

THE CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE

England & Wales · Charity number 242098

Details

Other names	CIL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1965-09-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL BASIS OF FAITH IN ISOLATION, AND THEIR CHILDREN.

Activities: The spiritual support and welfare of members of the Christadelphian community, their children and anyone interested in their beliefs throughout the world by means of newsletters, Bible Studies, lessons for children, exhortations - all delivered by post or email.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL

- Albania
- Antigua And Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Benin
- Botswana
- Bulgaria
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Ecuador
- Estonia
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Hong Kong
- Hungary

- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Kazakhstan
- Kenya
- Latvia
- Lebanon
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Lithuania
- Macedonia
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Panama
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia

- Rwanda
- Saudi Arabia
- Scotland
- Serbia
- Seychelles
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- St Lucia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- The Bahamas
- The Gambia
- Togo
- Trinidad And Tobago
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- United States
- Vanuatu
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£78,926	£137,738	-	-
2023-12-31	£240,251	£147,043	-	-
2022-12-31	£119,076	£134,437	-	-
2021-12-31	£102,958	£115,884	-	-
2020-12-31	£96,483	£116,848	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID BEZANT FCCA		2018-01-13
DAVID HARVEY		
Rebekah Fifield		2019-01-01

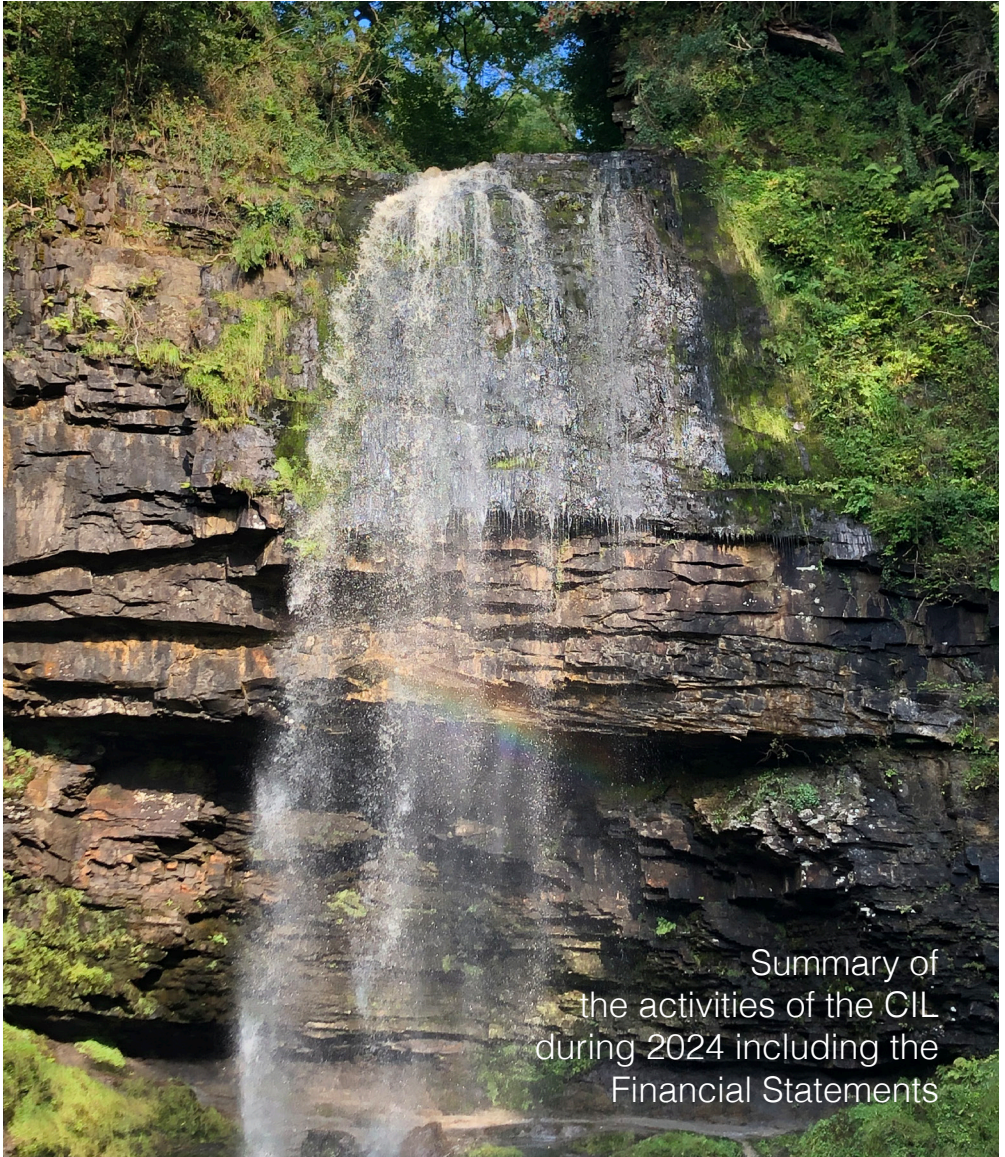
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Annual Report of the

CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE 2024



Summary of
the activities of the CIL
during 2024 including the
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A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Christadelphian Isolation League (known as the CIL) is a registered charity whose number is 242098.

The address for official correspondence is that of:

The Secretary,
47 Norwich Road,
Wymondham,
Norfolk, NR18 0SH

Trustees

The following are the current Trustees who have been appointed by the Management Committee and who have acted throughout the Report Year:

David Bezant
David Harvey
Rebekah Fifield

Principal Advisors

The addresses of the CIL's bankers and independent examiner are:

Principal Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd,
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner:

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The CIL is a society governed by a constitution and managed by a Committee whose details are listed on pages 23 and 24 of this report. The members of the Management Committee are elected each year by ecclesial representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the CIL.

The Trustees are appointed by the Management Committee.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees and Committee have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on providing a Public Benefit.

The primary aim of the CIL is the spiritual welfare of the members of the Central Christadelphian community. In supporting and encouraging them this has benefits for the wider community in which they live in that the aim is to promote Christ-like behaviour towards all.

Anyone who comes into contact with a Christadelphian and would like to learn more of their beliefs and is unable to attend a Christadelphian meeting place is eligible to receive the services of the CIL. The ones that are most suitable are first principle Bible studies, Sunday School lessons and, where appropriate, Braille material.

Available Services and Activities

The services offered include the following:

- Regular Correspondence
- Sunday School Lessons and Magazines
- Weekly Exhortations
- Monthly Lectures
- Weekly Bible Study Papers
- Braille Magazines, Books and Correspondence
- CIL Meet – Online Meeting Service
- Recordings Library

The Secretary makes arrangements for any of these services to be provided on request and welcomes offers of help, particularly for the Correspondence Section and the Sunday School.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Details of the activities of the Christadelphian Isolation League (CIL) for 2024 are contained in pages 4 to 12 of this report.



Introduction – *Stephen Fifield*

By the time you read this Donald Trump should have been inaugurated as president of the USA. Who would have thought it possible? We need to remember none of this is in our control. God puts men in these positions. We do not know why but must marvel at the outworking of God's purpose.

The Prophecy of Daniel showed the conflict between the kingdom of men and the kingdom of God. The assurance we have is that God rules in the kingdom of men, and ultimately, He will prevail over the pride and arrogance of men and establish His Kingdom (Daniel 2:44). Nebuchadnezzar was like men today, filled with an inflated sense of his own importance, glorying in human achievement (Daniel 4:30), seeing the nations in human form (Daniel 2:31).

The image spoke to Nebuchadnezzar of human power and dominion. Daniel's vision saw the nations from the divine perspective – wild beasts of the earth rending one another in their desire to achieve supremacy.

We can be assured wherever we find ourselves in the world, alone in isolation, whatever is happening, we know God is at work and will bring to pass all that He has promised, the establishment of His Kingdom.



Exhortation Section – *Roderick Titley*

The CIL exhortation section continues to source exhortations for those brethren and sisters in isolation, relying on the commitment of approximately one hundred and fifty brethren who contribute material every three years. These exhortations are available in not only English but also in a number of other languages, ably translated by a group of dedicated brothers and sisters who quietly work behind the scenes. This has brought with it a number of translation issues, particularly English idioms and phrases that we, as English speakers, find easy to understand but can be difficult to translate

into other languages. Because of this, brethren who contribute material are requested to write in simple, straightforward sentences with the aim of making the job of translation easier and in the majority of cases this is achieved. So let us continue to pray for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ when different languages will no longer be a problem because God will, “turn to the people a pure language that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent” (Zephaniah 3:9).



Bible Study Section – *Stephen Lockyer*

Another year has flown by. The team has continued to support our brethren and sisters in isolation, by distributing weekly Bible studies. These are sent in a number of formats, including large print and Braille. Thus, they represent a valuable resource for the wider community; isolation can take many forms. The work has continued uninterrupted during the past year and our thanks go to all who have shared in this labour of love; those who provide the studies, those who prepare them for printing, those who print and distribute. And not forgetting those who translate into other languages, making them understandable for those who have not only a different tongue, but also a different cultural background; they give the sense, so that the people understand the reading (Neh 8:8).



The programme for 2025 follows the same format as previous years, giving a mix of study across Old and New Testaments and covering a wide range of different topics, aligned where possible with the Daily Reading Plan. We are already well into this programme. The extent of the work involved in preparing the papers for distribution means we must work quite far in advance. Those providing the studies for January 2025, for example, were required to submit them during August 2024. Thanks again to all who share in this work, and to our Heavenly Father for his continuing blessing upon it.



Lecture Section – *Mark Titley*

This year the theme of the lectures is 'In the Kingdom' where the ambition has been to provide a series of papers that bring into focus the wonder of GOD's promised Kingdom on this earth. Titles such as 'Justice in the Kingdom' and 'Service in the Kingdom' aim to strengthen us all while we wait, in showing the stark contrast between the dire state of the world today and the coming righteousness of GOD's Kingdom.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren who have written papers to date and those that have agreed to write in the future. Sharing their hopes and visions of the future age is something I pray will comfort all those who read the lecture papers, wherever they might be in the world and in whatever situation they find themselves in. My thanks also go to those that translate the papers and the work that goes into packing and posting them out to recipients.

We pray that the return of Christ is very soon and that the calamities of this age are brought to an end by our Saviour Jesus Christ as he rules from a Jerusalem at peace.'



Sunday School – *Ben Clarke*

During 2024, 40 youngsters attended Youth Week at new accommodation in Somerset. The studies were led by Brother Nathan Walker on the theme



 Youth Week 2024

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“The Second Exodus?”. Those who attended the week found it very profitable and a lot of new friendships were formed. Looking forward to 2025, In February, Bro Nathan Walker is due to lead our studies at a reunion on 21st - 23rd February at The Boundless Outdoor Centre. In August Bro Nicholas White is leading our studies at another new venue (Llanmadoc) in South Wales for a full week. Bookings for both will be going out shortly. A big thank you to Bro Chris and Sis Laura Parkin and Bro Phil and Sis Jayne Crossley who continue to help us novices in leading the time away we have with our youngsters.

There have been a couple of new CIL Sunday School students who have joined in the last couple of months. It is encouraging that when people are thinking about their children that conversations they are having within the brotherhood is pointing them in the right direction. We thank our many teachers who continue their dedicated work in teaching the young in the Way of Life. During the course of the year we have once again been pleased to hear of a few baptisms of our students and we thank our Heavenly Father we have been able to help those young people find the way of salvation.

The statistics for the Sunday School (as of 3rd September) are as follows:

	Home	Overseas
Teachers	29	11
Students	49	27



Braille Section – Philip & Ruth Noakes

CIL Braille magazines are sent all over the world as well as providing the weekly Exhortations and Bible Studies along with monthly Lectures replicating the printed material. In addition, Large Print CIL papers are available for which we have 6 recipients. Our other resource is the Braille Library (190 volumes) held at Olivet, Birmingham comprising Bibles, Christadelphian book resources and hymn books. There is a small library at Mbengwi, Cameroon, but this area is in the middle of the civil war and its status has not been verified since early 2019.

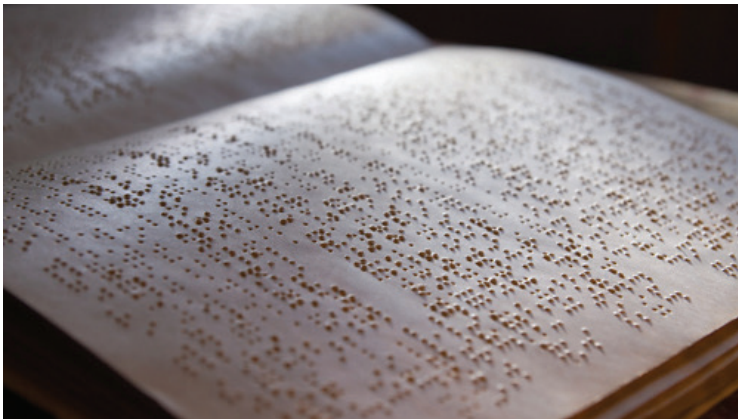
Two long serialisations continue in the monthly magazines, viz.: “Israel - Land and People of Destiny” in The Light and “God’s Living Word” in Gleanings.

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We continue to ask if you know anyone who reads braille and is interested in the Bible to offer them the bi-monthly “Gleanings” magazine, and also be aware of the Large Print copies of **CIL** papers which are a service we can readily switch on and off as the need arises. Large Print is on yellow paper, which increases the contrast for those with a degree of visual impairment.

The dependable work of all the team is greatly appreciated. Although we rarely hear back from recipients we are committed to providing these materials as a reliable source of encouragement in spiritual matters.

The Scottish Braille Press (part of Sight Scotland) continues to provide a reliable, quality service to us transcribing and printing the magazines for which we are very grateful.



Braille Section Statistics

Braille material goes to 11 countries in Africa (Egypt, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) - 138 copies (We have recommenced sending 2 copies to Cameroon).

2 countries in the Americas (Bahamas & USA) - 8 copies.

5 countries in other overseas countries (Bangladesh, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka) - 38 copies.

United Kingdom (England only) - 3 copies.

Print runs: The Light - 176, Gleanings -183. Braille Section workers are 6.



Ireland – Stephen Fifield

Visits to Ireland have continued during 2024 with brethren and sister being present for 75% of the Sundays and CIL Meet Zoom meetings being held the other weeks. We have this year started weekend visits which have proved very beneficial, as even though these are short visits they are face to face which supports the spiritual welfare of those in Dublin and in Isolation in Ireland. A week visit entails presiding, possibly exhorting twice on a Sunday, and looking after the Bible class together with any other meetings arranged during the stay.

Those who go over for longer periods of time have been able to visit those in Isolation. We aim to maintain contact with those in isolation by visiting them in person, at least once a month. It may not be appreciated that a visit of two to three weeks may involve travelling nearly 1700 miles through visiting those in Isolation and the ecclesias at Belfast and Waterford. The distances from Dublin are all 2 to 4-hour journeys. Sometimes you can try to link visits to reduce the travel, but this does not always work out! Work in Ireland is not without difficulties and yes, it is tiring but it is beneficial and uplifting to all involved. Frequently, Brethren & Sisters who spend time in Dublin finish their visit by expressing how they have enjoyed the fellowship in the precious Hope we share together.



Recordings Library / Listening Panel – Cedric & Esther Shearn

2024 has been another really quiet year, we have not loaned any tapes or CD's and have only sold 30 CD's. We continue to upload new material as and when it has been through the vetting process. The website continues to be made good use of and is the main source of use.

The listening panel is working well, but as previously any additional members residing in West Yorkshire would be most helpful. The task involves listening to content and quality of addresses and sound reproduction and noting on a suitable form. There seems to be no call for the loan or sale of cassette tapes, we have therefore decided that from early 2025 we will no longer offer cassette tape recordings as part of the service. As always we are on the lookout for suitable good quality recordings, cassette tapes, CD/DVD or audio and video files. Please contact us if you have any recordings that we could use.



Central Records – *Mark Webb*

The main work of the Central Records Section is to maintain a database of recipients and workers so that labels can be produced for the distribution of various printed items of **CIL** material. These labels are obtained using the information stored in a computer database. The records stored are for those that receive the printed services of the league and those that work for the League (All exhortations, lectures and bible studies are also available on the Isolation league website).

Most of the labels printed are for distribution of Lectures, Exhortations, and Bible Study papers in both English and Russian languages. Labels are printed for the material sent out directly from the UK by the distribution teams in South Wales. The records are updated regularly from information that is received by letter, telephone and predominantly email. This resulted in around 270 changes being made during 2024. The number of recipients continues to fall, this has been influenced by brethren and sisters obtaining services directly from the website, overseas authorities charging import duties on material and many that joined during the coronavirus no longer requiring **CIL** exhortations. It has also been reported that some Russian material has been returned, having been open by the authorities.

GDPR rules introduced in 2019 continue to govern the handling of **CIL** data. Since a large proportion of the League's expenses is in postal charges, it is essential that any known changes of addresses are reported as quickly as possible. Changes should be notified directly to the Central Records Section.

League Literature and Services are provided in the following overseas countries:

Antigua, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkino Faso, Canada, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St Lucia, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tobago, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Central Records Statistics

Group	Workers	Recipient	English Lectures	English Exhort	English B/Study	Russian Exhort	Russian B/Study
1 UK	104	149	55	133	95	0	0
2 Overseas	13	689	663	726	736	1	1
3 Russian	0	213	0	0	0	210	212
Grand Total	117	1051	718	859	831	211	213



Website – Matt Barton

The website CIL Website (www.isolationleague.org) has been kept up to date with our latest articles, and has Exhortations, Lectures and Bible Studies going back to 2002. We also host the recordings of hymns by the Northern Christadelphian Choir, 139 of which are translated into Farsi. The Daily Readings (audio & text) are available in English and Farsi on our website as part of the CIL Recordings Library of over 4,000 talks.

We also have integrations with popular social media so it is easy to find links to our latest material, the daily readings and exhortations that might relate to the daily readings. These are available via email which was changed to a new email distribution service this year. There are also translations of Exhortations in French, Farsi, Russian and Swahili as PDF downloads, as well as some Lectures in French.

During 2024, a small team worked on French, Farsi, Polish & Russian translation of the website as a whole (with Swahili completed using machine translation). This work is ongoing but should result in a multi-lingual website in 2025, God Willing.

Website Statistics for 2024 (as of 24th November)

- Articles – 3,208
- Registered users – 1,514
- Users accessing the website per month (average) – 489
- Users accessing the website during 2024 – 1,206
- Hymn Recordings downloaded – 27,437
- Recordings Library Downloads – 19,507

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Social Media Statistics for 2024 (as of 9th December)

Main Facebook Page	1,107 Followers
Daily Readings Facebook Page	36 Followers
Instagram	64 Followers
Whatsapp Daily Readings & Updates	26 Group Members
Whatsapp Farsi Daily Readings	131 Group Members
Telegram Updates	7 Subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings	11 Subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings Exhortations	8 Subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings in Farsi	47 Subscribers
BlueSky	1 Follower
X (formally known as Twitter)	56 Followers
YouTube (Daily Readings in English & Farsi)	16 Subscribers
Spotify (Daily Readings in English)	134 Followers
Spotify (Daily Readings in Farsi)	6 Followers
Spotify (Daily Readings in Farsi)	12 followers
Follow.it Daily Readings by email	163 Followers
Follow.it Daily Readings Exhortations by email	254 Followers
Follow.it Updates by email	462 followers



CIL Meet – *Matt Barton*

Our online meeting service, CIL Meet, provides Zoom, Google Meet and Teams access to ecclesias and other Christadelphian Organisations, with a simple access mechanism to run meetings using these platforms, and is in use around the world.



During 2024 we made freephone dial-in available on all CIL Meet rooms and created a free dial-out capability for all CIL Meet Rooms (so members could be added in by phoning them). One recording brother wrote “We’ve had an elderly couple join us who, through old age and ill health have been housebound for several years. They have been using CDs for exhortations. They do not have the internet and are not technically minded. We tried calling them in and it worked a treat. They were absolutely delighted to be able to participate in a meeting for the first time in several years.”

CIL Meet Statistics for 2024 (as of 24th November)

110 Ecclesias / Organisations on CIL Meet (up 16)
21,772 Meetings hosted
9,932 Participants spent a total of 8,410,845 minutes in meetings
53,158 Minutes of automatically translated captions used in 754 meetings
13 Freephone Numbers consuming 83,688 minutes of calls into Meetings

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SOME MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION FROM ISOLATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

"I would like to say how much our small ecclesia appreciates the exhortations translated into Farsi which we use often throughout the year when we do not have a speaker."

"Our thanks to you for the Zoom facility which has been and continues to be an excellent help. Made easier with your support so thanks for that."

"Many thanks for all that you do on behalf of The Brotherhood. It is a wonderful work."

"It has been such a boon having the phoning facility. Now one of our sisters attends Bible Class every week, which she has never done before. Thank you so much for all the amazing work you all do at the CIL"

"Receiving the daily readings direct to my email address is a great feature"

"Getting the Daily email means I look forward to doing the Readings- it is a daily contact and reminder... These personal touches are what are sadly fast disappearing these days.....I know they are automatically sent; but it doesn't seem that way to folks on their own... it's a little bit of 'contact', and a welcome reminder in these difficult days..."

"I was recently released from prison, all praise and thanks to God, I thank you and all at the Christadelphian Isolation League, for all of the wonderful literature you sent to me these past years, they have helped me a lot in my spiritual growth."

E. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities of the **CIL** for 2024 and the Balance Sheet at the 31 December 2024, together with associated explanatory notes, are given on pages 16-20 of this report.

Total Income

Total income fell by over £161,000 in the year largely due to a one- off £125,000 donation to assist with the costs in maintaining the flat in Dublin last year, coupled with an overall reduction in ecclesial and legacy donations of around £31,000.

Total Expenditure

Total expenditure from these funds saw a fall of 6.3%, of which the largest factor for this was a £10k CBM grant made last year which hadn't been requested by CBM in this financial year.

General Fund

The General fund is the fund through which all the regular services of the **CIL** are paid. The major costs remain postage, printing, stationery and costs associated with hosting virtual meetings. Due to the above factors, the fund showed a deficit of £17,572 compared to a surplus of £1,981 for 2023.

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund finances most of the costs associated with less regular expenditure of the **CIL** e.g. equipment purchases, pastoral visits and Youth Week. This year saw a reported deficit of £27,991 as opposed to a deficit of £38,392 in 2023. The Committee has continued their commitment to using these funds as best as they can to help those in Isolation.

The Eire flat is funded through **CIL** donations along with collections and donations from the local area. This year saw a deficit of £13,249 for the period compared to a surplus of £129,618 in 2023 due to a one off donation from a building sale in that year.

Total Balances

The total balances at the end of the year decreased by £58,812 to £317,015.

Reserves Policy

The CIL does not have a formal reserves policy but the balances which are held in instant access accounts are such that they would meet the normal expenditure of the League for at least 12 months.

The committee would like to thank all ecclesias and individuals who have financially supported the CIL so generously during the year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the enclosed Report.

On behalf of the Trustees,

David Harvey (Secretary)

27 February 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE

I report on the accounts of the Christadelphian Isolation League for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am

INDEPENDANT EXAMINER'S REPORT

qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

Date: 27 February 2025

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

SECTION A. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Restricted Funds Eire Flat	Unrestricted Funds General	Legacy	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Generated Funds						
Ecclesial Donations			38,372		38,372	65,989
Individual Donations inc Tax		798	12,676		13,474	10,791
Legacies					0	3,815
Investment Income			9,353		9,353	2,655
Charitable Activities						
Other Income	3	17,728			17,728	157,000
Total Incoming Resources		<u>18,525</u>	<u>60,401</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,926</u>	<u>240,251</u>
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities	4	31,774	73,470	27,991	133,235	140,895
Publicity and Administration Costs	4		4,503		4,503	6,147
Total Resources Expended		<u>31,774</u>	<u>77,973</u>	<u>27,991</u>	<u>137,738</u>	<u>147,043</u>
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers		-13,249	-17,572	-27,991	-58,812	93,208
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		<u>-13,249</u>	<u>-17,572</u>	<u>-27,991</u>	<u>-58,812</u>	<u>93,208</u>
Total Funds						
Brought forward 1 January 2024		142,110	96,090	137,627	375,827	282,619
Carried forward 31 December 2024	£	<u>128,861</u>	<u>78,518</u>	<u>109,636</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>375,827</u>

SECTION B. BALANCE SHEET

		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total This Year £	Total Last Year £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets				0	0
				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Fixed Assets				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0	2,396	2,396	1,460
Investment (Short Term)			173,912	173,912	167,913
Cash at Bank		0	140,707	140,707	207,703
Total Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>377,077</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0	0	0	1,250
Net Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>375,826</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds					
D.E.A.F. Section		-		0	0
Eire Flat		128,861		128,861	142,110
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund			78,518	78,518	96,090
Legacy Fund			109,636	109,636	137,627
Total Funds		<u>128,861</u>	<u>188,154</u>	<u>317,015</u>	<u>375,826</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

David Harvey

David Bezan

27 February 2025

SECTION C. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The CIL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

2. Accounting Policies

Income – Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. Tax reclaims on donations are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate. Investment income (bank interest) is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure – All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading those aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets – All expenditure on equipment costing less than £1,000 is written off in the year of purchase.

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Other Income		
Eire Flat	17,728	157,000
Total	17,728	157,000

4. Analysis of Resources Expended

(see pie-chart overleaf)

	This Year £	Last Year £
Charitable Activities		
Bible Studies	10,236	11,806
Braille Material	7,913	8,017
Books, Annual Reports & Correspondence	876	1,840
Exhortations	10,236	11,758
Lectures	2,362	2,713
Sunday School & CIL Material	9,433	9,003
Website	4,560	4,715
Virtual Meetings	27,682	20,065
Overseas Distribution	172	487
Grants	500	11,483
Youth Week	11,491	14,724
Eire Flat	47,774	44,282
Total	133,235	140,895

Publicity & Administration Costs

Printing, Postage & Stationery	3,662	4,791
Miscellaneous	0	47
Equipment	176	356
Insurance	551	551
Bank Charges	114	172
Reimbursed Donation Error	0	230
Total	4,503	6,147

5. Details of Trustees' Expenses

During the year 0 reimbursements were paid to trustees or committee members for travel expenses totalling £0. Last year 0 members were reimbursed £0.

In neither year were any fees paid to the independent examiner.

6. Debtors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Debtors		
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aids	2,396	1,460
Total	2,396	1,460

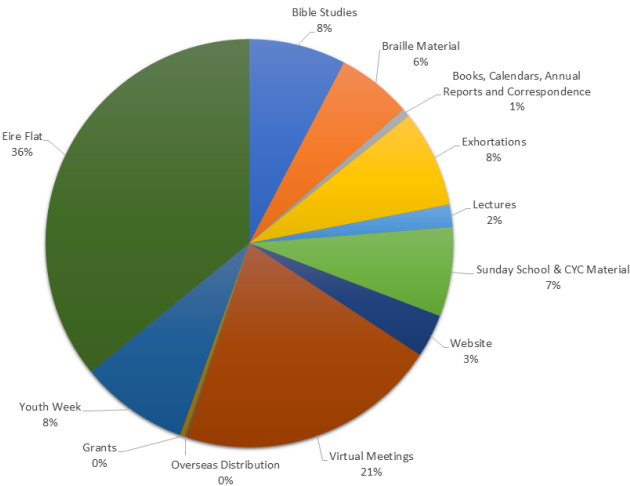
7. Creditors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Creditors		
Printing and Distribution costs	0	924
Virtual Meetings	0	162
Website	0	164
Total	0	1,250

8. Employees

The Christadelphian Isolation League does not employ any staff and all work is undertaken by volunteers.

Resources Expended 2024



AREAS AND AREA SECRETARIES

Note: *Where contact details are not provided, these can be found in the 2024 CALS Diary.*

SOUTH WEST	Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Bro. T. M. Willey
SOUTH	Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Isles	Sis. (Mrs) M. Ford
NORTH LONDON	Oxford, Bucks, Suffolk, Herts, Essex, Northants, Nth. London, Beds. and Sth. Cambs.	Contact League Secretary pro tem.
SOUTH EAST	Berkshire, Kent, W & E Sussex, Surrey and South London	Sis. J. Hayles
WEST OF ENGLAND	Bristol, Somerset, Wiltshire, Hereford, and Gloucestershire	Bro. C. Jannaway
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NORTH EAST	Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear, Yorkshire	Contact League Secretary pro tem.

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SCOTLAND	All areas except Lothian and the Borders	Bro. L. Yuile
	Lothian and the Borders	Sis. (Mrs) B. Haines
IRELAND	Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland	Bro. S. Fifield

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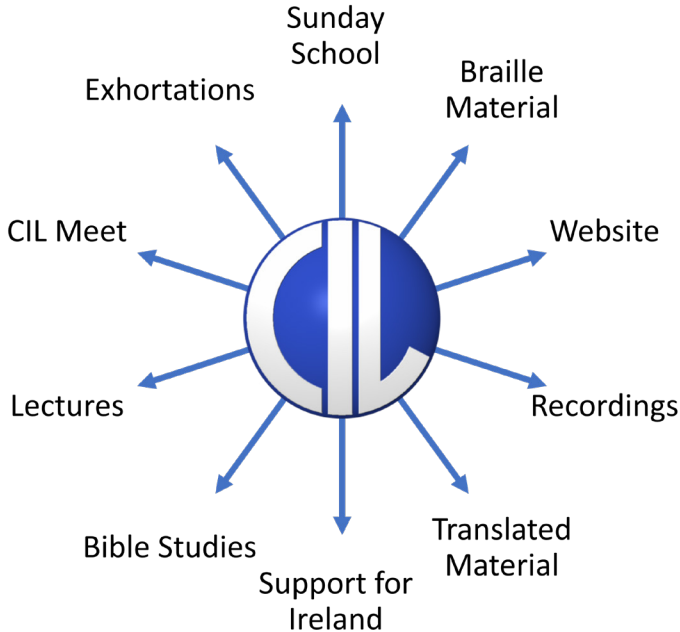
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Caring for our isolated Brothers and Sisters by Cooperating In Love

The Isolation League Provides:



To request any of these services please contact the
Isolation League Secretary: Bro. David Harvey
47 Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0SH
Tel: 01953 602424 e-mail: secretary@isolationleague.org

Donations can be made by arrangement with the
Isolation League Treasurer: Bro. David Bezant
17 Saxon Street, Burton on Trent, Staffs. DE 15 9RL
Tel: 07957 991216 e-mail: treasurer@isolationleague.org

Website

The Isolation League Website is a resource for all Brothers and Sisters. New Exhortations and Studies are added weekly, and Lectures monthly. There are currently over 2,800 articles on the site. Sunday School lessons for Kindergarten, Infant and Junior grades are also available, as well as over 6,000 audio recordings as downloadable files.

The site address is: <https://www.isolationleague.org>



CIL Meet is our live streaming service provided for Christadelphian Organisations and Ecclesias, that enables streaming meetings and services online (with language translation) using Zoom, Google Meet and Microsoft Teams.

Zoom, Google Meet and Teams accounts are provided with a simple mechanism on the IsolationLeague.org website to run meetings using these accounts. You can also use these accounts directly as well.

In addition to the usual features found in those meeting apps (chat, screen sharing, whiteboards, virtual backgrounds, breakout rooms, etc.), the following are available as part of **CIL Meet**:

- Freephone dial-in and dial-out for all meeting types
- Simple access to a meeting using a portal & access key (**CIL Meet.me**)
- Easily manage who can administer, access and host your meetings
- Use the same, easy to remember link for all your meetings
- One-click streaming to YouTube (from Zoom only)

These facilities are provided free of charge.

To find out more and request a **CIL Meet** room for your Ecclesia or Christadelphian Organisation, please go to:

<https://www.isolationleague.org/meet>

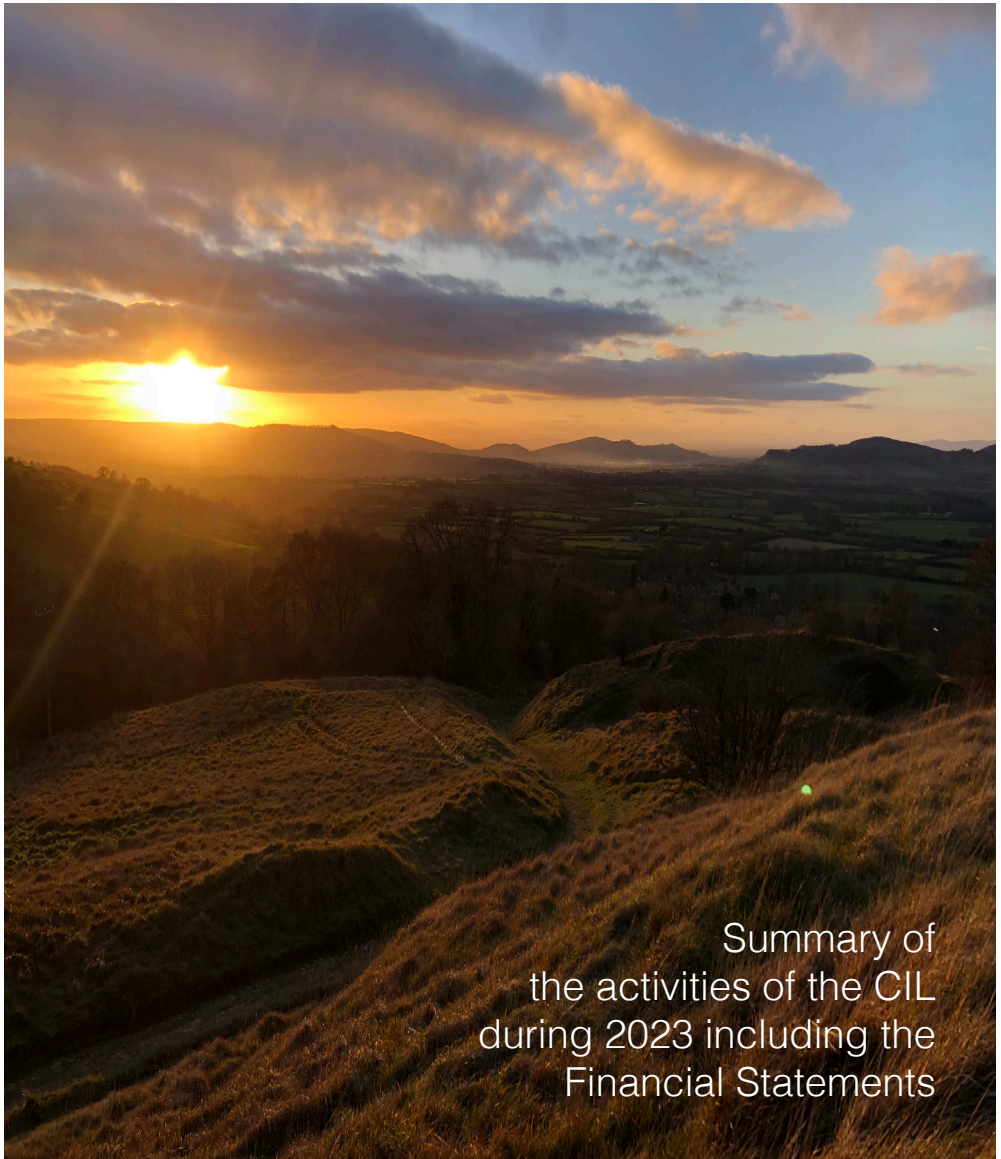
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Summary of
the activities of the CIL
during 2023 including the
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A. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Christadelphian Isolation League (known as the CIL) is a registered charity whose number is 242098.

The address for official correspondence is that of:

The Secretary,
47 Norwich Road,
Wymondham,
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Trustees

The following are the current Trustees who have been appointed by the Management Committee and who have acted throughout the Report Year:

David Bezant
David Harvey
Rebekah Fifield

Principal Advisors

The addresses of the CIL's bankers and independent examiner are:

Principal Bankers:

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A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
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B. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The CIL is a society governed by a constitution and managed by a Committee whose details are listed on pages 23 and 24 of this report. The members of the Management Committee are elected each year by ecclesial representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the CIL.

The Trustees are appointed by the Management Committee.

C. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees and Committee have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on providing a Public Benefit.

The primary aim of the **CIL** is the spiritual welfare of the members of the Central Christadelphian community. In supporting and encouraging them this has benefits for the wider community in which they live in that the aim is to promote Christ-like behaviour towards all.

Anyone who comes into contact with a Christadelphian and would like to learn more of their beliefs and is unable to attend a Christadelphian meeting place is eligible to receive the services of the **CIL**. The ones that are most suitable are first principle Bible studies, Sunday School lessons and, where appropriate, Braille material.

Available Services and Activities

The services offered include the following:

- Regular Correspondence
- Sunday School Lessons and Magazines
- Weekly Exhortations
- Monthly Lectures
- Weekly Bible Study Papers
- Braille Magazines, Books and Correspondence
- **CIL** Magazine
- **CIL** Meet – Online Meeting Service
- Recordings Library

The Secretary makes arrangements for any of these services to be provided on request and welcomes offers of help, particularly for the Correspondence Section and the Sunday School.

D. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Details of the activities of the Christadelphian Isolation League (CIL) for 2023 are contained in pages 4 to 12 of this report.



Introduction – *Matt Barton*

As every year passes, whilst we are nearer the Kingdom of God being established with the return, we see the world continuing to be very troubled. 2023 seems to be no different, with one summary being “A turbulent year with glimmers of hope”, which I think is appropriate for us in 2023.

While the world may offer fleeting glimmers of hope, our faith in the Kingdom of God provides an anchor in these turbulent times. We need to maintain our hope in Christ no matter the struggles we face personally, or the situations we find ourselves in. There is no promise that this would be easy!

The Isolation League continues its work to support brothers and sisters and their families who find themselves isolated from their local ecclesia due to physical distance, illness, or other circumstances. The section reports that follow explain this in more detail, and we are ever thankful to our Heavenly Father for allowing us to continue this work, and to all those who have supported the CIL with finances, time, prayers and encouragement.

We pray that we may continue to support those in isolation, and their ecclesias, should our Lord remain away in 2024.



Exhortation Section – *Roderick Titley*

The work of sourcing and editing exhortations for brethren and sisters in isolation has continued during the last twelve months. Each brother is asked to write an exhortation based on the daily readings for a particular Sunday in the year. We are therefore indebted to those fifty-two brethren along with those who translate, photocopy, pack and send out these exhortations.

Although produced primarily for brethren and sisters in isolation, these exhortations have become a useful resource for those ecclesias who find themselves without a speaking brother at the breaking of bread meeting,

thereby providing encouragement and exhortation when remembering the Lord Jesus Christ in bread and wine.

Let us pray for the day of our Lord's soon return when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."



Bible Study Section – *Stephen Lockyer*

The work of sourcing and distributing weekly Bible studies has continued uninterrupted during the past year, notwithstanding the passing of the baton. We extend appreciation and gratitude to Brother Colin for his stewardship of this patch of the vineyard for such a long time. Also, the wider team, who ensure studies are available weekly, in various languages, assisting the transition from the milk of the word, recognising "solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14).



The programme for 2024 was in place at handover. Work will commence soon on the plan for 2025 DV. The approach will remain unchanged; subjects selected from those offered, aligned where possible with the Daily Reading Plan, and giving a mix of study across Old and New Testaments.

We would welcome additional contributions for consideration; if you feel able to help, please make contact. May the Lord continue to bless this work, so those unable to attend a weekly Bible Class might be supported and helped in their studies of the Scriptures of Truth.



Lecture Section – *Mark Titley*

Having recently taken on the responsibility of the CIL lectures, I would like to thank Brother Vernon for his assistance and helpful words of experience in how I might best carry out this role. I am sure all those who received the CIL lectures would join me in thanking Brother Vernon for his hard work in organising and compiling the lecture papers over many years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren who have considered God's Word diligently and written each of the 12 lecture papers used during 2023. The giving up of their time and their effort in writing a lecture paper for an unseen audience is hugely appreciated by many in the UK and around the world. Although I look forward to playing my small part in the preaching of the Gospel message and the strengthening of my brothers and sisters through the CIL lectures, I pray that Christ will return very soon and will more excellently spread God's Word and that being 'in isolation' will be a thing of the past. In order to provide a smooth handover of the Lecture section, we intend to rerun the lecture papers from 2003 on the theme of 'The Call' throughout 2024, before starting a new theme and lectures in 2025 God Willing. I thank all the brethren who have already agreed to write lectures in 2025 and pray for God's blessing on the work that is planned.



Sunday School – *Ann Harvey (Sunday School Secretary)*

Throughout the year our many dedicated teachers have continued instructing the students in the way which leads to life eternal.



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The number of students in the Home-School Section is roughly the same as last year. However, the number of students in the Overseas Section has dropped significantly. There has been little or no response for a while from those on the Introduction Course.

Youth Week was held once again at Ringsfield Hall. The studies were led by brother Stephen Whitehouse on the theme “Jacob – A man changed by God.” Forty-one youngsters attended the week, ten of which came for the first time. The week was a huge success with many friendships being formed across the country. Bro Ben Clarke and his family attended the week, and he has now taken up the role as Sunday School Superintendent.

We are looking for brethren and sisters who are prepared to teach in the non-standardised grades. If this is of interest to you then please contact me. We thank our many teachers who continue their dedicated work in teaching the young in the Way of Life.

The statistics for the Sunday School (as of 3rd September) are as follows:

	Home	Overseas
Teachers	29	11
Students	49	27



Braille Section – *Philip & Ruth Noakes*

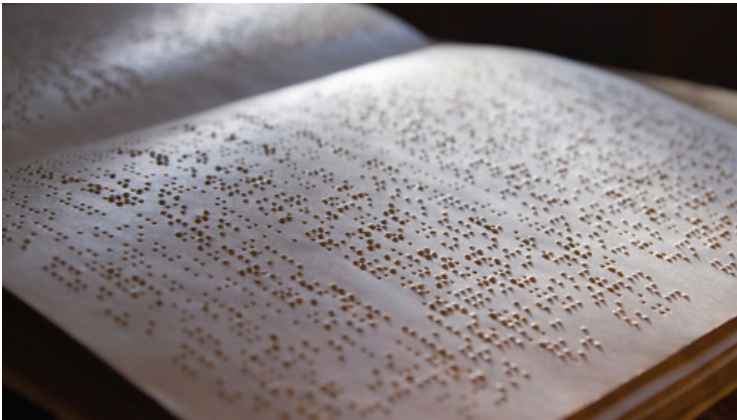
The Braille Section publishes two magazines on an alternating bi-monthly cycle making for six issues of each title in a year. Having two titles, “The Light” and “Gleanings,” enables a wider range of topics to be covered. Serialised books and articles are taken from Glad Tidings, the Christadelphian Magazine and from Christadelphian books to provide the readership with a comprehensive range of Biblical material.

In The Light we have been serialising, “Israel - Land and People of Destiny” to give an historical and geographical background to Bible reading. In Gleanings “God’s Living Word”, on how the Bible came to us and the 2017, 12 part CIL lecture series on “The Establishment of the Early Church”, following the teaching and events in the Acts of the Apostles.

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We are very grateful for the quality of service we get from the Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh.

Within our own resources we issue CIL Exhortations, Bible Studies and Lectures as well as the Christadelphian Hymn Book in Braille, and also in large print editions for those with failing eyesight. If you know someone interested in the Bible who reads braille, we can send Gleanings to them - please ask. The Braille library is still available from Birmingham, UK (190 volumes).



The dependable work of all the team is greatly appreciated, although we rarely hear back from recipients we are committed to providing these materials as a reliable source of encouragement in spiritual matters.

Braille Section Statistics

Braille material goes to 11 countries in Africa (Egypt, Ethiopia, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) - 142 copies (We have recommenced sending 2 copies to Cameroon.)

2 countries in the Americas (Bahamas & USA) - 8 copies.

5 countries in other overseas countries (Bangladesh, Czech Republic, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka) - 39 copies.

United Kingdom (England only) - 3 copies.

Print runs: **The Light** - 183, **Gleanings** -189. Braille Section workers is 5.



CIL Magazine – *Richard Benson*

No issues of the magazine were produced in 2023. There have been discussions about whether there is sufficient demand for its publication, now that a wealth of other materials are available. A decision will be made in early 2024.



Recordings Library / Listening Panel – *Cedric & Esther Shearn*

2023 has been another really quiet year, we have not loaned any tapes or CD's but have sold 55 CD's. From the stock we have we have uploaded approximately 50 new recordings. The web site has continued to be made good use of with over 1,500 downloads per month.

The listening panel is working well, but as reported last year additional members residing in West Yorkshire would be helpful.

Recordings Library Statistics for 2023

Downloads & Plays – 18,463 (down 3,533 from last year)

Downloadable Files – 6,134 (up 1,098 and includes the daily readings in Farsi)

As always we are on the lookout for suitable good quality recordings, cassette tapes, CD/DVD or audio and video files. Please contact us if you have any recordings that we could use. There seems to be no call for the loan or sale of cassette tapes but we will certainly take gifted copies for uploading to the website.



Central Records – *Mark Webb*

The main work of the Central Records Section is to maintain a database of recipients and workers so that labels can be produced for the distribution of various printed items of CIL material. These labels are obtained using the information stored in a computer database. The records stored are for those that receive the printed services of the league and those that work for the League.

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Most of the labels printed are for distribution of Lectures, Exhortations, and Bible Study papers in both English and Russian languages. Labels are printed for the material sent out directly from the UK by the distribution teams in South Wales.

The records are updated regularly from information that is received by letter, telephone and predominantly email. This resulted in around 230 changes being made during 2023.

The number of recipients has fallen, this has been influenced by overseas authorities charging import duties on material, many that joined during the coronavirus pandemic being able to meet in person or on-line again and others obtaining the services from the website. It has also been reported that some Russian material has been returned, having been opened by the authorities.

GDPR rules introduced in 2019 continue to govern the handling of **CIL** data. Since a large proportion of the League's expenses is in postal charges, it is essential that any known changes of addresses are reported as quickly as possible. Changes should be notified directly to the Central Records Section. League Literature and Services are provided in the following overseas countries:

Antigua, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkino Faso, Canada, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St Lucia, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tobago, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United States, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Central Records Statistics

Group	Workers	Recipient	English Lectures	English Exhort	English B/Study	Russian Exhort	Russian B/Study
1 UK	226	168	64	154	110	0	0
2 Overseas	14	733	706	769	780	1	1
3 Russian	0	226	0	0	0	223	225
Grand Total	240	1127	770	923	890	224	226



Website – Matt Barton

During 2023, the CIL Website (www.isolationleague.org), whilst still looking the same, underwent a number of changes in the background to make it easier to manage and to keep up to date with the latest platform security updates.

The website has been kept up to date with our latest articles, and has Exhortations, Lectures and Bible Studies going back 21 years, alongside Sunday School Lessons, CIL Magazines and the Recordings Library. There are translations of Exhortations in French, Farsi and Swahili as PDF downloads, as well as some Lectures in French. We also host the recordings of hymns by the Northern Christadelphian Choir, 120 of which are translated into Farsi. The Daily Readings (audio & text) are available in English and Farsi on our website, and we recently improved our WhatsApp integration, creating a Farsi Daily Readings WhatsApp group which gained over 100 members when launched.

A huge thank you to the small group of Brothers and Sisters who worked tirelessly during 2023 to create the audio for Farsi Bible Readings (www.isolationleague.org/daily-readings/farsi).

Website Statistics for 2023 (as of 9th December)

Articles – 2,808 (up 121 from last year)
 Registered users – 1,983 (up 131) Brothers & Sisters, from 40 countries
 Users accessing the website per month (average) – 513
 Users accessing the website during 2023 – 1,158
 Weekly e-mail notifications of new articles – 489 (up 141)
 Daily Readings e-mail notifications – 219 (up 23)
 Daily Readings Exhortations e-mail notifications – 317 (up 25)
 Hymn Recordings downloaded – 30,080 (down 2,572)

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Social Media Statistics for 2023 (as of 9th December)

Main Facebook Page	1,006 followers
Daily Readings Facebook Page	36 followers
Instagram	56 followers
Whatsapp Daily Readings & Updates	19 participants
Whatsapp Farsi Daily Readings	141 participants
Telegram Updates	5 subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings	8 subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings Exhortations	5 subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings in Farsi	58 subscribers
X / Twitter	46 followers
iTunes (Daily Readings in English)	90 followers
iTunes (Daily Readings in Farsi)	0 followers
Spotify (Daily Readings in English)	107 followers
Spotify (Daily Readings in Farsi)	12 followers



CIL Meet – Matt Barton

Our online meeting service, CIL Meet, provides Zoom, Google Meet and Teams access to ecclesias and other Christadelphian Organisations, with a simple access mechanism to run meetings using these platforms.

The service is now in use by many ecclesias and christadelphian organisations around the world, not just the UK, but also in Australia, France, Hungary & Serbia, Ireland, Malta, Nigeria & Turkey. A huge benefit this year has been the launch of Automatic Translated Captions on Zoom, which includes translation between English and Farsi. This facility is beyond the reach of most ecclesias due to Zooms licensing but available on CIL Meet, currently in use by 27 ecclesias. This is especially useful where translators are not available to support the meetings, and helps where language can be an isolating factor within an ecclesia.



CIL Meet Statistics for 2023 (as of 9th December)

94 Ecclesias / Organisations on CIL Meet (up 13)
20,554 Meetings hosted
9,962 Participants spent a total of 8,634,708 minutes in Meetings
53,158 Minutes of automatically translated captions used in 754 meetings (since August)
26 Freephone Numbers consuming 74,656 minutes of calls into Meetings



Changes – David Harvey

There have been a few changes on the committee during 2023. Brother Colin Walton stood down from being the Bible Studies section leader and brother Stephen Lockyer has taken over. Brother Vernon Davies stood down from being the Lecture section leader and brother Mark Titley has taken over. Brother Ben Clarke has joined the committee as Sunday School superintendent and due to the reduced amount of work in the Overseas and Home Correspondence, sister Moya Southgate has stood down from being a Main Committee member. She will continue to undertake any work that needs doing in this area.

We thank all our members who are standing down from the committee for all the hard work they have put into the Leagues services over the many years they have been involved and welcome the new members. We were also sorry to learn of the falling asleep of brother John Pritchard. He had been a very active member of the CIL and served on the Main committee for many years.

We pray for our Heavenly Father's blessing on the work of the CIL until our Lord's return.

SOME MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION FROM ISOLATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

"We wish to thank you and ask God's blessings on your writings."

From A Brother & Sister in New York State, USA

"The Translated Captions are excellent – such a blessing when we struggle for translators – thank you so much!"

From an Ecclesia in the UK

"I thank you very much for sending the exhortations, they have been a great help, and I was grateful for them, God Bless."

From a Sister was in isolation in the UK

E. – FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities of the **CIL** for 2023 and the Balance Sheet at the 31 December 2023, together with associated explanatory notes, are given on pages 16-20 of this report.

Total Income

Total income rose by over £121,000 in the year largely due to a one- off £125,000 donation to assist with the costs in maintaining the flat in Dublin coupled with an overall reduction in other income streams of around £4,000.

Total Expenditure

Total expenditure from these funds saw a rise of 9.4%, which was due to a variety of factors of which the additional funding for the youth week activities and a £10k donation to the work of the Christadelphian Bible Mission were the most significant.

General Fund

The General fund is the fund through which all the regular services of the **CIL** are paid. The major costs remain postage, printing, stationery and costs associated with hosting virtual meetings. Due to the above factors, the fund showed a surplus of £1,981 compared to a surplus of £8,256 for 2022.

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund finances most of the costs associated with less regular expenditure of the **CIL** e.g. equipment purchases, pastoral visits and Youth Week. Due to the fall in legacy donations, this year saw a reported deficit of £38,392 as opposed to a deficit of £26,170 in 2022. The Committee has continued their commitment to using these funds as best as they can to help those in Isolation.

The Eire flat is funded through **CALS** and **CIL** donations along with collections and donations from the local area. This year saw a surplus of £129,618 for the period. 2023 saw the end of **CALS** contributions toward the maintenance of the flat.

Total Balances

The total balances at the end of the year increased by £93,209 to £375,827.

Reserves Policy

The CIL does not have a formal reserves policy but the balances which are held in instant access accounts are such that they would meet the normal expenditure of the League for at least 12 months.

The committee would like to thank all ecclesias and individuals who have financially supported the CIL so generously during the year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the enclosed Report.

On behalf of the Trustees,

David Harvey (Secretary)
24 January 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE

I report on the accounts of the Christadelphian Isolation League for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am

INDEPENDANT EXAMINER'S REPORT

qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

Date: 24 January 2023

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

SECTION A. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total	Total
		Eire Flat	D.E.A.F.	General	Legacy	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources							
Generated Funds							
Ecclesial Donations				65,989		65,989	68,478
Individual Donations inc Tax		901		9,890		10,791	14,590
Legacies					3,815	3,815	3,000
Investment Income				2,655		2,655	2,822
Charitable Activities							
Other Income	3	157,000		0		157,000	30,186
Total Incoming Resources		157,901	0	78,534	3,815	240,251	119,076
Resources Expended							
Charitable Activities	4	28,283		70,405	42,207	140,895	129,174
Publicity and Administration Costs	4			6,147		6,147	5,263
Total Resources Expended		28,283	0	76,553	42,207	147,043	134,437
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers		129,618	0	1,981	-38,392	93,208	-15,361
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		129,618	0	1,981	-38,392	93,208	-15,361
Total Funds							
Brought forward 1 January 2023		12,492	0	94,108	176,019	282,619	297,979

SECTION B. BALANCE SHEET

		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total This Year £	Total Last Year £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets				0	0
Total Fixed Assets				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0	1,460	1,460	1,210
Investment (Short Term)			167,913	167,913	166,499
Cash at Bank		0	207,703	207,703	115,155
Total Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>377,077</u>	<u>377,077</u>	<u>282,864</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0	1,250	1,250	246
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 0</u>	<u>375,826</u>	<u>375,826</u>	<u>282,618</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds					
D.E.A.F. Section		-		0	0
Eire Flat		142,110		142,110	12,492
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund			96,089	96,089	94,108
Legacy Fund			137,627	137,627	176,018
Total Funds		<u>£ 142,110</u>	<u>233,717</u>	<u>375,827</u>	<u>282,617</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

David Harvey

David Bezan

24 January 2023

SECTION C. NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The CIL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

2. Accounting Policies

Income – Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. Tax reclaims on donations are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate. Investment income (bank interest) is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure – All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading those aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets – All expenditure on equipment costing less than £1,000 is written off in the year of purchase.

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Other Income		
Sales of Magazines	0	144
Eire Flat	157,00	30,000
Sunday School	0	42
Total	157,000	30,186

4. Analysis of Resources Expended

(see pie-chart overleaf)

	This Year £	Last Year £
Charitable Activities		
Bible Studies	11,806	14,276
Braille Material	8,017	6,616
Books, Annual Reports & Correspondence	1,840	780
Exhortations	11,758	14,081
Lectures	2,713	3,179
Magazines	0	0
Sunday School Material	9,003	8,933
Website	4,715	4,068
Virtual Meetings	20,065	16,730
Overseas Distribution	487	593
Grants	11,483	360
Conferences	0	2,500
Youth Week	14,724	11,310
Eire Flat	44,282	45,748
Total	140,895	129,174

Publicity & Administration Costs

Printing, Postage & Stationery	4,791	3,806
Travel	0	180
Miscellaneous	47	30
Equipment	356	598
Insurance	551	490
Bank Charges	172	159
Donation Error Reimbursed	230	0
Total	6,147	5,263

5. Details of Trustees' Expenses

During the year 0 reimbursements were paid to trustees or committee members for travel expenses totalling £0. Last year 2 members were reimbursed £180.

In neither year were any fees paid to the independent examiner.

6. Debtors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Debtors		
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aids	1,460	1,210
Total	1,460	1,210

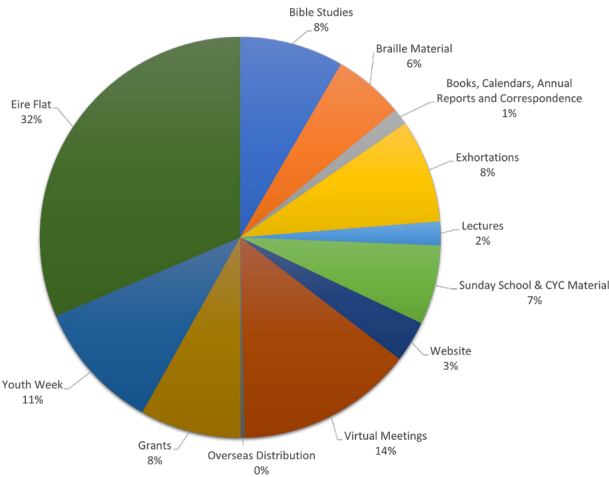
7. Creditors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Creditors		
Printing and Distribution costs	924	86
Virtual Meetings	162	0
Website	164	0
Sunday School	0	160
Total	1,250	246

8. Employees

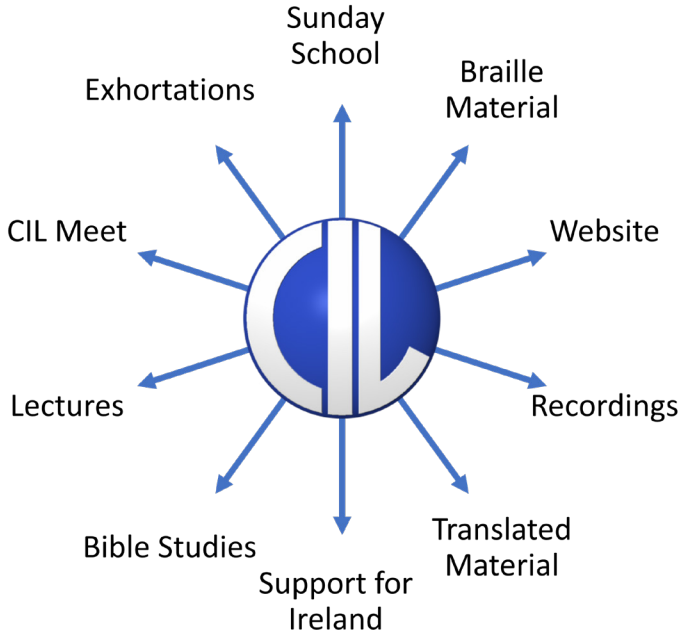
The Christadelphian Isolation League does not employ any staff and all work is undertaken by volunteers.

Resources Expended 2023



Caring for our isolated Brothers and Sisters by Cooperating In Love

The Isolation League Provides:



To request any of these services please contact the
Isolation League Secretary: Bro. David Harvey
47 Norwich Road, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0SH
Tel: 01953 602424 e-mail: secretary@isolationleague.org

Donations can be made by arrangement with the
Isolation League Treasurer: Bro. David Bezant
17 Saxon Street, Burton on Trent, Staffs. DE 15 9RL
Tel: 07957 991216 e-mail: treasurer@isolationleague.org

Website

The Isolation League Website is a resource for all Brothers and Sisters. New Exhortations and Studies are added weekly, and Lectures monthly. There are currently over 2,800 articles on the site. Sunday School lessons for Kindergarten, Infant and Junior grades are also available, as well as over 6,000 audio recordings as downloadable files.

The site address is: <https://www.isolationleague.org>



CIL Meet is our live streaming service provided for Christadelphian Organisations and Ecclesias, that enables streaming meetings and services online (with language translation) using Zoom, Google Meet and Microsoft Teams.

Zoom, Google Meet and Teams accounts are provided with a simple mechanism on the IsolationLeague.org website to run meetings using these accounts. You can also use these accounts directly as well.

In addition to the usual features found in those meeting apps (chat, screen sharing, whiteboards, virtual backgrounds, breakout rooms, etc.), the following are available as part of CIL Meet:

- Freephone dial-in for all meeting types
- Simple access to a meeting using a portal & access key (CIL Meet.me)
- Easily manage who can administer, access and host your meetings
- Use the same, easy to remember link for all your meetings
- One-click streaming to YouTube (from Zoom only)

These facilities are provided free of charge.

To find out more and request a CIL Meet room for your Ecclesia or Christadelphian Organisation, please go to:

<https://www.isolationleague.org/meet>

Accounts

Annual Report of the **Christadelphian Isolation League 2022**

Summary of the activities of the
CIL during 2022
including Section Reports and
Financial Statements



SOME MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION FROM ISOLATED BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Thank you for consistently sending me the daily Bible readings. They help me to keep on reading and correcting my way of life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
From a Brother in South Africa

Our ecclesia uses, and benefits greatly from, the **CIL** hymns download service. Thank you so much for all the effort that the **CIL** has put into offering this invaluable service!!
From an Ecclesia in the UK

Many thanks for past and present Articles which are much appreciated. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless your labor in his Vineyard.
From an Ecclesia in the USA

Thank you for sending me the latest Bible updates and all the information. It's good to be able to keep reading passages of scripture and have explanations of Brothers' points of view on them.
From a Sister in the UK

Re **CIL Meet**: Thanks again to the **CIL** for providing us with this service which has benefitted us greatly during the last two years whilst our meeting room remained closed because of Covid. We continue to benefit on our return to live meetings with a wider range of Zooming in visiting speakers and especially, helping certain members unable to attend the Meeting Room because of medical reasons. Please do not underestimate how helpful **CIL Meet** has been to us.
From an Ecclesia in the UK

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022

A. – REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Christadelphian Isolation League (known as the **CIL**) is a registered charity whose number is 242098.

The address for official correspondence is that of:

The Secretary,
47 Norwich Road,
Wymondham,
Norfolk, NR18 0SH

Trustees

The following are the current Trustees who have been appointed by the Management Committee and who have acted throughout the Report Year:

David Bezant
David Harvey
Rebekah Fifield

Principal Advisors

The addresses of the **CIL**'s bankers and independent examiner are:

Principal Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd,
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner:

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

B. – STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The **CIL** is a society governed by a constitution and managed by a Committee whose details are listed on pages 23 and 24 of this report. The members of the Management Committee are elected each year by ecclesial representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the **CIL**.

The Trustees are appointed by the Management Committee.

C. – OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees and Committee have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on providing a Public Benefit.

The primary aim of the **CIL** is the spiritual welfare of the members of the Central Christadelphian community. In supporting and encouraging them this has benefits for the wider community in which they live in that the aim is to promote Christ-like behaviour towards all.

Anyone who comes into contact with a Christadelphian and would like to learn more of their beliefs and is unable to attend a Christadelphian meeting place is eligible to receive the services of the **CIL**. The ones that are most suitable are first principle Bible studies, Sunday School lessons and, where appropriate, Braille material.

Available Services and Activities

The services offered include the following:

- Regular Correspondence
- Sunday School Lessons and Magazines
- Weekly Exhortations
- Monthly Lectures
- Weekly Bible Study Papers
- Braille Magazines, Books and Correspondence
- **CIL** Magazine
- **CIL** Meet – Online Meeting Service
- Recordings Library

The Secretary makes arrangements for any of these services to be provided on request and welcomes offers of help, particularly for the Correspondence Section and the Sunday School.

D. – ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Details of the activities of the **Christadelphian Isolation League (CIL)** for 2022 are contained in pages 4 to 12 of this report.



Introduction – Philip Noakes

You may not be at all surprised to realise that the work of the **CIL** is a week-on-week, month-on-month activity. Many willing Brothers and Sisters are eager to give spiritual support to any and all in isolation; compiling, producing and shipping monthly papers (140,000 pages/year), ensuring Sunday School lessons arrive on time, updating addresses, adding material to the website – and much more. Read on to see the **Section Reports**.

One of the challenges of the year has been the difficulty in obtaining printing supplies (paper and toner), delaying at least one distribution deadline. Thankfully this year has also seen normality begin to return to our daily and ecclesial lives.

An effect of the two pandemic years that has left its mark, is that in one sense all of us have experienced the challenge of enforced isolation, so the concern over the spiritual welfare of our Brothers and Sisters (and their families) has been brought more closely to our attention. The joy of meeting again in person has been a stimulus to think more carefully about those who are still isolated; an experience that has increased our appreciation of the value of **CIL** services to those in long term isolation from their Brothers and Sisters of like precious faith, for we all are, *"waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works"* (Titus 2:13,14).

We thank all of you who continue to support the **CIL** with finances, your time given willingly, your prayers and encouragement – so that we may continue to support those in isolation, and their ecclesias.



Exhortation Section – Roderick Titley

The Apostle Paul when writing to the Brothers and Sisters at Corinth emphasises the importance of *"... speaking unto men to edification and exhortation, and comfort"*. How important this advice is to us when we consider the devastating effect that the Covid epidemic, the war in Ukraine and now the beginning of a world recession has had on our lives.

One of the most important aspects of our life in the Truth is remembering the Lord Jesus Christ in bread and wine, and particularly for those who find

themselves in isolation. The Exhortation Section of the **CIL** endeavours to provide spiritual food every week to Brothers and Sisters in isolation, which includes many that are facing severe hardship, some even in fear for their lives.

We are therefore indebted to those brethren who write words of exhortation and encouragement, providing thoughts on the daily readings every Sunday; not forgetting many who are involved in the process of translating, printing, addressing envelopes and distributing material. May the time soon come when the affairs of this world are swept aside and the knowledge of God's glory shall fill the earth.



Bible Study Section – Colin Walton



The work of sourcing and distributing weekly Bible studies has continued during the past year. The programme is assembled from subjects that are offered randomly rather than imposing fixed themes or series. The programme organises this material to correspond with the Daily Reading Plan, where appropriate, and to give a reasonable balance between Old and New Testament subjects. Further contributors would always be welcome, so if you think you can help, please make contact. The study of scripture is of paramount importance if we are to emulate those Jews in Berea who *"were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"* (Acts 17:11). May the Lord continue to prosper this means of support for those unable to attend the weekly Bible Class, that they might be blessed with those who can.



Lecture Section – Vernon Davies

This year the lecture theme has been, “The Master’s teaching – What did Jesus say ...”, with the subjects varying from, “Seek first the Kingdom of God”, to, “He who believes and is baptised will be saved”.

We would like to thank the twelve writers for all their time and study on the various subjects. I am sure the many recipients who receive these papers are grateful for these, particularly in difficult times which each one of us face at the moment. Some of the Brothers and Sisters in isolation are elderly and some do not have the modern technology, so they appreciate the written lectures each month.

Brothers and Sisters in several countries throughout the world face many challenges in their day to day lives and their beliefs are tested on numerous occasions. Our thanks are due to the translators who continue to give their time translating these papers into foreign languages for the services we provide.

The theme for 2023 is, “God has a plan for us”, with twelve subjects being prepared under this topic.

Our prayers are with both **CIL** workers and recipients as we each wait for the coming of Jesus Christ and Gods’ Kingdom to be set up on the earth.



Sunday School – Ann Harvey (Sunday School Secretary)

Throughout the year our many dedicated teachers have continued instructing the students in the way which leads to life eternal. Despite the problems associated with sending post to many overseas countries, who have problems we cannot even begin to imagine, we are thankful for our



Heavenly Father’s blessing on our work and the fruit it bears to His glory. We pray for our students who need our support and encouragement in these difficult days before our Lord’s return.

Youth Week was held once again at Ringsfield Hall. The studies were led by Brother Simeon Guntrip on the theme, “The Judges of Israel”. Thirty-nine youngsters attended the week, ten of whom came for the first time. The week was a huge success with most of the youngsters saying that they wanted to come again and that it was a shame it only lasted a week.

The number of students in the school is roughly the same as last year and during the course of the year we have heard of the baptism of one of our students in the UK. We thank our many teachers who continue their dedicated work in teaching the young in the Way of Life.

The statistics for the Sunday School (as at Sept 2022) are as follows:

School Statistics	Home	Overseas
Teachers	32	12
Students	49	41
Students on Intro. Course	N/A	21
Baptisms: Students	1	0



Braille Section – Philip & Ruth Noakes

The Braille Section publishes two magazines on an alternating bi-monthly cycle, making for six issues of each title in a year. Having two titles, *The Light* and *Gleanings*, enables a wider range of topics to be covered. Serialised books and articles are taken from *Glad Tidings*, *The Christadelphian*



magazine and from Christadelphian books to provide the readership with a comprehensive range of Biblical material.

In *The Light*, we have started, "Pilgrimage of Jesus", Book 2, and from *Glad Tidings* a series "The Reliability of the Gospels". In *Gleanings* "The Books of the Bible" ends this year and in 2023 will be followed with a selection of articles overviewing the whole Bible. The 2020 twelve-part **CIL** Lecture series ran during 2021/22 and finished in November.

The magazines are printed at Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh, a charitable business founded over 125 years ago that has a strong history and heritage in the production of Braille and other accessible formats, providing people with sight loss with equal access to the written word. We are very pleased with the quality of service they give us.

Within our own resources we issue **CIL** Exhortations, Bible Studies and Lectures as well as the *Christadelphian Hymn Book* in Braille, and also in large print editions for those with failing eyesight. If you know someone interested in the Bible who reads Braille, we can send *Gleanings* to them – please ask.

There is a Braille library kept at Olivet, Birmingham, UK (190 volumes). We responded to a request from the Louis Braille Memorial Library, Dhaka, Bangladesh to provide a complete copy of the *ESV Bible* (34 volumes).

The dependable work of all the team is greatly appreciated, although we rarely hear back from recipients, we are committed to providing these materials as a reliable source of encouragement in spiritual matters.

Braille Section Statistics

Braille material goes to 11 countries in Africa (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) – 139 copies (Cameroon 11 copies – stopped due to war);

3 countries in Americas (Bahamas, Trinidad, USA) – 9 copies;

5 countries in other overseas countries (Bangladesh, Czech Republic, India, Malaysia, Sri Lanka) – 39 copies;

United Kingdom (England only) – 3 copies.

Print runs: *The Light* – 199; *Gleanings* – 207. Braille Section workers – 5.



Overseas & Correspondence Section – Moya Southgate

The correspondence section of the **CIL** has dwindled due to the fact that Brothers and Sisters are not being put forward for help in this way. Hopefully this means that many of them are being connected with and cared for by their ecclesia, or by their CBM teams.



CIL Magazine – Richard Benson



One issue of the magazine was produced and distributed in 2022, focused on the Letter to the Romans.

We thank Brother Andy and Sister Sarah Joiner, who have helped in the compilation of the magazine for many years. They are stepping down, having served as editors in the past, and more recently as assistant editors.

We welcome as new members to the editorial team, Sister Rebekah Dwyer (Walsall) and Brother Brett and Sister Morwenna Murphy (Camborne).



Recordings Library / Listening Panel – Cedric Shearn

2022 was a very quiet year as regards loans and purchases of physical CDs and Tapes. There has continued to be good use of the recordings library online at <https://www.isolationleague.org/recordings> with over 1,500 downloads or plays per month.

We have managed to recruit 8 new members for the Listening Panel so far who are busy helping us. We are still looking for additional members, but trying to keep them local to West Yorkshire to avoid postage charges and ease of exchange between listeners.

As always we are on the lookout for suitable good quality recordings, cassette tapes, CD/DVD or audio and video files. Please contact us if you have any recordings that we could use!

Recordings Library Statistics for 2022

Downloads & Plays – 21,996 (up 4,207 from last year)

Downloadable Files – 5,063 (up 136)



Central Records – Mark Webb

The main work of the Central Records Section is to print labels for the distribution of various items of **CIL** material. These labels are obtained using the information stored in records in a computer database. The records stored are for those that receive the printed services of the League and those that work for the League.

Most of the labels printed are for distribution of Lectures, Exhortations, and Bible Study papers in both English and Russian languages. Labels are printed for the material sent out directly from the UK by the distribution teams in South Wales.

The records are updated three or four times a week from information that comes by letter, telephone and predominantly email. This resulted in around 170 changes being made during 2022.

The number of recipients has fallen; this has been influenced by the Russian/Ukraine war, and many that joined during the coronavirus pandemic being able to meet in person again or on-line, and others obtaining the services from the website.

GDPR rules introduced in 2019 continue to govern the handling of **CIL** data.

Since a large proportion of the League's expenses is in postal charges, it is essential that any known changes for overseas addresses are reported as quickly as possible. Changes for UK addresses should be notified directly to the Central Records Section. Changes to Overseas addresses should be notified initially to the Overseas Correspondence Section, where they will be passed on to Central Records.

League Literature and Services are provided in the following countries:

Antigua, Australia – Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso – Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic – Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia – Fiji, Finland, France – Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana – Hong Kong – India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy – Jamaica – Kazakhstan, Kenya – Latvia, Lithuania – Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique – Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway – Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal – Romania, Russia, Rwanda – Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Swaziland, Switzerland – Tanzania, Tobago, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey – Uganda, Ukraine, United States – Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Central Records Statistics

The quantities of printed articles despatched are as follows:

Exhortations: UK 181; O/seas 1,032 (inc. 239 Russian); Total 1,213 (p/w).

Bible Studies: UK 130; O/seas 1,042 (inc. 241 Russian); Total 1,172 (p/w).

Lectures: UK 73; O/seas 720; Total 793 (monthly).

Number of workers: 240 (225 in UK; 15 overseas).



Website – Matt Barton

The **CIL** Website (<https://www.isolationleague.org>) has now been in operation for 15 years, providing a searchable library of our Exhortations, Lectures and Bible Studies going back 20 years (to 2002), which is kept up to date as our latest articles are produced. We also provide access to the Sunday School lessons, Magazine, Recordings Library, Christadelphian Hymn recordings by the Northern Christadelphian Choir, and to our online meeting platform **CIL Meet**. Access to the website is restricted to Brothers and Sisters as the facilities are provided as a service to ecclesias to support their members who are in isolation. We send out links to the latest material, the daily readings and links to exhortations that may relate to the daily readings on our social media channels and by email.

During 2022 we migrated the **CIL** Recordings Library, the Hymns and other audio and media files used on the website to a new media hosting provider (**Cloudflare**). The migration of 70GB of data (just under 8,000 files) was completed in August. This became necessary due to issues with the previous provider (**DaCast**) which included reporting that it did not work all the time. Following the migration, new reporting tools have been implemented, but this means that for 2022, the statistics for the year in this report are approximate, based on part of the year.

We also added videos of hymns, which include Farsi translations of the words, as well as the **PowerPoint** attachment containing the words, where available. A huge thank you to the brethren who have provided these translations! Currently there are 119 hymns with translations available at <https://www.isolationleague.org/hymns/list/farsi>.



CIL Meet (details on the back cover) has continued to grow, with 81 ecclesias or organisations using our online meeting platform.

Website Statistics for 2022

Articles – 2,687 (up 125 from last year)
 Registered users – 1,852 (up 217) Brothers & Sisters, from 36 countries
 Users accessing the website per month (average) – 537
 Users accessing the website during 2022 – 1,203
 Weekly e-mail notifications of new articles – 448 (up 11)
 Daily Readings e-mail notifications – 196 (up 38)
 Daily Readings Exhortations e-mail notifications – 292 (up 55)
 Hymn Recordings downloaded – 32,652 (down 31,579 post COVID)

CIL Meet Statistics for 2022

81 Ecclesias / Organisations on CIL Meet (up 31)
 8,432 Meetings hosted
 81,029 Participants spent a total of 5,973,890 minutes in Meetings
 24 Free Phone Numbers consuming 22,895 minutes of calls into Meetings

Social Media Statistics for 2022

Main Facebook Page	814 followers
Daily Readings Facebook Page	34 followers
Instagram	50 followers
Whatsapp Updates	11 participants
Whatsapp Daily Readings	16 participants
Telegram Updates	5 subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings	7 subscribers
Telegram Daily Readings Exhortations	4 subscribers
Twitter	24 followers
iTunes (Daily Readings in English)	17 listeners
Spotify (Daily Readings in English)	516 listeners



Changes – David Harvey

We report the falling asleep of Brother Richard Austin on January 1st 2023. His work for the **CIL** began in the 1960s and continued until ill-health forced his retirement in 2019. Richard joined the Main Committee early in 1970 and soon after became Publicity Secretary. Later he became Assistant Secretary and then Secretary. He led the organisation of the regular Birmingham Gatherings, bringing many Brothers and Sisters together over the late May Bank Holiday weekend. In 2017 he stood down in order to advise the present Secretary in the role. Our brother now sleeps awaiting the resurrection.

On behalf of the Committee – Brother David Harvey (Secretary)

Report compiled by Brother Philip Noakes.

E. – FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities of the **CIL** for 2022 and the Balance Sheet at the 31 December 2022, together with associated explanatory notes, are given on pages 16-20 of this report.

Total Income

Total income rose by over £16,000 in the year largely due to a £35,000 ecclesial donation for the sale of a hall coupled with an overall reduction of legacy income of £20,000.

Total Expenditure

Total expenditure from these funds saw a rise of 16.5%, which was due to a variety of factors of which the additional funding for the youth week activities and the Dublin flat expenses were the most significant.

General Fund

The General fund is the fund through which all the regular services of the **CIL** are paid. The major costs remain postage, printing, stationery and costs associated with hosting virtual meetings. Due to the above factors, the fund showed a surplus of £8,256 compared to a deficit of £19,245 for 2021.

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund finances most of the costs associated with less regular expenditure of the **CIL** e.g. equipment purchases, pastoral visits, gatherings and Youth Week. Due to the fall in legacy donations, this year saw a reported deficit of £26,170 as opposed to a surplus of £2,669 in 2021. The Committee has continued their commitment to using these funds as best as they can to help those in Isolation.

The Eire flat is funded through CALS and **CIL** donations along with collections and donations from the local area. This year saw a surplus of £2,553 for the period.

Total Balances

The total balances at the end of the year fell by £15,361 to £282,618.

Reserves Policy

The **CIL** does not have a formal reserves policy but the balances which are held in instant access accounts are such that they would meet the normal expenditure of the League for at least 12 months.

The committee would like to thank all ecclesias and individuals who have supported the **CIL** so generously during the year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the enclosed Report.

On behalf of the Trustees,

David Harvey (Secretary)

24 January 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE

I report on the accounts of the Christadelphian Isolation League for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 16 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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Date: 24 January 2023

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

SECTION A. – STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Restricted Funds Eire Flat £	D.E.A.F. £	Unrestricted Funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources						
Generated Funds						
Ecclesial Donations				68,478	68,478	35,069
Individual Donations inc Tax		3,301		11,288	14,590	14,423
Legacies				3,000	3,000	22,960
Investment Income				2,822	2,822	2,364
Charitable Activities						
Other Income	3	30,000		186	30,186	28,142
Total Incoming Resources		<u>33,301</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>82,775</u>	<u>119,076</u>	<u>102,958</u>
Resources Expended						
Charitable Activities	4	30,748		69,256	129,174	112,587
Publicity and Administration Costs	4			5,263	5,263	3,297
Total Resources Expended		<u>30,748</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,519</u>	<u>134,437</u>	<u>115,884</u>
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers		2,553	0	8,256	-26,170	-15,361
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		<u>2,553</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,256</u>	<u>-15,361</u>	<u>-12,926</u>
Total Funds						
Brought forward 1 January 2022		9,939	0	85,852	202,188	297,979
Carried forward 31 December 2022	£	<u>12,492</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>94,108</u>	<u>282,618</u>	<u>297,979</u>

SECTION B. – BALANCE SHEET

		Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Year £	Total Last Year £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets					
				0	0
				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Current Assets					
Debtors	6	0	1,210	1,210	2,007
Investment (Short Term)			166,499	166,499	164,348
Cash at Bank		0	115,155	115,155	132,618
Total Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>282,863</u>	<u>282,863</u>	<u>298,973</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	0	246	246	994
Net Current Assets		<u>£ 0</u>	<u>282,618</u>	<u>282,618</u>	<u>297,979</u>
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds					
D.E.A.F. Section		0		0	0
Eire Flat		12,492		12,492	9,938
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund			94,108	94,108	85,852
Legacy Fund			176,018	176,018	202,188
Total Funds		<u>£ 12,492</u>	<u>270,126</u>	<u>282,618</u>	<u>297,979</u>

SECTION C. – NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

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Basis of preparation

The CIL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

2. Accounting Policies

Income – Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. Tax reclaims on donations are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate. Investment income (bank interest) is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure – All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading those aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets – All expenditure on equipment costing less than £1,000 is written off in the year of purchase.

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Analysis of Other Income		
Sales of Magazines	144	82
Eire Flat	30,000	28,000
Sunday School	42	60
Total	<u>30,186</u>	<u>28,142</u>

4. Analysis of Resources Expended (see pie-chart overleaf)

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Bible Studies	14,276	14,303
Braille Material	6,616	7,188
Books, Annual Reports & Correspondence	780	1,548
Exhortations	14,081	16,052
Lectures	3,179	3,276
Magazines	0	360
Sunday School Material	8,933	9,040
Website	4,068	3,587
Virtual Meetings	16,730	12,135
Overseas Distribution	593	458
Grants	360	500
Conferences	2,500	0
Youth Week	11,310	5,791
Eire Flat	45,748	38,349
Total	<u>129,174</u>	<u>112,587</u>

Publicity & Administration Costs

Printing, Postage & Stationery	3,806	2,374
Travel	180	0
Miscellaneous	30	42
Equipment	598	0
Insurance	490	485
Bank Charges	159	177
Publicity and Area Gathering Costs	0	219
Total	<u>5,263</u>	<u>3,297</u>

5. Details of Trustees' Expenses

During the year 2 reimbursements were paid to trustees or committee members for travel expenses totalling £180. Last year 0 members were reimbursed £0.

In neither year were any fees paid to the independent examiner.

6. Debtors

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Analysis of Debtors		
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aids	1,210	2,007
Total	1,210	2,007

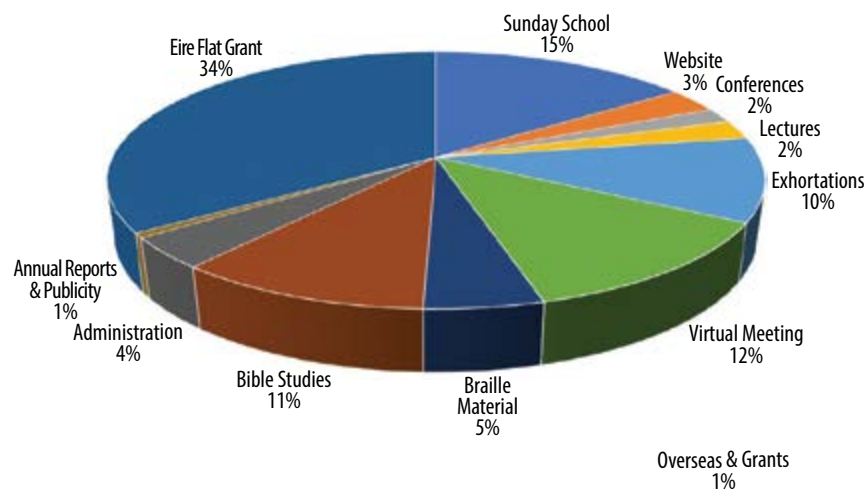
7. Creditors

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Analysis of Creditors		
Printing and Distribution costs	86	990
Virtual Meetings	0	3
Sunday School	160	0
Total	246	993

8. Employees

The Christadelphian Isolation League does not employ any staff and all work is undertaken by volunteers.

RESOURCES EXPENDED 2022



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Note: Where contact details are not provided, these can be found in the **2023 CALS Diary**.

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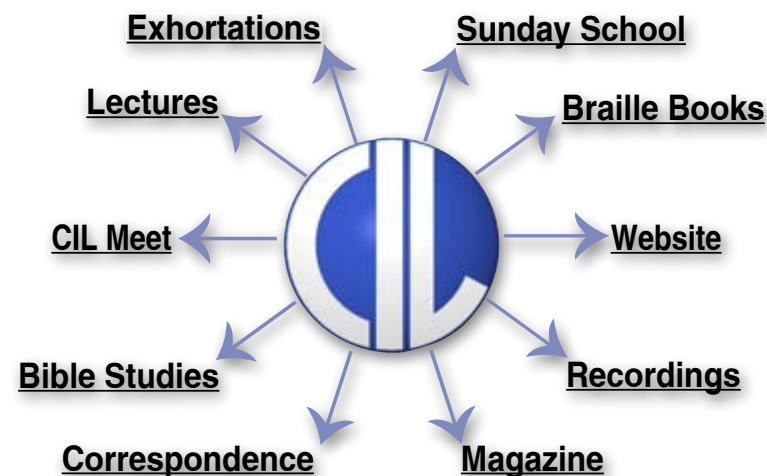
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Zoom, **Google Meet** and **Teams** accounts are provided with a simple mechanism on the IsolationLeague.org website to run meetings using these accounts. You can also use these accounts directly as well.

In addition to the usual features found in those meeting apps (chat, screen sharing, whiteboards, virtual backgrounds, breakout rooms, etc.), the following are available as part of **CIL Meet**:

- Freephone dial-in for all meeting types
- Simple access to a meeting using a portal & access key (**CILMeet.me**)
- Easily manage who can administer, access and host your meetings
- Use the same, easy to remember link for all your meetings
- One-click streaming to **YouTube** (from **Zoom** only)

These facilities are provided free of charge.

To find out more and request a **CIL Meet** room for your Ecclesia or Christadelphian Organisation, please go to:

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Accounts

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the enclosed Report.

On behalf of the Trustees,

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	Note	Restricted Funds Eire Flat £	Restricted Funds D.E.A.F. £	Unrestricted Funds General £	Legacy £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Incoming Resources							
Generated Funds							
Ecclesial Donations				35,069		35,069	39,489
Individual Donations inc Tax				14,423		14,423	15,319
Legacies					22,960	22,960	11,772
Investment Income				2,364		2,364	2,332
Charitable Activities							
Other Income	3	28,000		142		28,142	27,571
Total Incoming Resources		28,000	0	51,999	22,960	102,958	96,483
Resources Expended							
Charitable Activities	4	24,349		67,946	20,291	112,587	110,193
Publicity and Administration Costs	4			3,297		3,297	6,655
Total Resources Expended		24,349	0	71,243	20,291	115,884	116,848
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before Transfers		3,651	0	-19,245	2,669	-12,926	-20,366
Net Movement in Funds for the Year		3,651	0	-19,245	2,669	-12,926	-20,366
Total Funds							
Brought forward 1 January 2021		6,288	0	105,097	199,519	310,904	331,270
Carried forward 31 December 2021	£	9,938	0	85,852	202,188	297,979	310,904

SECTION B. – BALANCE SHEET

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total This Year £	Total Last Year £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets				
Total Fixed Assets			0	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	2,007	2,007	1,299
Investment (Short Term)		164,348	164,348	162,210
Cash at Bank	0	132,618	132,618	148,593
Total Current Assets	0	298,972	298,972	312,102
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0	993	993	1,198
Net Current Assets	0	297,979	297,979	310,904
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted Funds				
D.E.A.F. Section Eire Flat	0 9,938		0 9,938	0 6,288
Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund		85,852	85,852	105,097
Legacy Fund		202,188	202,188	199,519
Total Funds	£ 9,938	288,041	297,979	310,904
Signed on behalf of the Trustees	David Harvey	David Bezant	24 January 2022	

SECTION C. – NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Other Income		
Sales of Magazines	82	604
Eire Flat	28,000	26,015
Sunday School	60	20
DEAF Transfer		932
Total	28,142	27,571

4. Analysis of Resources Expended (see pie-chart overleaf)

	This Year £	Last Year £
Charitable Activities		
Bible Studies	14,303	14,749
Braille Material	7,188	7,188
Books, Annual Reports & Correspondence	1,548	1,055
Exhortations	16,052	16,277
Lectures	3,276	3,385
Magazines	360	1,684
Sunday School Material	9,040	7,038
Website	3,587	1,822
Virtual Meetings	12,135	15,731
Overseas Distribution	458	1,695
Grants	500	0
DEAF Transfer	0	932
Youth Week	5,791	2,610
Eire Flat	38,349	36,027
Total	112,587	110,193

Publicity & Administration Costs

Printing, Postage & Stationery	2,374	4,106
Travel	0	19
Miscellaneous	42	505
Insurance	485	485
Bank Charges	177	155
Publicity and Area Gathering Costs	219	1,385
Total	3,297	6,655

5. Details of Trustees' Expenses

During the year no reimbursements were paid to trustees or committee members. Last year 1 member was reimbursed £19.

In neither year were any fees paid to the independent examiner.

6. Debtors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Debtors		
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aids	2,007	1,299
Total	<u>2,007</u>	<u>1,299</u>

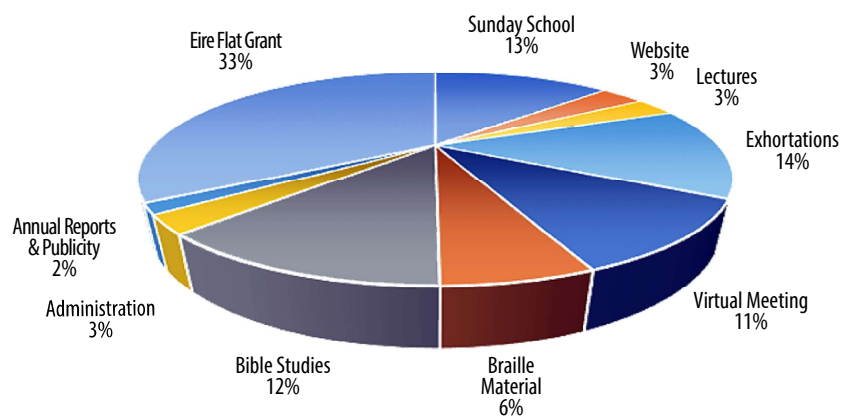
7. Creditors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Creditors		
Printing and Distribution costs	990	0
Virtual Meetings	3	0
Braille Costs	0	1,198
Total	<u>993</u>	<u>1,198</u>

8. Employees

The Christadelphian Isolation League does not employ any staff and all work is undertaken by volunteers.

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AREAS AND AREA SECRETARIES

South West	Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Bro. T. M. Willey Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2022.
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North Wales	Anglesey, Conwy, Denbigh, Flint, N. Powys & Wrexham	Bro. J. Lock, 'Beechcroft' Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2022.
East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leics. Norfolk, Notts, Lincs and North Cams.	Bro. D. Harvey e-mail: east.midlands@isolationleague.org
North West	Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside	Sis. (Mrs) J. Wale Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2022.
North East	Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear, Yorkshire	Bro. J. Pritchard Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2022.

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A. – REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

The Christadelphian Isolation League (known as the CIL) is a registered charity whose number is 242098.

The address for official correspondence is that of:

The Secretary,
47 Norwich Road,
Wymondham,
Norfolk, NR18 0SH

Trustees

The following are the current Trustees who have been appointed by the Management Committee and who have acted throughout the Report Year:

David Bezant
David Harvey
Rebekah Fifield

Principal Advisors

The addresses of the CIL's bankers and independent examiner are:

Principal Bankers:

CAF Bank Ltd,
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Independent Examiner:

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

B. – STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The CIL is a society governed by a constitution and managed by a Committee whose details are listed on pages 23 and 24 of this report. The members of the Management Committee are elected each year by ecclesial representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the CIL.

The Trustees are appointed by the Management Committee.

C. – OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees and Committee have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on providing a Public Benefit.

The primary aim of the CIL is the spiritual welfare of the members of the Central Christadelphian community. In supporting and encouraging them this has benefits for the wider community in which they live in that the aim is to promote Christ-like behaviour towards all.

Anyone who comes into contact with a Christadelphian and would like to learn more of their beliefs and is unable to attend a Christadelphian meeting place is eligible to receive the services of the CIL. The ones that are most suitable are first principle Bible studies, Sunday School lessons and, where appropriate, Braille material.

Available Services and Activities

The services offered include the following:

- Regular Correspondence
- Sunday School Lessons and Magazines
- Weekly Exhortations
- Monthly Lectures
- Weekly Bible Study Papers
- Braille Magazines, Books and Correspondence
- CIL Magazine
- Recordings Library

The Secretary makes arrangements for any of these services to be provided on request and welcomes offers of help, particularly for the Correspondence Section and the Sunday School.

D. – ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Details of the activities of the Christadelphian Isolation League (CIL) for 2020 are contained in pages 4 to 12 of this report.



Introduction – Matt Barton

In my introduction to the 2019 report I commented on how difficult it must be for those in isolation, whether it is due to distance, ill health, or for any other reason, and made the remark, “Whilst most of us do not face the difficulties our Brothers and Sisters faced during the war eighty years ago, we are living in a world that is still very troubled”.

Whilst the Coronavirus pandemic has had a very different impact on us than the Second World War had on our brothers and sisters, we have all experienced isolation in some form this year and faced difficulties in meeting with one another on a regular basis that we could never have anticipated. Many of us have found the year 2020 to be extremely challenging. Being in Christ we have a hope that goes beyond the current crisis; we look forward to the time when God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes and “there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Revelation 21:4). We must hold on to this hope no matter how difficult things get.

The work of the Isolation League continued in 2020, and we are thankful to our Father in heaven that we have been able to respond to the increased demand in our services. Weekly exhortations were emailed to all ecclesias to provide support during the initial impact of the virus in March and this continued through to September. We rapidly adapted our printing and distribution process so that it could continue and brothers and sisters in isolation continued to receive the support we provide, and our Youth Week switched to a virtual event.

Our hope and prayer is that the current crisis will end soon, and that the Isolation League may continue to provide support to those who need our services, until the Lord Jesus returns. “Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all” (2 Thessalonians 3:16).



Exhortation Section – Roderick Titley

2020 has certainly been a calamitous year and as I write this report in October, it appears that the Covid-19 pandemic is by no means over. Yet the situation has not deterred those brethren who have contributed exhortations this year and to whom I am extremely grateful. Following the lockdown in March, we were sending out an additional 84 exhortations to brethren and sisters but



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this has now reduced to 63 as ecclesias have gone on line for their meetings.

Exhortations continue to be sent both to brethren and sisters abroad as well as in the UK. In addition, we have been sending exhortations to ecclesias via email so that they can be read online or printed off for those not having access to a computer. However, this stopped in September as it was felt that most meetings had some form of online meeting facility in place.

My thanks also go to all those behind the scenes who continue to support the work of the Exhortation Section of the CIL. This year has emphasised the importance of regularly ‘feeding’ on God’s word as we see world events bringing the return of the Lord Jesus Christ ever closer. “Even so come Lord Jesus”.



Bible Study Section – Colin Walton

Once again, the support of many contributing Brothers is gratefully acknowledged. The need for forward planning means that commitments are often made a year or so before the required date, and of course personal circumstances can change in that time, particularly in this year of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, only very rarely has a Brother been unable to meet his undertaking.

The Bible Study Section began in 1940, and in 80 years well over 4,000 studies have been produced. No particular themes have been adopted this year but a good balance has been obtained simply by accepting offered subjects. This is demonstrated by the following analysis of studies:

Old Testament (23);

New Testament (24);

General (5).

Overall, it is the intention to provide studies with a maturity and depth that will help us all grow in knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, which alone are able to make us “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”. May our Heavenly Father continue to bless this valuable work.



Lecture Section – Vernon Davies

This year (2020) the lecture theme has been “The call of the gospel – A call to us”, with the subjects varying from “What is the gospel?” in January and “The call to know God” in February, to “The call to us” in November and “How the call of the gospel brought me to Jesus” in December.

We would like to thank the 12 writers for all their time and study on the various subjects. I am sure that the many recipients who receive these papers are grateful too, particularly during this difficult time when many brethren and sisters find themselves in isolation, or are elderly and without the modern technology and so find these papers of great value. We think of the many brethren and sisters in the various countries of the world, who are finding their beliefs being challenged on a daily basis. Our prayers are with them in these times when the virus is so prevalent in our world today.

The theme for 2021 is “Do you know what the Bible says about ...”. We thank all those Brothers and Sisters involved with the work of the League and we pray for God’s blessing on this work. We also pray for the return of Jesus Christ to set up God’s kingdom, when all that is wrong in this world will be put to right. May this come soon.



Sunday School – Ann Harvey (Sunday School Secretary)

This year due to the Covid-19 pandemic we were unable to meet together for Youth Week. However, we held a pared down online Youth Week via Zoom. Each morning Brother Simeon Guntrip (Sale) led a study on the theme “Aspects of God’s Kingdom”. Games, quizzes and other activities were held in the afternoon and the youngsters had an opportunity at the end of each session to chat amongst themselves in breakout groups. 33 youngsters took part in the sessions and enjoyed their time together in unusual circumstances.

Numbers in the school are roughly the same as last year. Worldwide lockdown restrictions impacted heavily on international mail which meant that no lessons were sent to overseas students for a few months. These have now been resumed to all our students.

We thank our many teachers who continue their dedicated work in teaching the young in the Way of Life. During the course of the year, we have once

School Statistics

	Home	Overseas
Teachers	32	22
Students	50	58
Students on Intro. Course	N/A	12
Baptisms: Students	2	1

again been pleased to hear of three baptisms of students in the school and we thank our Heavenly Father that we have been able to help the young people find the way of salvation.



Braille Section – Philip & Ruth Noakes



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The Braille Section publishes two magazines on an alternating bi-monthly cycle making for six issues of each title in a year. Having two titles, *The Light* and *Gleanings*, enables a wider range of topics to be covered and one selection of very short articles runs in both titles. Serialised books and articles are taken from *Glad Tidings*, *The Christadelphian* magazine and

Braille Section Statistics

Braille material goes to 10 countries in Africa (Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) – 129 copies (Cameroon stopped due to war);

3 countries in Americas (Bahamas, Trinidad, USA) – 9 copies;

8 countries in other overseas countries (Australia, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Egypt, India, Malaysia, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka) – 45 copies;

United Kingdom (England only) – 4 copies.

Print run – 193; Number of Braille Section workers: 4.

from Christadelphian books to provide the readership with a comprehensive range of Biblical material.

Two new series have started this year: *Paul – the Apostle by Grace*, Brother John Mitchell and *Elijah the Tishbite*, Brother Anthony Oosthuizen (*The Christadelphian* 2019-20).

The magazines are printed at Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh, a charitable business founded over 125 years ago that has a strong history and heritage in the production of braille and other accessible formats, providing people with sight loss with equal access to the written word. We are very pleased with the quality of service they give us.

Within our own resources we issue CIL Exhortations, Bible Studies and Lectures as well as the *Christadelphian Hymn Book* in Braille, and also in large print editions for those with failing eyesight.

There is a Braille library kept at Olivet, Birmingham, UK (190 volumes) and at the School for Blind and Handicapped, Mbengwi, Cameroon.



Overseas & Correspondence Section – Moya Southgate

This section of the CIL has had a quiet year. There are very few new requests from CBM linkmen for correspondents to keep in touch with Brothers and Sisters in other countries. Maybe the use and availability of modern technology lessens the need today. The French translation of exhortations and lectures continues to be a valuable addition to our resources and we thank those who help to produce these week by week.



CIL Magazine – Richard Benson

Due to some production issues arising from the pandemic, only two issues of the magazine were published in 2020, rather than the usual three. This has also necessitated some changes in distribution – the magazine is now sent electronically to ecclesial secretaries, with paper copies being sent to usual recipients of CIL materials. Current and past issues can also be downloaded from the website: www.isolationleague.org/magazine. As in previous years,



we have dedicated part of each issue to a theme; this year, these were “Read, Mark and Learn” (the Gospel of Mark) and “Listen!” (considering our need to be willing listeners to God’s word as well as sensitive listeners to one another). Thank you to those who have written articles, or given permission for us to reprint articles published elsewhere.



Recordings Library – Cedric Shearn

2020 has been a steady year with CD’s (Loans and Purchases) being the main items requested. From March (the beginning of lockdown) the requests increased mainly for Memorial Services, usually for elderly Brothers and Sisters who cannot access the internet to join their Ecclesia’s live stream. As always we aim to steadily increase the recordings we hold but due to the Covid 19 this has not happened this year.

Recordings Library Statistics for 2020

Online Downloads & Plays – 9,028 (up 3,431 from last year)

Tapes Loaned – 12; Tapes Sold – 0

CDs Loaned – 68; CDs Sold – 74



Listening Panel – David & Helen Tanner

The panel has been at work as usual in the background of the Library. 66 talks have been reviewed with 33 accepted for inclusion and 27 rejected for various reasons. We thank all those who have contributed tapes/CDs to the Listening Panel in the past and also to the various Brothers and Sisters who have spent time in processing them.

After 12 years we are to stand down as the coordinators of the Listening Panel, a time we have enjoyed. We thank all past and present Listeners for their enthusiasm.

NB. If you have suitable talks that you think would benefit other Brothers and Sisters, please contact the Recordings Librarians, who will be pleased to discuss them with you until other arrangements can be made.



Central Records – Mark Webb

The main work of the Central Records Section is to print labels for the distribution of various items of CIL material. These labels are obtained using the information stored in records in a computer database. The records stored are for those that receive the service of the League and those that work for the League.

Most of the labels printed are for distribution of Lectures, Exhortations, and Bible Study papers. Pre-coronavirus pandemic, labels were printed for three teams who collated and mailed out the CIL material. However, when lockdown came this arrangement was unable to continue and Sister Rebekah Fifield took on the responsibility. In addition, labels for sending out the CIL Magazine are printed as required. About 25,000 labels are printed during the year for material to be sent out directly from the UK.

The records are updated three or four times a week from information that comes by letter, telephone and email. This resulted in around 450 changes being made during 2020 of which there were over 80 new requests for Exhortations from brethren and sisters who were unable to join a meeting via the internet after lockdown. GDPR rules introduced in 2019 continue to govern the handling of CIL data.

Since a large proportion of the League's expenses are in postal charges, it is essential that any known changes for overseas addresses are reported as quickly as possible. Changes for UK addresses should be notified directly to the Central Records Section. Changes to Overseas addresses should be notified initially to the Overseas Correspondence Section, where they will be passed on to Central Records and changes for Braille recipients to the Braille Section.

Central Records Statistics

The quantities of printed articles despatched are as follows:

Exhortations: UK 210; O/seas 1,115 (inc. 294 Russian); Total 1,325 (p/w).

Bible Studies: UK 147; O/seas 1,123 (inc. 294 Russian); Total 1,270 (p/w).

Lectures: UK 82; O/seas 738; Total 820 (monthly).

Number of workers: 252 (237 in UK; 15 overseas).



Overseas papers being collected.

League Literature and Services are provided to recipients in the following overseas countries:

Antigua, Australia – Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso – Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic – Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia – Fiji, Finland, France – Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana – Hong Kong – India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy – Jamaica – Kazakhstan, Kenya – Latvia, Lithuania – Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique – Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway – Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Portugal – Romania, Russia, Rwanda – Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland – Tanzania, Tobago, Togo, Trinidad, Turkey – Uganda, Ukraine, United States – Vanuatu – Zambia, Zimbabwe.



Website – Matt Barton

Our new CIL Meet video conferencing / live stream service called CIL Meet saw huge growth in 2020, and we were able to add additional features such as YouTube rebroadcasting, Free Phone dial in and Google Meet integration. This service is provided free of charge to the Brotherhood and will continue to be developed during 2021, God Willing.



In April, to support services being run on virtual platforms, we worked with the Christadelphian Northern Choirs, and the CMPA to make recordings of the Hymns available on the website. We have seen a huge number of downloads of the Hymn recordings (54,911 for the year from April). We are now updating the website to make the words of the hymns available, and uploading videos of the hymns that include the words. In addition to this recordings of accompaniments and voluntaries are being uploaded. We are hoping to complete this work early in 2021. This has been a real blessing to individuals and ecclesias in isolation this year, and you can find these recordings here: <https://www.isolationleague.org/hymns>

We continue to send weekly emails with the latest CIL Exhortations, Bible Studies and Lectures to those who sign up for the notifications on the website, along with the daily readings and exhortations that relate to the daily readings.

These links are also shared on our social media channels:

<https://www.isolationleague.org/whatsapp>

<https://www.facebook.com/isolationleague>

<https://www.facebook.com/cildailyreadings>

<https://twitter.com/isolationleague>

Website Statistics for 2020

Articles – 2,436 (up 126 from last year)

Registered users – 1,694 (up 1,251) Brethren & Sisters, from 33 countries

Users accessing the website per monthly (average) – 555 (up 430)

Users accessing the website during 2020 – 1,692 (up 1,294)

Weekly email notifications of new articles – 426 (up 283)

Daily Readings Exhortations email notifications – 250 (up 203)

Recordings Library downloadable files – 4,722 (up 76)



Changes – David Harvey

There have been no changes to the Committee during 2020 and we would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in the work in whatever way.

On behalf of the Committee

David Harvey (Secretary)

Report compiled by Brother Matt Barton

E. – FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Statement of Financial Activities of the CIL for 2020 and the Balance Sheet at the 31 December 2020, together with associated explanatory notes, are given on pages 16-20 of this report.

Total Income

Total income fell by almost £60,000 in the year due to large legacies in 2019 totalling £82,000.

Total Expenditure

Total expenditure from these funds saw a fall of 10%, which was due to a variety of factors of which the change in how we support the CBM was the most significant.

General Fund

The General fund is the fund through which all the regular services of the CIL are paid. The major costs remain postage, printing and stationary. There was also a large increase in costs due to hosting a virtual service platform for members across the world. Due to the fall in donations in the year, the deficit increased slightly from £16,846 in 2019 to a deficit of £18,840 for the year for the General Fund.

Legacy Fund

The Legacy Fund finances most of the costs associated with less regular expenditure of the CIL e.g. equipment purchases, pastoral visits, gatherings and Youth Week. Due to the fall in legacy donations, this year saw a reported deficit of £3,838 as opposed to a surplus of £53,712 in 2019. The Committee has continued their commitment to using these funds as best as they can to help those in Isolation.

The Eire flat is funded through CALS and CIL donations along with collections and donations from the local area. This year saw a surplus of £3,042 for the period.

An amount of £932 has been re-allocated from the D.E.A.F. fund to general funds as the money has been unused in over 10 years.

Total Balances

The total balances at the end of the year fell by £20,617 to £310,953.

Reserves Policy

The CIL does not have a formal reserves policy but the balances which are held in instant access accounts are such that they would meet the normal expenditure of the League for at least 12 months.

The committee would like to thank all ecclesias and individuals who have supported the CIL so generously during the year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the enclosed Report.

On behalf of the Trustees,

David Harvey (Secretary)

18 January 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHRISTADELPHIAN ISOLATION LEAGUE

I report on the accounts of the Christadelphian Isolation League for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 16 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the Charities 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Bownes FCCA FMAAT,
Chartered Certified Accountant
37 Marston Brook, Hilton,
Derbyshire, DE65 5HS

Date: 18 January 2021

SECTION C. – NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The CIL meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

2. Accounting Policies

Income – Voluntary income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity. Tax reclaims on donations are included at the same time as the gift to which they relate. Investment income (bank interest) is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure – All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Assets – All expenditure on equipment costing less than £1,000 is written off in the year of purchase.

3. Analysis of Incoming Resources

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Analysis of Other Income		
Sales of Magazines	604	1,893
Eire Flat	26,015	12,000
Sunday School	20	100
DEAF Transfer	932	0
Total	27,571	13,993

4. Analysis of Resources Expended (see pie-chart overleaf)

	This Year	Last Year
	£	£
Charitable Activities		
Bible Studies	14,749	19,336
Braille Material	7,188	8,316
Books, Annual Reports & Correspondence	1,055	996
Exhortations	16,277	19,619
Lectures	3,385	4,419
Magazines	1,684	8,519
Sunday School Material	7,038	5,938
Website	1,822	1,130
Virtual Meetings	15,731	0
Overseas Distribution	1,695	1,222
Christadelphian Bible Mission	0	15,319
DEAF Transfer	932	0
Youth Week	2,610	6,768
Eire Flat	36,027	34,411
Total	110,193	125,993
Publicity & Administration Costs		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	4,106	2,358
Travel	19	158
Miscellaneous	505	289
Insurance	485	368
Bank Charges	155	117
Publicity and Area Gathering Costs	1,385	474
Total	6,655	3,764

5. Details of Trustees' Expenses

During the year £19 was paid to 1 committee member as reimbursement of travelling expenses to enable them to attend Committee Meetings. Last year 3 members were reimbursed £158.

In neither year were any fees paid to the independent examiner.

6. Debtors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Debtors		
Tax Recoverable on Gift Aids	1,299	1,318
Total	1,299	1,318

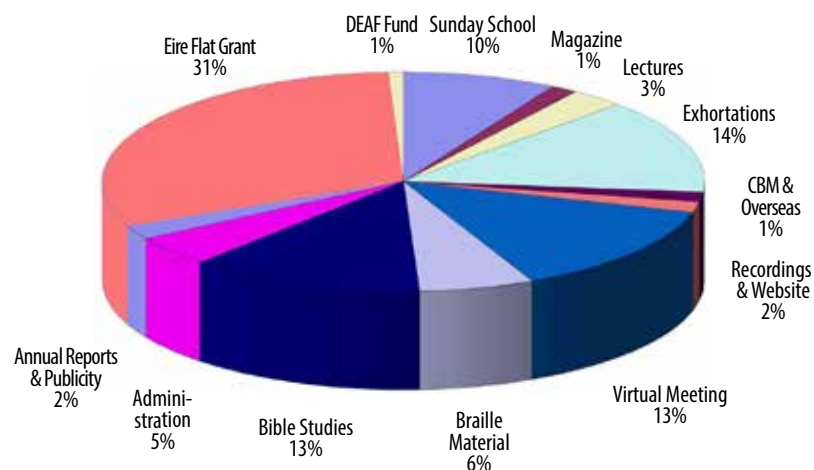
7. Creditors

	This Year £	Last Year £
Analysis of Creditors		
Printing and Distribution costs	0	160
Braille Costs	1,198	0
Total	1,198	160

8. Employees

The Christadelphian Isolation League does not employ any staff and all work is undertaken by volunteers.

RESOURCES EXPENDED 2020



AREAS AND AREA SECRETARIES

South West	Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	Bro. T. M. Willey Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
South	Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Isles	Sis. (Mrs) M. Ford Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
North London	Oxford, Bucks, Suffolk, Herts, Essex, Northants, Nth. London, Beds. and Sth. Cambs.	<i>Contact League Secretary pro tem.</i>
South East	Berkshire, Kent, W & E Sussex, Surrey and Sth. London	Sis. J. Hayles Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
West of England	Bristol, Somerset, Wiltshire, Hereford, and Gloucestershire	Bro. C. Jannaway Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
South Wales	All the South Wales counties	Sis. (Miss) R. Fifield e-mail: south.wales@isolationleague.org
West Midlands	Worcester, Warwickshire, Salop, W. Midlands, and Staffordshire	<i>Contact League Secretary pro tem.</i>
North Wales	Anglesey, Conwy, Denbigh, Flint, N. Powys & Wrexham	Bro. J. Lock, 'Beechcroft' Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
East Midlands	Derbyshire, Leics. Norfolk, Notts, Lincs and North Cambs.	Bro. D. Harvey e-mail: east.midlands@isolationleague.org
North West	Cumbria, Cheshire, Merseyside	Sis. (Mrs) J. Wale Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
North East	Northumberland, Durham, Tyne and Wear, Yorkshire	Bro. J. Pritchard Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.

Scotland	All areas except Lothian and the Borders	Bro. L. Yuile Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
	Lothian and the Borders	Sis. (Mrs) B. Haines Contact details can be found in the CALS Diary for 2021.
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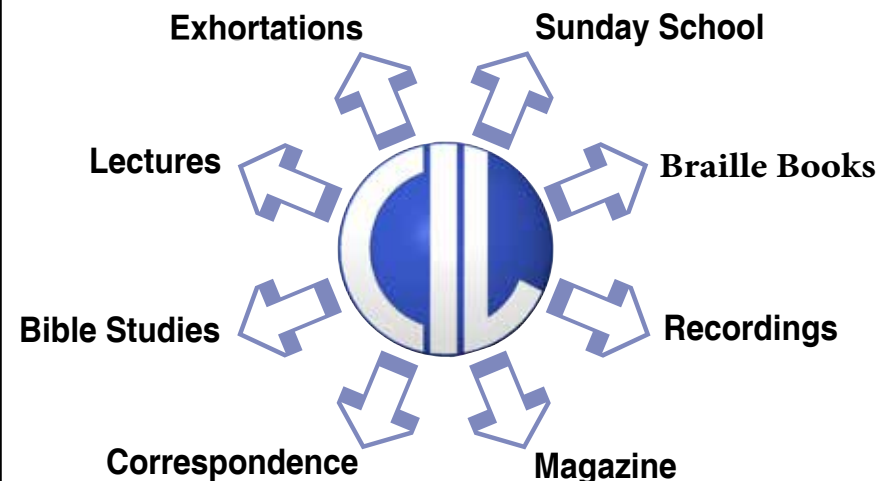
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