



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from April 2023 to April 2024

Charity Name: The Place Church

Charity Registration Number: 1202343

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Christian faith in particular (but without limitation) by providing worship, prayer and Christian teaching; and the relief of persons who are in need, particularly those who are vulnerable and marginalised from society for reasons of age, disability, ill-health, financial or other disadvantage by the provision of funds, items or practical support.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The church met regularly on Sundays for our main worship between 3pm and 5pm. Weekly bible studies were held on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, also available for people to join on Zoom. Additional bible studies were held fortnightly on Thursday nights. We also held regular Tuesday prayer meetings on Zoom. During the Advent and Lent seasons, we held weekly meetings using printed study materials specially prepared for the seasons. These meetings were free and open to whoever wished to attend. During these seasons we held special Christmas and Easter parties/meals open to all who wished to attend. All meetings are publicised on our website, through printed invitations and by word of mouth. Children and Young People's work were carried out during our Sunday meetings by qualified members of the church.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees met four times during the period to review the performance of the Charity: financial review, safeguarding and food safety regulations and training, community relations and working in partnerships with other local charities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not currently carry out any such investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity does not currently have any employees. The entire work of the Charity is carried out on volunteer basis by its trustees and members of the church.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our regular Sunday and weekly meetings provide the platform for people who attend to express their worship to God, develop close friendships with people, receive biblical teachings, share meals and give feedback on how their faith is reflected in their relationships and life's works. These meetings are also fostering a healthy sense of community, helping members to receive support, when needed, and also offer support to others within the church and wider community. During the year, we ensured that all trustees and people who work with children and young people were DBS certified. They also attended a certified training provided by <i>thirtyone:eight</i>. All our food handlers also attended a certification training on food safety. The church is involved in food collection and distribution to some of its members and some immigrants within the wider Elmbridge community as they try to integrate. During the Christmas of 2023, we worked in collaboration with the charity <i>Weybridge CAN</i> to sponsor and distribute hampers to some immigrants in Elmbridge. Most of these were immigrants from Ukraine. The hampers were very well received, and we will be doing more in 2024, as we have identified more people who need them. One of the other areas of work we carry out with immigrants is through our Friendship programme. Certified leaders have continued to come alongside immigrant families to help them settle and integrate into the community. During the year the church became a member of Churches Together in Weybridge. We also worked with the Weybridge Methodist church to organise an all-age Easter service.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising activities carried out during the period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investments carried out during the period.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was in a healthy financial position at the end of the period. The accounts have been audited and audit report received by the trustees.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has a working document: "How We Handle Money". The document captures policies, practices and procedures relating to the finances of The Place Church and its reserves policy. It is the policy of The Place Church to keep an amount in the general fund that equates to between three and six months of expected general expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£24,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity is funded from contributions made by its volunteers and members of the church.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We have public liability insurance, and the trustees are not aware of any risks currently facing the charity.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		The CIO has power to do anything which is calculated to further its Objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed for a term of five years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the Spiritual Leadership, in line with the Constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Mandatory documents used for training trustees include the <i>Constitution of The Place Church</i> , <i>Safeguarding Policy of The Place Church</i> , and <i>How we Handle Money</i> . The other documents are <i>The Essential Trustee</i> (provided by The Charity Commission) and <i>Guide to Churches on Spiritual Leadership and Trustees</i> (provided by Stewardship UK). Trustees have also been encouraged to attend webinars run by The Charity Commission.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The spiritual leadership team is headed by the Pastor and met regularly to plan worship meetings, bible studies and other spiritual matters. The church works closely with other local churches under the umbrella of Churches Together in Weybridge.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Place Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202343
Charity's principal address	9 Monument Road Weybridge Surrey KT13 8QX

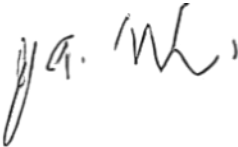
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Anthony Newton	Chair of Trustees	Whole year	
2	Yaabari Anthony Uebari	Pastor	Whole year	
3	David Shing Shee Li		Whole year	
4	Teong Kiat Ong		Whole year	
5	Wiebeke Mai Newton		Whole year	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	John Anthony Newton	Yaabari Anthony Uebari
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Pastor
Date	17 January 2025	

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 5th April 2024

	£
Income	
Donations	30,227.02
Other Income	115.54
Total Income	30,342.56
Expenditure	
Operating Expenses	1,809.20
Charitable Activities	2,990.00
Other Charges	40.00
Total Expenditure	4,839.20
Surplus fund Carried Forward	25,503.36

Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended 5th April 2024

Fixed Assets	-
Current Assets	
Bank	25,503.36
Net Assets	25,503.36
Total Charity Fund	25,503.36