

SEATON CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

REGISTERED CHARITY No: 281223

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SEATON CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act

To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act

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 Charities Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering 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 above.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

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

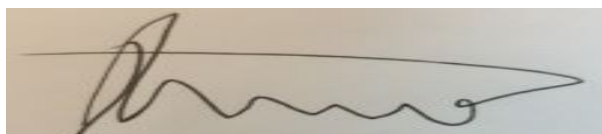
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 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

Signed:



Jamie McLennan (FMAAT)

Date: 14 March 2025

38 Elizabeth Road, Seaton, Devon. EX12 2DR

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 October 2023
To 30 September 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity name: Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia

Charity registration number: 281223

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purpose of the charity is to further the spiritual growth of the members of Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia, to promote the spread of Bible-based Christianity in the local area and support such work nationally and internationally.</p> <p>The charity contributes to charitable causes, primarily of a Christian nature at home and overseas.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia aims to enable as many people as possible from the local community to meet with us and learn about the Bible.</p> <p>To facilitate this, we undertake the following activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly Sunday Memorial Meeting• Weekly Sunday School• Bible talks on specific subjects• Online bible reading group• Monthly coffee morning• Ecclesial website• Weekly feature in local newspaper
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and managing faith charities when planning the activities for the year to best to spread the Gospel message and provide spiritual benefit to our community. We are fortunate to be able to hire a local village hall to hold our Sunday meeting and Sunday school, other meetings have been held in local venues and online provision is available for those unable to attend in person.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>All Trustees and members of the Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia are volunteers. We have no paid clergy or administrative posts. We do have regular visits by speakers from other Christadelphian Ecclesias, their services are voluntary and unpaid however we do cover their travel expenses.</p>

Achievements and Performance

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly meetings <p>Our weekly Sunday morning meetings are open to everyone and are well attended. As Seaton is a seaside town, we often benefit from additional visitors during the Summer months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday school, including party and Sunday school camp
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> <p>(continued.....)</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our Sunday School although small is regularly attended, with children aged between 4 to 13. This Summer the Ecclesial funded a Sunday school Bible camp in the New Forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible talks on specific topics <p>These were held in local venues and advertised in the local press. Over 1000 invitations were hand delivered to homes in the local area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support of charities <p>This year we have made donations to the following charities</p> <p>Christadelphian Meal a day Fund</p> <p>Christadelphian Office</p> <p>CALS</p> <p>Christadelphian Bible Mission</p> <p>Christadelphian Care Homes</p> <p>Christadelphian Benevolent Fund</p> <p>Christadelphian Samaritan Fund which allows us to contribute to the relief of suffering and human need outside the Christadelphian community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refugee support <p>This year we provided financial assistance to Exeter and Taunton Ecclesias to support their work with refugees. We also provided direct support to refugees temporarily housed in Exmouth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website <p>Our website provides easily accessible information and links for our beliefs, and Ecclesial activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare support <p>This year we provided welfare support for a Christadelphian meal-a-day project in Kenya, helped relocate and provided support for cancer treatment of Ecclesia members.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trustees consider the year-end financial position to be satisfactory. We are well placed to deal with ongoing activity and to respond to wider appeals for assistance
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold reserves to enable us to continue the Ecclesial activities in the event of reduced income. The reserves also enable us to respond in a timely manner to appeals and welfare requests
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£29,545
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Income is solely derived from member donations, some via Gift Aid. In the financial year ended 30 September 2024 we received a bequest of £10,000 from a member of the Ecclesia
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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By Election by Ecclesial members

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name		Seaton Christadelphian Ecclesia
Other name the charity uses		N/A
Registered charity number		281223
Charity's principal address		Hill View Higher Brook Meadow Sidford Devon

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee
Jonathan Mark Richards	Chair	Ecclesia members
Michael John Genge		Ecclesia members (appointed 11 January 2024)
Trevor Douglas Pickford	Treasurer	Ecclesia members (appointed 4 January 2024)
Michael Alexander Shepherd-Royal		Ecclesia members
Leslie Victor Maddox		Ecclesia members
Lucinda Claire Williams	Assistant Treasurer	Ecclesia members
Timothy Michael Willey	Secretary	Ecclesia members
Anthony Jarvis		Ecclesia members

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Date

Full name

Position

Signature

Date

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Full name

Trevor Douglas Pickford

Position

Treasurer

SEATON CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	###		###	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Current account	8,563		21,357	
COIF account	<u>20,982</u>		<u>13,225</u>	
		<u>29,545</u>		<u>34,582</u>
Total assets		<u>29,545</u>		<u>34,582</u>
Represented by: -				
Capital funds				
General	<i>Note 1</i> <u>29,545</u>		<u>34,582</u>	
		<u>29,545</u>		<u>34,582</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	£	###	£	£	###	£
Income						
Members donations	29,064			17,638		
COIF interest	756			343		
Magazine contributions	-			67		
HMRC Gift aid	-			1,664		
			29,820			19,712
Expenditure						
Operating costs						
Hall hire	3,430			2,998		
Insurance	342			342		
Magazines & diaries	201			-		
Ecclesia programme	131			282		
Accountancy	965			935		
Sunday school	2,121			388		
Sundry cash expenses	336			187		
Transfer to charities	9,196	Note 2		9,383		
	16,722			14,515		
Preaching expenses						
Speakers Expenses	1,150			1,310		
Advertising	3,096			2,525		
	4,246			3,835		
Welfare expenses						
Various	13,889	Note 3		8,039		
	13,889			8,039		
			34,857			26,389
Excess of expenditure over income			(5,037)			(6,677)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. General fund

	£	
Opening balance at 1 October 2023	34,582	
Excess of expenditure over income	(5,037)	
Closing balance at 30 September 2024	29,545	

2. Christadelphian charity donations

	£	
Opening balance at 1 October 2023	0	
Donations received	9,196	
Donations made		
CALS	792	8.61%
CBF	1,246	13.55%
CSF	535	5.82%
CBM	1,223	13.30%
CMAD	1,470	15.99%
CCH	1,239	13.47%
CIL	671	7.30%
CFL	1,000	10.87%
CO	520	5.65%
Swindon roof appeal	250	2.72%
Camborne hall appeal	250	2.72%
	9,196	
Closing balance at 30 September 2024	0	

3. Welfare expenses

	£	
CMaD project Kenya	5,000	
Welfare relocation fees	7,140	
Baptismal gift	44	
Flowers	205	
Cancer treatment support	1,500	
	13,889	