

## **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.

The Church meets at Watling Community Centre, 145 Orange Hill Rd, Edgware HA8 0TR, United Kingdom. Mobile 07513235985. email info@thearkfff.org.uk.

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.

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>

Month	Opening Balance	Total money in	Total money out	Closing Balance
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>