

FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 283692

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022**

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THE FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2022

The Council is pleased to present its Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st October 2022.

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 centred 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
Peter Lings

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. In September 2022, a Ukrainian lady and her two daughters came to live in the flat at Knoll Farm as part of the government scheme to provide accommodation for those fleeing the war in Ukraine. They are very welcome and we all have a good relationship with them.

The upkeep of the site and grounds is vital to our work for God and is a major part of our annual expenditure. 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. This year it was necessary to improve the drainage system to stop rainwater from entering the new sewage treatment plant. Improvements were also made to the bungalow and the ladies toilets in the church, and a new LP Gas tank was installed from a new supplier, whose gas is 67% of the previous supplier's cost, together with new pipework as the old pipework was part metal. All these improvements cost about £17,000, and account for the major part of our financial deficit for the year.

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 provision was made for on-line participation in both the regular services and other less formal groups. The benefit of these gatherings in times like these cannot be overestimated.

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.

Finance

Our main source of income is the giving of God's people and this year we report a net deficit of £23,020 (2021 net deficit £25,816). Our overall liquid assets (Cash in hand and at bank) at the year end were £79,138 (2021 £102,159) 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 program of events again provided special fellowship weekends for the mutual encouragement of specific groups such as men, women and the over 60s; subject to restrictions.

'Open the Book' (A Bible Society initiative) – a new venture into ministry in schools; begun Autumn 2019 but interrupted by Covid. We remain committed to this initiative in the hope that the door will reopen.

The distribution of the Good News paper in the village has continued through the year.

A Christianity Explored course was run over two months at the beginning of 2022, and was well attended, the participants all being grateful for what they had learned.

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.

'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.

The Children's Light Party, which is organized as a Christian alternative to Hallowe'en and with a fancy dress theme and enjoyed by a good number of children, took place on 31st October.

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.

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 One Collective UK (previously known as 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 new students each year making a total of about 30 students and 10 staff. The yearly Graduation used to be in December – this year the graduation was in April and 11 students graduated.

Our pastor David Lee is the Principal and he and his wife were the main teachers at the school while a Kenyan team formed from ex-graduates and including a Vice Principal and Head Teacher, provided additional teaching staff and assisted with the interpretation from English to Swahili. The interruption of Covid accelerated the transfer of responsibility to the Kenyan team, and David and his wife now typically visit once each year for the session that includes the graduation. The Kenyan team also look after the day to day administration of the school. This arrangement continues to work well, and accounts are provided of how monies are budgeted and spent.

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 Bible School in Nakuru is now held at Rohi High School.

Since September 2020 a Bible School is also held at West Pokot, a long way from Nakuru. This was started by the Vice Principal, head Teacher and another local teacher, and has been very successful. This avoids the need for students to travel their long and somewhat expensive distance to Nakuru.

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. The founder and head teacher, Jack Oyeiko, sends a regular report, typically bi-monthly, and this is posted on the church notice board. He also provides accounts of how money sent to him, on behalf of the school, is spent.

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

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. We give regular financial support to both Ebenezer Emergency Fund and Messianic Testimony.

Other Missions & charitable causes: During the year, financial support was also given to Barnabas Fund for help to people in Ukraine.

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.

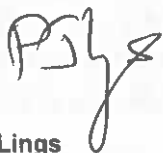
Health and Safety

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Lings', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Lings

Date

14/7/23

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.



Report to the trustees

Charity Name
FELLOWSHIP FPR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

On accounts for the year ended

31ST October 2022

Charity no (if
any)

283692

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Responsibilities and basis of
report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

28th June 2023

Name:

James Driver ACCA

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Stafford house, 10 Prince of Wales Road

Dorchester, Dorset.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

No (if any)
283692

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the
period from

Period start date
1 Nov 2021

To

Period end date
31 Oct 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	53,868	6,100	-	59,968	63,409
Gift Aid	9,994	1,464	-	11,458	11,466
Legacies	-	52	-	52	2,000
Camps & Convocations	3,660	-	-	3,660	4,099
Rent from On-site Accommodation	5,782	-	-	5,782	5,715
Other Charitable Activities	3,406	-	-	3,406	2,593
Bank Interest	163	91	-	254	491
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,873	7,707	-	84,580	89,772
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	76,873	7,707	-	84,580	89,772
A3 Payments					
Outreach & Missionary	-	5,611	-	5,611	710
Camps & Convocations	4,192	-	-	4,192	4,320
Staff Costs	29,989	-	-	29,989	31,071
Site Running Costs	26,607	-	-	26,607	25,727
Repairs & Renewals	21,813	-	-	21,813	4,626
Hospitality & Catering	2,933	-	-	2,933	1,498
Travel	2,447	-	-	2,447	3,732
Other Charitable Activities	5,570	7,431	-	13,001	22,979
Examiner's Fee	1,008	-	-	1,008	960
Sub total	94,559	13,042	-	107,601	95,623
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	19,965
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	19,965
Total payments	94,559	13,042	-	107,601	115,588
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,686	- 5,335	-	- 23,021	- 25,816
A5 Transfers between funds	14,008	- 14,008	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,645	29,514	-	102,159	127,975
Cash funds this year end	68,968	10,171	-	79,139	102,159

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	4,526	4,078	-
	Other Bank Accounts	63,832	6,038	-
	Petty Cash	609	55	-
	Total cash funds	68,968	10,171	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift Aid & GASDS Refunds Due	4,920	424	-
	Charitable Loans	-	7,000	-
	Cheque donated in Oct 22 but not on bank statement until Nov 22	50	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Knoll Farm Site	Unrestricted	426,717	-
	Minibus (two years' depreciation)	Unrestricted	19,965	11,979
	Pajero SUV (fully depreciated)	Unrestricted	-	1
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Examiner's Fee	Unrestricted	960	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	P. Lings	PETER LINGS	14/1/23	
	Mark Denison	MARK DENNISON	14/1/23	

