

FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 283692

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2020

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THE FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2020

The Council is pleased to present its Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st October 2020.

Constitution

The Charity was formed by a Constitution adopted 28th October 1981, as amended 1st January 2004, 21st February 2004 and 2nd June 2015. Registered Charity no. 283692.

Objects of the Charity as defined in the Constitution

The objects of the Fellowship are the advancement of the Christian religion by the propagation among mankind of the truths of the Holy Scriptures and by the implementation of such truths by the provision of practical assistance to persons who are in spiritual or physical need, hardship or distress. In the furtherance of the above purposes the Fellowship may:

- (a) hold religious services and meetings;
- (b) arrange interviews between members of the Fellowship and others;
- (c) provide a counselling service on spiritual and social matters free of charge;
- (d) provide, hold and maintain premises of such nature and in such place as may be requisite for the carrying out of the purposes of the Fellowship;
- (e) make grants and loans (with or without interest) including grants and loans for training or otherwise of such amounts and subject to such conditions as the Fellowship shall from time to time decide;
- (f) assist any charitable body or bodies financially or otherwise and provide or donate charitable assistance in kind or money to such persons and in such circumstances as the Fellowship may deem suitable;
- (g) obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, subscriptions, legacies, grants and any other lawful method and enter into agreements or covenants for the payment to the Fellowship of any of the same and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trusts or not);
- (h) procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents;
- (i) arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, campaigns of a religious nature, conventions, conferences and Bible schools including Sunday schools and other activities for juveniles;
- (j) promote and carry out the propagation of the Christian religion by mission work in any part of the world and support by financial payments or any other means the carrying out of such mission work by any person, church, society, corporation or other body;
- (k) provide for the care and treatment of the physically mentally and spiritually sick with the provision of all such facilities as may be required therefor;
- (l) apply and expend all assets of the Fellowship for the objects and purposes of the Fellowship without distinction between capital and income;
- (m) do all such other things as shall further the objects of the Fellowship.

Administrative Details

The work of the Fellowship in fulfilling our objectives is centered at Knoll Farm, Broadmoor Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset; where we are known as Knoll Farm Christian Mission and Knoll Farm Church.

The property is held in trust for the Fellowship with the Trustees being the Registered Proprietors. The property Trustees are:

David Lee
David Breckon
Paul Nielsen
Mark Dennison

The administration of the Fellowship is vested in the Council of the Fellowship which comprises of representative members who are also the Charity Trustees. The Charity Trustees who served throughout the year were:

Mark Dennison
David Breckon
Peter Nielsen
Graham Dyke
Stephen Booker

Structure, governance and management

The Council of the Fellowship comprises of members who are also the Charity Trustees and may number up to 12. They are appointed on the basis of their proven character and commitment both to the work of the church and the aims of the charity. On appointment they are made aware of their duties as published by the Charities Commission.

The Council works together with the Advisory Board (which consists of the pastor and other leading representatives of the Fellowship as outlined in the Constitution) to conduct the business of the church.

Review of Activities

Corfe Mullen

The Church

It has always been our vision that our church should be a place where biblical Christianity is upheld both in word and in deed, where God is worshipped in spirit and in truth, where people can meet together safely in a wholesome environment and where anyone who is seeking to know God or is in any spiritual or physical need can come and find help and encouragement. From this place we also seek to reach out to others both in our local community and anywhere we can be a blessing, either here in the UK or abroad. Knoll Farm is set in the beautiful Dorset countryside and is accessible via our private lane leading from Broadmoor Road where a sign is displayed. The lane also allows access for other landowners and part of it is a public bridleway. A public footpath passes through the site. The land and buildings provide facilities not only for meetings but also for fellowship and recreation including indoor and outdoor areas for children's play and youth sports activities. They also provide units of accommodation which enable us to house key workers as well as to receive guests, visitors and people in need.

The upkeep of the site and grounds is vital to our work for God and is a major part of our annual expenditure. This year we replaced the tractor (an essential piece of equipment). We are pleased to report that the site at Knoll Farm has been well maintained during the year and wish to express our appreciation for the hard work of our Site Manager, those who live on site and of all who have willingly given their services in the running of the premises. The year we invested in a new sewage treatment plant ensuring that any effluent is to a much higher standard and enabling us to fully meet our environmental obligations. Refurbishment was carried out in the farmhouse kitchen and stable block accommodation, while further necessary repairs were made to the access lane.

Details of our Sunday services, morning and evening, are clearly displayed on a welcome board in Knoll Farm access lane and members of the public are welcome. These gatherings are for the edification, encouragement and instruction of all by the preaching and teaching of the Word of God from the Bible, together with Christian worship in prayer and praise. We aim to cater for all ages and use a cross section of hymns, worship songs and musical styles, both old and new. Opportunity is given for all to participate in public and private prayer and praise and to share testimonies of God's goodness from life's experiences. Our services continued to be held throughout the year - as and when the Government's Covid restrictions allowed and within Government guidelines, while a new provision was made for on-line participation in both the regular services and other less formal groups. This year we are pleased to report the provision of both an electric piano and a large television screen which together will greatly enhance the worship services.

Pastoral

The church is committed not only to the spiritual care of its members but also, as stated, to anyone seeking help from God and we are pleased that during the year, pastoral care has been exercised towards members and non members alike; providing an opportunity for all to experience more of the life changing power of the Christian gospel.

We wish to express our appreciation for all who have ministered among us, for our pastor and his wife and for all who have given of themselves in preaching, teaching and the care of souls.

In recent years a number of members have benefited from a pastoral care course intended to equip and enable those who have an interest in helping and supporting people, both in the church and in the wider community. The course: 'Resourcing Pastoral Carers' is developed by The Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC). ACC is a government registered professional body, which has always been committed to supporting pastoral care as well as counselling. The course trainers must attend an ACC/Pastoral Care UK course and comply with the ACC – Framework for Good Practice in Pastoral care. Pastoral Care UK aims to be a Christian resource for individuals, churches and organizations enabling the missional purpose, potential and practice of pastoral care to be developed.

Finance

Our main source of income is the giving of God's people and this year we report net payments of £16,949 (2019 net receipts £50,955). Our overall liquid assets (Cash in hand and at bank) at the year end, which includes monies which we still have at our disposal from recent legacies, were £127,975 (2019 £144,924) with an agreed reserve of £50,000.

Reserves Policy: a summary.

The above reserve of £50,000 is set at approximately six months' income and is subject to annual review. It is deemed to be a sufficient provision to meet any unexpected maintenance expenses or a sustained drop in income.

Events / Outreach

The year's programme of events again provided special fellowship weekends for the mutual encouragement of specific groups such as men, women and the over 60s but was severely curtailed this year due to lockdown restrictions.

Isle of Wight Cycle Ride - an annual event and occasionally an opportunity for sponsored giving, did not take place this year.

'Open the Book' (A Bible Society initiative) – a new venture into ministry in schools; began in the Autumn but was interrupted by Covid.

Thursday coffee mornings at Knoll Farm a great occasion for friendship and fellowship and outings for the over 60s to various locations were curtailed due to lockdown.

The distribution of the Good News paper in the village has continued through the year but the Corfe Mullen Carnival was cancelled.

Our monthly visits to Wessex Lodge retirement home in Parkstone, where a small team holds a short service on a Sunday afternoon, and which are appreciated by the residents most of whom are no longer able to go to church were suspended as from February 2020.

Children / Youth

We place great importance on the care and instruction of each and every child entrusted to us. On Sundays, Children's Church and Bible Classes covered all age groups and as with the main services these were open to receive all comers. We are pleased to report that all our children's and youth workers are DBS checked.

Weekly activities included a mothers and toddlers playgroup - '*Little Blessings*', which during the year has benefited a number of parents and children who do not attend the church.

'*Knoll Rangers*' for School Years 5 – 7, is a children's activity club taking place on Friday evenings.

A Youth Club now mainly on Thursday evenings caters for School Years 8 +.

A number of children and young people drawn from the wider community have participated in all of these activities.

Our annual Summer Camps, which are generally open to youngsters who attend the youth activities, were continued this year in an on-line format.

The Children's Praise Party organized as a Christian alternative to Hallowe'en and with a fancy dress theme and usually enjoyed by a good number of children was suspended this year.

All of these activities were run by a dedicated team of volunteers and we are grateful for all of their commitment and efforts on behalf of the children and youth during the past year.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Castle Court School, for their past support in allowing us the use of their facilities and providing assistance with transport and hope that the relationship established over many years will flourish again with the lifting of restrictions.

Missionary

Matumaini Rehabilitation Centre, Molo, Kenya.

We have a long standing interest in Matumaini and although our involvement has been less of recent years, we are still supporting the work there and any funds received are being channeled through International Teams UK.

Matumaini Bible School.

The Bible School, which began at Matumaini is the main missionary outreach of the Fellowship with a three year diploma course of applied Bible teaching in nine two-week sessions. There is usually a small intake of around 10 – 15 new students each year making a total of between 30–40 students and 14 staff. The yearly Graduation is in December and 16 students graduated this year.

Our pastor David Lee is the Principal and he and his wife are the main teachers at the school while a Kenyan team formed from ex-graduates and now including a Vice Principal and Head Teacher, provides additional teaching staff and assists with the interpretation from English to Swahili. They also look after the day to day administration of the school. This arrangement has worked well.

The students pay modest fees which cover their food and accommodation while the Fellowship pays for David and his wife's travel and expenses together with the course materials. We also cover the main rental cost of the teaching venue and in addition provide assistance to some of the poorer students who have difficulty in paying their fees.

The Bible School is recognized by PEFA (Pentecostal Evangelical Fellowship of Africa).

The school was accommodated at Lanet School for several years which was a good provision for us. This arrangement ceased last year and the April & December sessions were held at a new location which has proved to be inadequate; so the search for a more permanent solution continues.

The coming of Covid-19 saw the April 2020 session cancelled with some limited teaching in August; no travel from UK being possible. However a new opportunity arose when four students from the remote area of West Pokot returned to

their local churches with such enthusiasm for the Bible School that a number of people expressed their desire to join but felt prohibited by the distance and the cost. The local pastors therefore requested that the School be brought to them and so in September 2020 the Vice Principal, head Teacher and one other held the first School Plant, teaching a total of 17 students (including the original 4). This new venture was successfully run as a day school only and without any financial support from the Fellowship. Further visits are planned for December and 2021.

Usenge Kenya: Regular financial support continued for widows and orphans at Usenge on Lake Victoria. This modest support is sufficient to enable them to support themselves, and is distributed by trusted workers Sylvester and Roslyn who are fully accountable for their expenditure.

Bookshine School Kenya: a registered Secondary School in Mwiki, Nairobi, Kenya, for disadvantaged children, whose parents cannot afford normal school fees. The school is providing education for students who would otherwise have none. We have a historic link with and an interest in the founder of the school through previous mission work in Kenya. Reports are received from time to time.

Romania: Historical links with a church in Craiova continued with prayerful interest.

Open Doors: The Fellowship continued to support Open Doors, an organization dedicated to helping persecuted Christians throughout the world. There is a monthly prayer meeting for this work and presentations have also been made to the church.

Operation Christmas Child / Samaritan's Purse: The Fellowship continued to support the annual donation of Shoe Boxes filled with Christmas gifts for needy children around the world.

Haiti: The Fellowship continues to be interested in and supportive of the work of New Missions.

Israel: A monthly prayer meeting focuses on Israel & UK and this year we agreed to support the work of both Ebenezer Emergency Fund and Messianic Testimony.

Other Missions & charitable causes: financial support was given as the opportunities arose.

Risks

The site manager is active in assessing risks especially in relation to health and safety and in taking appropriate action where necessary. The site is inspected regularly by the local authority and any recommendations are promptly carried out.

There is an ongoing risk assessment process in place in relation to youth activities both on and off site.

We have full Public Liability insurance.

Health and Safety

Due attention has also been given to health and safety regulations including the necessary hygiene certification.

Public Benefit

Due regard has been paid to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission, including the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

By Order of the Council

David W. Breckon

D.W.BRECKON

Date *26th September 2021*

FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY
STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity legislation requires the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the financial statements, suitable accounting policies have been adopted and consistently applied, to the best of the Council's knowledge and belief, by reference to reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. Applicable accounting standards have been followed. The Council is responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The Council is also required to indicate whether the financial statements are prepared other than on the basis that the Charity is a going concern.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS'S REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

I report on the accounts of the trustees for the year ended 31st October 2020 which are set out on pages 8 and 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) 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; 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 next statement.

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 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting 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.


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Date: 26th September '21

Charity Name FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY		No (if any) 283692		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 1 Nov 2019	To	Period end date 31 Oct 2020	

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	65,418	15,207	-	80,625	108,081
Gift Aid	13,097	2,238	-	15,335	20,356
Legacies	-	-	-	-	14,611
Camps & Convocations	-	-	-	-	3,708
Rent from On-site Accommodation	6,067	-	-	6,067	6,227
Other Charitable Activities	2,069	-	-	2,069	1,524
Bank Interest	336	191	-	527	549
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	86,988	17,636	-	104,624	155,055
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	86,988	17,636	-	104,624	155,055
A3 Payments					
Outreach & Missionary	-	3,120	-	3,120	9,640
Camps & Convocations	119	-	-	119	4,369
Staff Costs	27,863	-	-	27,863	23,480
Site Running Costs	24,054	-	-	24,054	27,573
Repairs & Renewals	19,411	-	-	19,411	18,134
Hospitality & Catering	1,587	-	-	1,587	2,763
Travel	3,368	1,977	-	5,345	5,932
Other Charitable Activities	27,483	10,294	-	37,777	9,328
Examiner's Fee	2,298	-	-	2,298	2,880
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	106,182	15,391	-	121,574	104,099
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	106,182	15,391	-	121,574	104,099
Net of receipts/(payments)	(19,194)	2,245	-	(16,949)	50,956
A5 Transfers between funds	(2,400)	2,400	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	122,085	22,839	-	144,924	93,969
Cash funds this year end	100,491	27,484	-	127,975	144,925

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current Accounts	5,442	7,141	-
	Other Bank Accounts	94,863	20,142	-
	Petty Cash	187	202	-
	Total cash funds	100,491	27,484	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Tax Refunds Due	5,596	661	-
	Charitable Loans	-	7,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Knoll Farm Site	Unrestricted	426,717	-
	Two Vehicles (both fully depreciated)	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Examiner's Fee	Unrestricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

David W Breckon
Mark P Dennison

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Mark P Dennison

26/9/21
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