098.25				6,098.25	-
Income From Investments						
COIF Interest	1,337.74					1,337.74
Total Receipts	11,873.30	1,605.94	1,332.77	585.00	15,521.12	30,918.13
Payments						
Utilities	2,735.98					2,735.98
Insurance	1,812.02					1,812.02
Printing, Magazines	1,021.00					1,021.00
Visiting Speakers Expenses	414.50					414.50
Property and Equipment Expenses	1,670.12					1,670.12
Sundries	1,137.95					1,137.95
Preaching		1,214.97				1,214.97
Building Fund			417.00			417.00
Appeals				159.00		159.00
Donations to External Organisation					15,521.12	15,521.12
Total Expenditure	8,791.57	1,214.97	417.00	159.00	15,521.12	26,103.66
Balances transferred from Limited Company						
	13,824.34	936.31	28,789.82	369.50	0.00	43,919.97
Increase / (- Decrease) in Funds for the f	3,081.73	390.97	915.77	426.00	0.00	4,814.47
Closing Balances	16,906.07	1,327.28	29,705.59	795.50	0.00	48,734.44
Represented by						
Nat West Bank Account						11,150.15
COIF Deposit Account						37,404.80
Cash						179.49
						48,734.44

Secretary

David A Willey

Treasurer

David P Ensell



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

Stratford upon Avon Christadelphian Ecclesia

On accounts for the year
ended

30 September 2023

Charity no.:

1201174

Company no.:

CEO 34014

Set out on pages

attached

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30/09/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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:

Date:

27 November 2023

Name:

Michael Ward