



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 <sup>st</sup>	October	2023		30 <sup>th</sup>	September	2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Churches together in Basildon

Other names charity is known by

Project 58:7, School Teams Ministry

Registered charity number (if any)

267593

Charity's principal address

16 Norsey Close

Billericay

Essex

Postcode

CM11 1AP

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mark Johnathan Barford			
2	David Donoghue	Chair		
3	Hilary Nesta Donoghue	Secretary		
4	Thelma Ruth McLaren			
5	David William Mclean			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name

Dates acted if not for whole year

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by Members

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees have adopted policies that are relevant to the organisation in key areas e.g. Finance and Safeguarding.

These policies are reviewed regularly.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity's objects are to develop the work of the Christian church in Basildon and the surrounding area by the advancement of the Christian religion; relief of poverty, suffering, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and other such activities as charitable and in accordance with English law.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The main activities of CTB are:

- a) to enable Churches in Basildon to bear a more united witness in the community and to serve it more effectively
- b) to provide a free hot meal and drink throughout the year, 7 days a week and support to any adult in need, rough sleeper or homeless person.
- c) to bring a Christian message to primary schools in Basildon, by attending and running assemblies on termly basis.

We also provide a forum to share and assist other local Christian organisations or activities in the local area, to help the young, old, vulnerable and those with financial or other needs.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our volunteers, who have enabled us to continue and expand our activities this year.

There have been only two joint celebrations in the year, where member churches join together for time of worship and a message.

Our main activities are centred on the homeless and primary school children.

The support for the homeless (58:7) operates 7 nights a week providing a free hot meal and drink. Guest numbers fluctuate but have increased during the year from between 10 and 20 a night to up to 25 a night. The guests bring with them needs varying from genuine homelessness, mental health issues, addictions and simple loneliness.

We provided clothes where needed and in the colder months, sleeping bags and tents. The increase in numbers was due to an increase in the homeless plus other people who needed a hot meal. The meals are prepared by a team of volunteers, some of whom provide the meals for free, others we pay up to £2 per meal, 3,070 paid meals were provided in the year.

We are not expecting a reduction in the meals provided, we have however seen the need for our services being required because of the cost of living crisis. In particular last September we started to support the local Salvation Army food bank, as they had to restrict donations due to lack of people donating to them. We were able to contribute £2,920 during the year.

Our school activities through STM are now taking place in 26 schools in the area. This work enables us to reach more than 10,000 children plus teachers each half term with a Christian based message at their assemblies. The work has now extended to supporting some schools with RE lessons, with conversations taking place to extend this into more schools.

The puppet team no longer goes into schools but continue to record videos, which are uploaded to You Tube so they are available to schools. We are exploring with schools using the Puppet videos as aids in their RE lessons.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees review the level of reserves on a quarterly basis to ensure funds are sufficient for the current activities to continue.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of income is from affiliation fees of the member churches and donations from those churches and their members. This is normally supplemented with fundraising activities.

Funds have been sufficient to support the children's and homeless ministries.

## Section F Other optional information

We have been reviewing how CTB can more widely assist people with Financial difficulties, in particular supporting the work of Christians Against Poverty in Basildon. We hope to finalise the arrangements for this before the end of the year. We are also seeking to continue the Youth for Christ activities that have been taking place in Basildon but bringing them under the CTB operations.

## Section G Declaration

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

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	David Donoghue	Andrew Churchill
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	13/01/2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Churches together in Basildon

267593

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st October 2023	To	30th September 2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Affiliation fees	1,500			1,500	1,350
Offerings	379			379	292
Donations		21,470		21,470	15,823
Fundraising		9,423		9,423	5,740
Gift aid	95	3,342		3,437	2,018
Interest		175		175	95
Transfer from another Charity		550		550	-
Insurance claim		206		206	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>35,166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,139</b>	<b>25,318</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>35,166</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,139</b>	<b>25,318</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries and related payments		22,950		22,950	24,305
Cooks expenses		5,226		5,226	3,180
Storage costs				-	
Insurance	557			557	557
Safeguarding	145			145	145
Licenses	294			294	218
Rent				-	919
Donations		1,000		1,000	4,650
Food bank donations		2,920		2,920	
Other	50	1,163		1,213	1,135
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>33,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,305</b>	<b>35,109</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>33,259</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,305</b>	<b>35,109</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,835</b>	<b>- 9,791</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>15,582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,619</b>	<b>27,410</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,454</b>	<b>17,619</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	2,965	8,330	-
	Savings account		9,159	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>		2,965	17,489
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Andrew Churchill	13/01/2025	
		David Donoghue	13/01/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Churches together in Basildon

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

267593

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/ 09 /2023.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J Seager

Date: 13/01/2025

Name: John Seager

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

Address: 27, Danbury Down

Basildon

Essex SS14 2SP



Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**