

FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 283692

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

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THE FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2023

The Council is pleased to present its Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st October 2023.

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 (deceased 1/5/23)

David Breckon

Paul Nielsen

Mark Dennison

David Lee died 1/5/23, as shown above, and the Trustees need to meet and decide appropriate action moving forward.

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

Our beloved pastor, David Lee, died on 1st May 2023, after a short illness. The Council and Advisory Board unanimously agreed and appointed Nick Kyprianou as the new pastor. Nick has been part of the Advisory Board for many years, and is currently in full-time secular employment.

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. This arrangement is ongoing subject to review.

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 there were no major expenses – the largest single item was the 5 year comprehensive electrical safety check carried out by a qualified Electrician who is very familiar with the site.

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, including provision for on-line participation in both regular services and other less formal groups.

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 express our appreciation for all who have ministered among us, both our deceased pastor and his wife, and our new 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 surplus of £10,612 (2022 net deficit £23,020). Our overall liquid assets (Cash in hand and at bank) at the year end were £89,751 (2022 £79,139) with an agreed reserve of £50,000. During the year, we changed our current bank account to CAF Bank, to reduce our bank charges, and obtain a better service.

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.

'Open the Book' (A Bible Society initiative) – a 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.

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 Halloween 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 in 2000, is the main missionary outreach of the Fellowship with a three year diploma course of applied Bible teaching initially in nine two-week sessions, and now in nine slightly more intense one-week sessions. David Lee was the Principal of the Bible School, and developed the Kenyan team over the last years to take more and more responsibility for its running. Edward Lundu was the Vice Principal and Head Teacher, and, on David's death, became the Principal. David last visited the Bible School in April 2022. Edward has requested that a teacher visits from Knoll Farm Church once each year, or possible two years, to maintain good contact with both staff, students, and with the general running of the Bible School.

The Bible School was held as a residential event in a high school in Nakuru, but this had higher costs associated with rent and full board, so Edward and his Kenyan team developed a number of smaller more localized sessions, which the students attend each day. The first such session was in West Pokot in September 2020, and other sessions began in Molo in April 2023 and Olenguruone in September 2023. 14 students graduated in West Pokot in January 2023, and 9 students in Nakuru in April 2023. David Lee had planned to be present at the Nakuru graduation, but was unable to do so, due to his failing health. The Kenyan team 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 Bible School is recognized by PEFA (Pentecostal Evangelical Fellowship of Africa).

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.

Israel: A monthly prayer meeting focuses on Israel & UK. We give regular financial support to both Ebenezer Emergency Fund and Messianic Testimony.

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. Knoll Farm Church has become a drop-off centre, and a team of volunteers travelled to a processing centre to assist in checking shoe box gifts.

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

Haiti: Some individuals in the Fellowship continue to be interested in and supportive of the work of New Missions.

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 'PLings', written in a cursive style.

Peter Lings

Date 12th March 2024

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
FELLOWSHIP FPR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

On accounts for the year ended

31ST October 2023

Charity no (if
any) **283692**

Set out on pages

1 to 11

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of
report

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:

12th June 2024

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

FELLOWSHIP FOR DECISIVE CHRISTIANITY

No (if any)
283692

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Nov-22

To

Period end date
31 Oct 2023

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	65,756	3,851	-	69,608	59,968
Gift Aid	9,615	747	-	10,362	11,458
Legacies	-	-	-	-	52
Camps & Convocations	2,797	-	-	2,797	3,660
Rent from On-site Accommodation	10,717	-	-	10,717	6,782
Other Charitable Activities	9,945	-	-	9,945	3,406
Bank Interest	346	55	-	401	254
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	99,175	4,654	-	103,829	84,580
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	99,175	4,654	-	103,829	84,580
A3 Payments					
Outreach & Missionary	-	2,955	-	2,955	5,611
Camps & Convocations	3,509	-	-	3,509	4,192
Staff Costs	24,054	-	-	24,054	29,989
Site Running Costs	29,811	-	-	29,811	26,607
Repairs & Renewals	9,601	-	-	9,601	21,813
Hospitality & Catering	4,464	-	-	4,464	2,933
Travel	1,329	1,476	-	2,804	2,447
Other Charitable Activities	7,769	7,145	-	14,914	13,001
Examiner's Fee	1,104	-	-	1,104	1,008
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	81,642	11,575	-	93,217	107,601
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,642	11,575	-	93,217	107,601
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,533	- 6,921	-	10,612	- 23,021
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,968	10,171	-	79,139	102,159
Cash funds this year end	86,501	3,250	-	89,751	79,139

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	34,767	3,196	-
	Other Bank Accounts	51,524		-
	Petty Cash	210	55	-
	Total cash funds	86,501	3,250	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid & GASDS Refunds Due	7,386	80	-
	Charitable Loans		7,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 (three years' depreciation)	Unrestricted	-	7,386
	Pajero SUV (fully depreciated)	Unrestricted	-	1
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Examiner's Fee	Unrestricted	1,104	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	 	PETER LING & MARK DENNISON	17/6/24 17/6/24

