

# THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP

England & Wales · Charity number 1202114

## Details

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Other names	THE ARK AND THE ARK FFF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-02-28
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PARTICULAR (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY PROVIDING WORSHIP, PRAYER AND CHRISTIAN TEACHING.

**Activities:** Chrisitan Religious Activites, family services, teaching of the Bible, worship, prayer and bible study.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Barnet

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£19,062	£18,728	-	-
2024-04-30	£14,470	£13,986	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Regina Aide Arionget	Chair	2023-02-28
Anna Mary Atto Sonuga		2023-02-28
Osita Okeke-Aru		2024-02-23
Renita Ninsiima		2023-02-28

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## THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP

### ANNUAL REPORT AND TRUSTEES' STATEMENT

For the year ending January 2026

#### 1. Charity Details

Charity Name: The Ark Family First Fellowship

Charity Structure: Charitable Trust

Registered Address: Watling Community Centre, 145 Orange Hill Rd, Edgware HA8 OTR, United Kingdom. Mobile 07513235985. email info@thearkfff.org.uk.

Reporting Period: February 2025 - January 2026

Trustees: All trustees remained in post; no resignations or new appointments during the year.

The Church meets at The Church congregation meets every Sunday at 10am for fellowship, every week for online bible a teaching on Mondays and also on Fridays for prayers. In addition, the ministry offers Monthly training programs to promote and support family life. These include Parenting Programs or trainings for building healthy family foundations and fostering healthy relationships.

Those who served during this reporting period are:

Mr Olufemi Sonuga - Pastor.

Mrs Anna Sonuga - Assistant Pastor and Safeguarding lead.

Ms Regina Ariongate - Chair board of trustee and Supervisor.

Renita Ninsiima - Youth ministry.

Mr Osita Okekearu - Men and Evangelism ministry

#### 2. Objectives and Activities

The Ark Family First Fellowship exists to strengthen families, support communities, vulnerable individuals, and build resilient communities through scripture-based teaching, pastoral care, and practical support. The charity focuses on families experiencing hardship, including domestic abuse, substance misuse, parental separation, mental health challenges, and financial instability.

All activities are delivered in accordance with the governing document and with full regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

#### 3. Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The Fellowship provides clear public benefit by:

- Supporting vulnerable families to remain stable

- Reducing isolation for individuals with mental health challenges
- Providing practical support to families in financial hardship
- Supporting children and young people through key educational transitions
- Delivering international humanitarian and spiritual support
- Strengthening community cohesion and resilience

## **4. Activities and Achievements**

### **4.1 Family Support and Teaching Programme**

The Fellowship delivered regular family-based teachings rooted in scripture. These teachings helped families understand their challenges, set meaningful goals, and build emotional, spiritual, and financial resilience. Several families at risk of separation remained together, avoiding the negative impact of family breakdown on children's wellbeing.

### **4.2 Mental Health and Community Support**

The Fellowship provided a safe, supportive environment for individuals experiencing mental health difficulties. Through fellowship, pastoral care, and community engagement, the charity reduced isolation, encouraged emotional expression, and helped individuals reintegrate into community life.

### **4.3 Support for Mothers, Children, and New Births**

The Fellowship celebrated new births within the community and supported mothers by providing new-baby care packages, pastoral support, and guidance on accessing health and children's services. This ensured families felt supported during a financially and emotionally demanding period.

### **4.4 Support for Children and Young People**

The Fellowship supported young people at key educational milestones, including GCSE completion, transition to A-levels, and starting university or vocational pathways. Support included mentoring, prayer, encouragement, and guidance for both young people and their parents.

### **4.5 Rehabilitation and Reintegration Support**

The Fellowship supported individuals returning from incarceration by offering pastoral care, reintegration support, and a non-judgmental community. This work continues as part of the Fellowship's commitment to restorative community support.

### **4.6 Seasonal Outreach and Hardship Support**

During Easter and Christmas, the Fellowship provided food parcels, household essentials, gifts for children, and community celebrations. These initiatives ensured families did not have to choose between essential bills and seasonal joy.

#### **4.7 International Mission Work in Uganda**

A significant highlight of this reporting period was the Fellowship's missionary trip to Uganda, which strengthened our three-year virtual church partnership. The mission provided spiritual, practical, and humanitarian support to vulnerable communities.

Key activities included:

- Baptisms and scripture-based teaching
- Support for families experiencing poverty
- Skills development, CV-building, and employment guidance
- Prayer and pastoral care for the sick
- A three-day prayer conference in Gulu attended by 300 people, featuring food distribution, community outreach, baptisms, and trauma-informed spiritual support

Future plans include expanding outreach into hospitals, schools, prisons, and rural villages.

The Acholi people, who have faced decades of war, economic hardship, disease, and low educational attainment, continue to live with the long-term impact of trauma and instability. This mission provided an important opportunity to minister hope, compassion, and practical support to a community that has endured significant suffering.

#### **5. Governance and Leadership**

The Fellowship maintained strong and stable governance throughout the year.

- No trustees resigned or were appointed.
- Monthly leadership meetings oversaw operational matters.
- Quarterly leadership reviews assessed progress and strategic direction.
- Trustees met twice during the year for compliance, financial oversight, and long-term planning.

Trustees and leaders worked collaboratively to maintain accountability, transparency, and alignment with the Fellowship's mission.

#### **6. Financial Review**

Total Income (Feb 2025 - Jan 2026): £19,061.78

Total Expenditure: £18,728.05

Net Position: £333.73 surplus

The Fellowship operated within its means and ended the year with a positive balance. Funds were used to support families, deliver teaching programmes, provide seasonal support, and carry out international mission work.

The trustees are satisfied that the Fellowship remains financially stable.

## **7. Reserves Policy**

The Fellowship aims to maintain a modest reserve to ensure continuity of services and to respond to emergencies affecting vulnerable families. The current year-end balance meets this requirement.

## **8. Plans for the Coming Year**

The Fellowship has set the following strategic objectives:

- Establish a community food bank to support families experiencing food insecurity in the community .
- Establish a family support hub , coffee mornings designed to assist families facing domestic abuse, substance misuse, youth crime, and parental challenges.
- Develop a non-judgmental support environment where families can communicate openly without concerns about stigma and receive balanced, appropriate interventions.
- Foster collaborative partnerships with churches, local councils, mental health services, and counselling providers to deliver comprehensive services for families.
- Expand international mission work in Uganda, including outreach to hospitals, schools, prisons, and villages.
- Strengthen community engagement and continue providing pastoral and practical support.

These objectives reflect the Fellowship' s commitment to addressing the complex needs of families and vulnerable individuals.

## **9. Trustee Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and confirm that it complies with the Charity Commission' s reporting requirements.

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## **THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP CHARITY**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP CHARITY is a local church of THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP in Great Britain. It was registered on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 with Charity Number 1202114.

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Ms Borghetto resigned and replaced by Mr Osita Okekearu.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The activities of THE ARK FAMILY FIRST FELLOWSHIP are overseen by the Leadership of the Church in accordance with the provisions of the Structure of the Church determined and supplemented by the rules of Church.

The Leadership is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of ministry activities .

The leadership gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church at meetings held every quarter.

The members of the Leadership are the ministers in pastoral charge and nominated members who have volunteered and shown dedication and commitment to serve the congregation and the community .

#### Church Meeting.

There is no limit on the number of consecutive periods of service.

The members of the Leaders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders.

The Trustees met twice on 02.2024 & 07.03.2024 while the Church Leadership Meeting met quarterly.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

As a local congregation, we seek to advance Christian values and principles through our activities; facilitating programs geared towards building and supporting families ,strengthening communities .

Our objects are described more specifically in our mission statement as *"We are on a mission to build strong, healthy, resilient, supportive families and communities that enjoy family life and in turn strengthen the community and positively impact society"*.

The Church Leadership is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church.

The Leadership believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- Preserving the institution of the family by promoting principles that build healthy , resilient families by offering Relationship ,Parenting and community support
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and the community as a whole.

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The ministry held 8 Family Outreach Programs online to support mothers , father with parenting, to create awareness by holding discussions around domestic violence , mental health , finances, identity and also celebrated Mother's and Father's Day , Children and Youth Day, International Family Day .

In 52 Bible Studies, 50 Prayer Meetings , 52 Sunday Services , 12 Thanksgiving Services, 8 Ladies' Nights fellowship meetings

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity has relied solely on financial donations through offerings and refundable advanced purchases from members for running costs.

For example, the Pastor purchased the technical equipment's , instruments including drum kit, speakers , microphones , laptops to the total of £5000

Other funds that came in through donations were used for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual anniversary celebration on 15.04.2024.

Payments for the instrumentalists for the annual period ... £250 per meeting

Payments for monthly subscriptions include.

Zoom -£24.47

Easy worship - £13.49

Spotify -£11.99

Bank charges -

Phone Giffgaff - £10

Instrumentalist -

Trustees Safeguarding Training by Thirty oneeight - **£150.00**

Ionos website hosting- £50.40

**Additional payments:**

Venue hire - £129.50 per week x 52 = £6,734

Anniversary celebrations - **£2132.53**

Back to school community initiative - £250

Christmas Hampers to vulnerable and less privileged Families in the congregation - £670

**Designated Funds:**

Funds totalling £1975 were raised by members for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration and used accordingly for hire of the instrumentalists and musicians , decoration and hosting guests for lunch at a restaurant .

The Christmas hamper drive is designated to give food and gifts to the families in the congregation

**2024-2025:**

Funds will be reserved towards

- publicity of the church and its ministry objectives .
- Initiation and facilitation of foodbank project or soup kitchen in the Burnt Oak area

- Hire of venue for In person outreach training programs to impact the community
- Facilitation of a Youth social project
- A men's social project

### ANNUAL SUMMARY 2023-2024

01<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>

<b>Month</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Total money in</b>	<b>Total money out</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>
June	£0.00	£127.00	£00.00	£127.00
July	£127.00	£287	£0.00	£414
August	£414.00	£1,907.50	£1,719.47	£602.03
September	£602.03	£1,281.00	£1,777.76	£105.27
October	£105.27	£1,657.33	£793.36	£969.24
November	£969.24	£840.67	£1,542.54	£267.37
December	£267.37	£1,914.35	£2,181.21	£0.51
January 2024	£0.51	£1,185.35	£1,051.16	£134.70
February	£134.70	£1,314.92	£1,257.61	£192.01
March	£192.01	£1,449.85	£1,381.24	£260.62
April	£260.62	£2,504.90	£2,281.43	£484.09
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£14,469.87</b>	<b>£13,985.78</b>	<b>£484.09</b>