

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from April 2024 to April 2025

Charity Name: The Place Church

Charity Registration Number: 1202343

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity

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

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. 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.

Trustees' confirmation of compliance with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit

The trustees met three 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.

Policy on social investment including program related investment

We do not currently carry out any such investments.

Contribution made by volunteers

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.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity

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 also foster a healthy sense of community, help 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.

The church was 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 2024, we worked in collaboration with the charity *Weybridge CAN* to sponsor and distribute hampers to some immigrants in Elmbridge. A number of these were immigrants from Ukraine. The hampers were very well received, and we will be doing more in 2025, 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 continued to work with other churches in the community, as a member of Churches Together in Weybridge, to promote Christian unity and organise activities that benefit the community.

Performance of fundraising activities

No fundraising activities carried out during the period.

Investment performance

No investments carried out during the period.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The expenditure during the period was £12,605.26 and income during the period was £8,824.43. However, the trustees see no reason for concern, given the healthy financial position at the end of the period. The amount held in reserves at the end of the period was £22,107.53.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

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.

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The charity's principal sources of funds

The charity is funded from contributions made by its volunteers and members of the church.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity

We have public liability insurance, and the trustees are not aware of any risks currently facing the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

How is the charity constituted

The charity is a CIO

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

CIO Foundation Constitution

Trustee selection methods

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Mandatory documents used for training trustees include the *Constitution of The Place Church*, *Safeguarding Policy of The Place Church*, and *How we Handle Money*. The other documents are *The Essential Trustee* (provided by The Charity Commission) and *Guide to Churches on Spiritual Leadership and Trustees* (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

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.

Reference and Administrative details

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
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)

	
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Full name(s)

John Anthony Newton	Yaabari Anthony Uebari
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Position

Chair of Trustees	Pastor
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Date

02 February 2026

The Place Church

Financial Statement for 06 April 2024 to 05 April 2025

Income	
Donations	£8,273
Bank Interest	£551
Total income for the period	£8,824
Expenditure	
Rents	£6,135
Authorised Expenses Claims	£5,560
Other (incl. Insurance, Licences)	£910
Total Expenditure	£12,605

Notes

1. All expense claims are paid from the Charity's bank account by the Treasurer after authorisation by two trustees in accordance with the Charity's claims procedure.
2. Total reserves at the end of the year amounted to £22,107.
3. Although expenses exceeded income during the year, the trustees noted the ample reserves are see no cause for concern.