

# Thurrock Christian Fellowship

England & Wales · Charity number 297569

## Details

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Other names	THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1987-09-23
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO:(A) ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, AS A CHRISTIAN CHURCH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THROUGH PUBLIC RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, THE TEACHING OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN, AND THE PROVISION OF PASTORAL CARE, SUPPORT AND COUNSELLING; AND(B) ADVANCE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL, IN THE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES, FURTHER THE WORK OF THE CHURCH BY PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF FAITH, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION:(I) THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF NEED, HARDSHIP AND SICKNESS;(II) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION (INCLUDING FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEANS OF EDUCATION AND BOTH CHRISTIAN AND SECULAR SUBJECTS); AND(III) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN EACH CASE IN THE BOROUGH OF THURROCK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, THROUGHOUT THE UK AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

**Activities:** The worship of God  
The instruction and edification of Christians  
The care and Christian instruction of young people and children  
The evangelism of non-christians  
The relief of poverty and sickness  
The advancement of the Christina faith generally in the UK and abroad

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK AND ABROAD
- Thurrock

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£779,382	£733,051	£1,456,503	22
2024-03-31	£946,727	£855,725	£1,410,172	21
2023-03-31	£728,330	£718,575	£1,319,170	21
2022-03-31	£777,115	£805,785	£1,309,415	18
2021-03-31	£892,273	£637,895	£1,338,085	17

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Thurrock Christian Fellowship (Trustee) Limited		2025-10-27

**Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

England & Wales - Charity number 297569

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**  
**FOR**  
**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

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**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a Christian Church that meets for:

- The worship of God
- The instruction and edification of Christians
- The care and Christian instruction of young people and children
- The evangelism of non-Christians
- The relief of poverty and sickness
- The advancement of the Christian faith generally in the UK and abroad

Over the year the Trust had involved itself in the following projects and activities in the pursuance of these main aims and objectives for the public benefit.

##### **Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objects and in planning future activities and setting policy for the year.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) - A Christian Church**

TCF is a vibrant, growing, local church in the borough of Thurrock, South Essex. We believe that God has called TCF to help transform Thurrock, Essex and, ultimately the wider UK, with the message and person of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to serve God in creating a growing community of people who know and love Jesus Christ and whose lives encourage others to experience His message of hope and salvation.

We are particularly passionate about:

- Worshipping God, seeking Him, and expecting to experience his profound presence as we do so;
- Encouraging the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to be utilised by every believer as we gather together;
- Expecting to see the Lord working through our day-to-day lives in a supernatural way as we pray, listen expectantly to his voice, and ask him to bless and to heal other people;
- The Bible: therefore we read it, meditate on it, preach it, teach it and put it into practice in our lives;
- The Gospel: the message of hope and salvation for the whole world and the main instrument to enlarge the Kingdom of God;
- Care for those suffering physically, materially, mentally and spiritually;
- Generosity in attitude and in financial giving to the work of God;
- Sound doctrine: we embrace the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith;
- The Christian community in all its aspects. We work with, and learn from, other churches and other Christians. We view the global church as the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ and the Family of God.
- Leadership is 'Team', rather than one person being in overall charge. We listen to the Holy Spirit and lead the church jointly; we exercise our authority gently and take our responsibilities seriously.

Our own Community Groups meet throughout the week at various locations across Thurrock and they are at the core of our life in TCF. Community Groups provide a place of belonging within the wider vision and help to anchor a sense of identity and purpose as well as encouraging accountability and service. It is here, that we also encourage our vision for mission starting in our everyday lives and reaching out through activities such as local forums, camping holidays, street evangelism or supporting Christian projects in the Balkans.

Once a month we suspend Community Group meetings and gather together for a 'Seeking God' meeting, where we worship, listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us and pray about key issues relating to the church.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **TCF Ministry Staff**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship had a team of four leaders: John Freeman, Glenda Freeman, Gillian Cranefield and Andy Acreman. Glenda Freeman chose to retire from church leadership w.e.f. 31st December 2024. We are very grateful for all that Glenda has done over the years in serving the Body of Christ through her leadership, and we thank God for her. The leaders take the main responsibility for directing and leading the church and meet formally at least once a month, sometimes with others. TCF has good relationships with other churches both locally in East Thurrock and also further afield, and the input from their leaders and other key people has proved invaluable over the past year.

The TCF Administration consists of John Freeman and two other part-time staff. Between them they are employed to provide administrative support to the whole of the TCF Church as well as to several main ministries including the Treasure Children Forever Preschool, Thurrock Foodbank (run in conjunction with The Trussell Trust), the Spacious Place Café, and the East Thurrock Debt Centre (run in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty).

#### **TCF Mission Budget**

The Mission Budget is set at 10% of TCF's income for the previous year. We have supported the following:

**Kosova** - Our ministry in Kosova is focused into supporting Victory Church in the town of Gjakova, their leaders (Faton & Kajmelina Berisha) and the ministries they are involved in.

**Albania** - Here we support church leaders and missionary worker under the direction of Tomor & Miranda Ajeti from the Victory Church in Tirana.

**School of Ministries** - an international Christian organisation that trains church leaders across the world.

**Love Essex** - and evangelistic outreach by the combined churches of Essex

**A Church Community Café in Hertfordshire** - help with the start-up costs

#### **TCF Compassion Fund**

In addition to the Mission Fund, we also set aside 3.3% of TCF's income for the previous year to donate directly to those members of the Thurrock public in critical financial need. For example, we would assist a CAP client with no gas or electric credit on their meter in the middle of winter. The CAP Debt Centre Manager and one or two other trusted TCF members have authorisation to allocate such monies.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Our Spacious Place Vision**

The Spacious Place is an inclusive multi-functional support and outreach 'hub', for the benefit of all the residents of Thurrock, regardless of their ethnic or culture background, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs, disabilities or religion. For us it is based upon the goodness of heaven coming to earth, and specifically to this part of Thurrock. Our principal resources for this vision rest upon God and people, but there will continue to be a significant need for buildings and financial resources to make this vision possible.

## THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### **Treasure Children Forever Pre School - Corringham**

Our Preschool caters for children aged 2 years to 5 years. It presently employs 23 regular staff, with 7 staff members providing cover for one-to-one support for 8 children with additional needs. The Preschool has grown in reputation for working with children with Special Education needs and is now working with children that have moderate to severe education and health needs. The Preschool continues to be fully subscribed. It has a very good reputation in the area with many recommendations from parents to family and friends.

The Preschool was last inspected by Ofsted on 12th May 2022 and received an overall 'Outstanding' for the third successive time. Below is a quoted from this latest inspection report.

##### **"What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?"**

The inspirational provider and dedicated staff team have a clear vision for what they want children to achieve. The extensive range of activities they provide is carefully tailored to children's precise needs, interests and what they need to learn next. The curriculum is ambitious and consistently embedded across the pre-school. As a result, all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), make very rapid progress. Staff place the utmost priority on developing children's communication and language skills. Young children take great pleasure from sharing stories with staff. They answer skilfully crafted questions very well, gaining information from carefully studying pictures. Pre-school children have many opportunities to speak in group situations, which they do with high levels of confidence. They are learning how to debate and come to a group decision, which supports their understanding of democracy.

Children with SEND are superbly supported to learn and develop. The special educational needs coordinator, parents and children's key person work in true partnership. They think carefully about how they can precisely meet each child's needs, both in the pre-school and at home. Children's individual education plans are expertly implemented into daily practice. Every small achievement children make is praised, shared and celebrated by all.

Partnerships with parents are exceptionally strong. Parents have the utmost praise for the pre-school and staff. They state they are very well informed about their children's progress and next steps in learning. Staff listen to parents, value their input and see them as partners. Many parents report how the provider and staff have worked with them to get the best possible support for children from external professionals. Parents say their children are exceptionally well prepared for moving on to school.

Children have many opportunities to learn how to develop healthy lifestyles. They carefully follow instructions on a displayed chart as they wash their hands. Children are meticulous with every step and talk about getting rid of germs. A local dentist visiting the pre-school is met by eager, excited children. They learn first hand why they need to eat healthily and clean their teeth regularly. Children enjoy dressing up in personal protective equipment. Staff talk about how visits, such as this, break down barriers for children, as they have more understanding of what to expect when they visit the dentist.

Staff turnover is incredibly low. Despite this, the provider has robust recruitment and selection procedures in place. She identifies staff who are suitable and share her vision for high-quality care and education. Staff benefit from regular, constructive feedback about their practice and receive encouragement and coaching that further inspires them. Staff say that they feel highly valued and supported in their role by the provider and other colleagues."

The Preschool continues to remain in a healthy financial position and has a secure future. Although 2024/25 has seen an increase in numbers. This created a more stable financial balance for the year ending.

Staff training continues. In July 2022 the whole staff team undertook Paediatric first aid. This will be repeated in 2025. Training continues throughout the year. To include various courses, such as safeguarding and food hygiene, thereby ensuring we stay compliant with Ofsted requirements. This has been a mixture of online supplied by Noodle now and face to face training.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**East Thurrock CAP Centre**

Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches across the UK. CAP offers expert financial advice and a route out of debt, in addition to its message of Christian hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its services are free and are open to clients of all faiths or none.

**Developments in 2024/25**

The Debt Centre was originally founded in 2015 and operated through to 2022 when it closed due to the original Debt Centre Manager stepping down and moving on. It re-opened again in September 2024 covering only the East of Thurrock and works in partnership with Christians Against Poverty. The centre is based at Thurrock Christian Fellowship in Corringham and covers East Thurrock postcodes that include parts of SS17, RM14 & RM16.

We have filled the post of Debt Centre Manager ('DCM') and the new appointee has undergone full CAP training (commencing June 2024). Funding is regularly being sought to cover the costs of employing the DCM, his expenses, and the monthly payments to CAP Head Office for their debt administration and advice to each client. Other volunteer befrienders and visit supporters have been recruited to accompany the DCM on all home visits to CAP clients.

**Centre Stats - 2024-25**

Select Centre	Bookings	EFF* Received into CAP	Budget Visit (Advice given)	Booking to EFF* received %	Booking to Advice given %
East Thurrock	4	2	2	50%	50%

It can be seen that we are in the very early days of the re-opened Debt Centre, and the number of clients is surprisingly low. Clients must self-refer to CAP Head Office in order to register officially and to be allocated to the relevant Debt Centre for their home postcode. Approximately £13,000 of debt has been written off from the clients we have serviced so far. The Debt Centre also has a partnership with Thurrock FoodBank (Trussell Trust) which provides a channel for those FoodBank clients who are also in serious debt to be referred directly to the Debt Centre. Many such clients do not ultimately self-refer to CAP but do receive informal advice and guidance from both FoodBank and Debt Centre staff, which is often of great value to them.

We are reviewing those postcode areas that the Debt Centre offers to service, with a view to expanding the zone to include additional areas in the centre of Thurrock, particularly those which are more socially deprived.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Thurrock FoodBank**

###### Overview:

As we start a new year we can reflect on the past few months and what has been achieved. Between September and December is particularly busy time from Harvest through to Christmas. We saw an increase in donations and, whilst this is good, it also puts extra demand on our teams. We were able to bless twenty-four families with a Christmas hamper this year. We worked with Thurrock's Learning Area Co-ordinators ('LACs') to identify some specific families that were going to need help celebrating Christmas and gave them hampers and small gifts.

###### Distribution Centres:

The ten distribution centres continue to work well supporting people that use our Foodbank; as might be appreciated, there is a huge demand on our services. There is an update regarding an Aveley distribution Centre, resulting from a request by some local counsellors who requested additional support for the residents of Aveley. Consequently, a Thurrock Foodbank Distribution Centre opened at St Micheal's Aveley at the end of January, with a team in place to run the centre. We will also have some 'Grab' Boxes (no voucher required) located at the Aveley Family Hub which will further support the community of Aveley.

###### Business Relationships:

Once again, we continue to maintain good support from local businesses, both financially and through food donations. We continue to get physical support from Thames Crossing, Balfour Beatty, DP World, Murphy's, and some local schools, who also have helped us at our store collections. We have also been receiving donations from the Thurrock Mayor as part of her charity of the year.

###### Staffing:

The ongoing commitment and dedication of our volunteers still is incredible. We are blessed to have full rotas and volunteer retention continues to be high. Added to this we do have a waiting list of people wanting to offer their services. This has enabled us to enhance our offerings ensuring that everyone that comes to Thurrock Foodbank is received with dignity, respect and are offered a more pastoral experience.

Our Warehouse Manager continues to oversee and organise the warehouse and continues doing a wonderful job managing the donations, stock and facilitating the food parcel deliveries to our centres.

The Referral Officer continues to follow up on the referrals and working with the agencies to ensure people are getting the help they need. She also oversees all the referrals and consults with numerous agencies ensuring that those that use the foodbank get the support that they need and that the agencies are providing the support they have agreed to offer.

The Befriender Scheme is continuing to work well, and we are certainly seeing the benefits of having a salaried befriender being available at our centres following up and building rapport with those that use the foodbank and hearing stories of success.

Administrative staff continue to oversee our administration keeping our Data system up to date and monitoring the voucher usage and highlight any suspicious activities.

At the end of December, our team were certainly physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted. We have taken note and as a result, we have made some changes to our communication channels, which will streamline the communications, eliminate unnecessary communications and avoid confusion across the team. We have implemented a revised process to ensure we have sufficient staff cover for holidays and sickness.

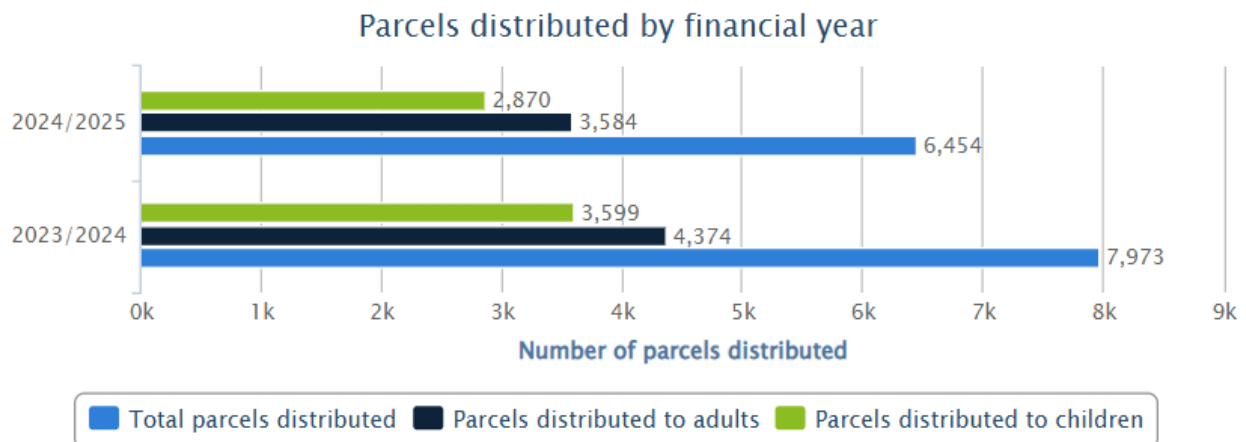
###### Statistics:

Since 1st April 2024, we have provided 6,454 food parcels, 2,870 of which included children. Demand is still approximately 5% above the same period last year. This is still the opposite of the nation trend where there is a slight decline. We believe that this is due to the increase in our local liaisons with referral agencies.

We have worked with agencies to ensure that those clients that need longer-term help are dealt with by just one agency, rather than go from one agency to another to get a foodbank voucher. This has helped streamline the process enabled us to be more consistent in our approach and ensures that people get the complementary support for their specific situation. There are many examples of where this has been successful.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Total parcels distributed**



**The Future:**

Trussell have allocated funding for a fundraiser. The draft job description has been reviewed and approved, and it is hoped that we can start advertising in the coming weeks. We do however need some clarity and guidance on fundraising objectives, and confirmation on how the fundraiser will be utilised, prior to advertising the position.

We have also been approached by a local church in Grays who want to set up a Distribution Centre. We are continuing our discussions and exploring how we can collaborate to provide an appropriate service.

One area that we have been asked to explore is provision of a Distribution Centre in Corringham at the Thurrock Christian Fellowship building. The proposal is opening a centre on a Monday out of the foyer of Spacious Place Cafe. The Centre would be run by a team of volunteers, who would take food parcels out of the warehouse when required. The proposal is to open either mornings 9:00 until 11:00 or 1:30 until 3:30.

Following the end of the Foodbank Pathfinder Scheme, it is important that we focus on what we do best and do not overcomplicate things. Our future strategy is to continue very much what we have implemented and enhance it further where we can. We have seen some great progress in our priority areas.

**Spacious Place Community Engagement Cafe**

We continue to seek to be a welcoming and warm place for customers, where everyone is treated in a first-class manner, especially when they feel 'second class'.

We pleased that over the year (1st April'24-31st March '25) we have supplied 12,547 drinks to customers of all ages. This is encouraging because it compares with only 7902 last year. We are also pleased to note that the number of customers has increased by over fifty percent compared with 2023-24.

Here are a couple of real-life case studies that illustrate the work that we do. All names have been changed for the purposes of confidentiality...

**Case Study #1**

Three Customers come in each week and order lunch. Two have special needs and the third their elderly aunt/carer. Initially they too anxious and uncomfortable to come fully in but sat "outside" the café in the lobby area. The aunt struggling up on her stick to the counter to order. Praise the Lord they now have more confidence and come into the main café area. It is so good to see how over the weeks they have blossomed, and we easily get eye contact now and most recently the gentleman with special needs has started to order for himself, his companion and his aunt/carer. It is lovely to see how he has grown in confidence.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### Case Study #2

Denver is a person with special educational needs and his tutors regularly get takeaways for him from the Spacious Place café. Initially he would only have one type of takeaway but with encouragement he has now tried other fillings in his panini and even tried a latte. Denver does not get out of the car because of his anxieties, he does not go into uncontrolled spaces in general, in case he sees a stranger, a child makes a noise, or a dog barks. After a while of just the carer or tutor coming into order and collect the food, we started to take it out to them in the car. Later we then put their names on the boxes so that we recognised the presence of Denver. Recently there has been a breakthrough which has encouraged us. Denver has entered building to use the toilet and when quiet he has even the Spacious Place Café to pick up his food and we were able to exchange a short greeting with him.

##### Staffing

Our first apprentice successfully passed her apprenticeship and was offered a full-time job in the Café. She continues to work here and is gradually assuming greater responsibility as time goes on.

We have appointed a new apprentice who continues to study for a level 3 Customer Service qualification. He is progressing well; he is on target for finishing his Apprenticeship late this summer.

We continue to require more volunteers, particularly if we were to develop a Bereavement Group and/or Dementia Café of our own.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The Trustees, Advisors and Administrators have worked hard over this year in all areas of financial accounting and controls to ensure that the finances of TCF are used effectively in our ministry. The members of TCF have continued to give generously and, as always, God has been gracious to us all. In addition to the church's income from tithes, offerings and hall rental, fundraising is received through offerings, including a monthly 'Special Offering', which is an opportunity for members to contribute directly to a Foodbank collection, as well as the Thurrock CAP Debt Centre, the Café, and the Compassion Fund. In this context, including Preschool fees, we are thankful for total 'Incoming Resources' of £779,382 Against this our total 'Outgoing Resources' amounted to £733,051, leaving us at a surplus over the year of £46,331.

At the end of the year, there was a total of £590,142 in the TCF bank accounts.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen circumstances such as redundancy etc. These reserves are not invested in tangible assets but are held in a Designated cash fund referred to as the 'Business Reserve', in line with the TCF Business Policy. The ongoing aim is to have sufficient funds to cover the total staff wages for a period of 3 months, and we are working towards this target incrementally. Currently, there is a sum of £62,600 that has been set aside.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

One of the changes in this new Governing Document now allows for a corporate trustee. We have transferred the trusteeship to the corporate trustee, as of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, and for Charity's land and properties have also been transferred into the name of that sole corporate trustee. Of course, we will still control the charitable trust as directors of its corporate trustee. When referencing trustees within the financial statements we refer to the board of directors of the corporate trustee.

At 31st March 2025, the Board is a team of six people; this includes Trustees, any appointed Advisors and Executives, and other board members representing the Church Leadership Team. The board meets a minimum four times per annum.

Trustees            Andrew Acreman - Chairman  
                         Ricky Cranefield - Secretary  
                         Steve Chapman - Treasurer

Executives         John Freeman - Administrative Manager & Leadership Team Member  
                         Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
                         Alison Jones - Preschool Manager & Safeguarding Officer

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The new Governing Document provides more guidance and regulation on the appointment and retention of Trustees and Directors. They are recruited from within the church membership. They are active, reliable members, of reasonably long standing within TCF. They are people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church, are deemed to be of good Christian character, and give financially to the work of God in accordance with Biblical beliefs. Furthermore, they are people who demonstrate a competence commensurate with the fulfilment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the Church Leadership, which has a veto over the appointment of any Trustee. New Trustees are usually invited to attend regular Trustees' meetings for an initial minimum period of 6 months, functioning in a probationary capacity, but with full decision-making power. After this probationary period, if approved by the existing Trustees and Church Leadership, they would normally be invited by the existing Trustees to take up the permanent role of a Trustee, with written confirmation of each appointment from the Chairman. After this, there would normally follow a discussion of the specific roles and functions of each new Trustee within the Board.

#### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The formal invitation to become a Trustee 'on probation' would include a copy of the Charity Commissions publication outlining "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees", the latest of which is "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" (July 2015). Each invitee is invited to spend a day in the Church Office, speaking to our administrative staff and reviewing past minutes and financial documents. Also, these invitees will both observe, and participate in, a number of Trustees' meetings before being formally invited to become a permanent Trustee, usually over a 6-month period. In addition, there is the opportunity for informal mentoring by an existing Trustee and an encouragement to attend external training or conference meetings as required by the Trust.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed with a view to updating the systems already in place to mitigate these risks wherever possible. Regular reviews are placed on each Trustee agenda and undertaken in relation to 'Health & Safety', 'Financial Controls & Management', 'Human Resources', 'Insurance', 'Safeguarding Policy', 'Compliance' and 'Changes in Legislation / External Factors'. Additional statutory milestones will be added to this as required by Companies House in respect of the Sole Corporate Trustee.

#### **TCF Safeguarding Policy**

We adhere strictly to our 'Child Protection Policy', recently revised, which has been updated to adhere to the changes within legislation. All new children- and youth- workers will continue to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked. Regular training event takes place, which are both a refresher for existing youth- and children- workers, and an introduction to safeguarding for new workers. The training incorporates safeguarding vulnerable adults, particularly in relation to the work of CAP (Thurrock) and the Thurrock Foodbank and also provides the opportunity to highlight to all volunteers any amendments or additions to the policy and remind them of best practice.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

297569

**Principal address**

2-4 Chase Road  
Corringham  
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**Trustees**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship (Trustee) Limited – appointed 27.10.25  
Andrew Acreman – Chairman – resigned 27.10.25  
Ricky Cranefield - Secretary– resigned 27.10.25  
Steve Chapman - Treasurer– resigned 27.10.25

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The TCF administrative offices are based at the principal address above.

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There are a team of administrators serving the work and ministry of TCF. These people are;

Mr John Freeman - Administrative Manager  
- with particular responsibility for the management of the Administration Team.

Mrs Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
- with particular responsibility for all areas of finance, payroll & Trustee support

Mrs Ceri Norton - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for Pre School administration, finances and invoicing, and hall hiring

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 11/11/2025 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

*A Acreman*

A Acreman (Nov 11, 2025 14:33:49 GMT)

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A Acreman – On behalf of Thurrock Christian Fellowship (Trustee) Limited

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thurrock Christian Fellowship (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Christopher Marsh FMAAT  
The Association of Accounting Technicians

Marsh Solutions Limited  
82 Berechurch Hall Road  
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CO2 8RF

Date: 13/11/2025 .....

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31.3.25 Total funds	31.3.24 Total funds as restated
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	30,741	146,632	177,373	151,137
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Foodbank	5	-	108,036	108,036	100,889
Spacious Places		57,661	19,400	77,061	78,527
Preschool		396,997	-	396,997	362,809
Other trading activities	3	18,745	-	18,745	19,335
Investment income	4	1,170	-	1,170	1,559
Other income		-	-	-	239
<b>Total</b>		<u>505,314</u>	<u>274,068</u>	<u>779,382</u>	<u>714,495</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Church operations	6	92,102	9,905	102,007	110,219
Foodbank		-	173,289	173,289	128,132
Spacious Places		69,417	23,859	93,276	58,053
Preschool		<u>362,769</u>	<u>1,710</u>	<u>364,479</u>	<u>327,089</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>524,288</u>	<u>208,763</u>	<u>733,051</u>	<u>623,493</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(18,974)	65,305	46,331	91,002
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	15	<u>(657)</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(19,631)	65,962	46,331	91,002
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,102,980</u>	<u>307,192</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>1,083,349</u>	<u>373,154</u>	<u>1,456,503</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds as restated £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	875,000	-	875,000	880,942
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	13	1,809	-	1,809	1,414
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>216,988</u>	<u>373,154</u>	<u>590,142</u>	<u>537,551</u>
		218,797	373,154	591,951	538,965
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,448)	-	(10,448)	(9,735)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>208,349</u>	<u>373,154</u>	<u>581,503</u>	<u>529,230</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,083,349</u>	<u>373,154</u>	<u>1,456,503</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>1,083,349</u></u>	<u><u>373,154</u></u>	<u><u>1,456,503</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	15				
Unrestricted funds				1,083,349	1,102,980
Restricted funds				<u>373,154</u>	<u>307,192</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>1,456,503</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11/11/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

*A Acreman*

A Acreman (Nov 11, 2025 14:33:49 GMT)

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A Acreman - On behalf of Thurrock Christian Fellowship (Trustee) Limited

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 as restated £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>51,421</u>	<u>97,374</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>51,421</u>	<u>97,374</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,559</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,559</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>52,591</u>	<u>98,933</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>537,551</u>	<u>438,618</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>590,142</u>	<u>537,551</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	46,331	91,002
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,942	5,822
Interest received	(1,170)	(1,559)
Increase in debtors	(395)	(775)
Increase in creditors	<u>713</u>	<u>2,884</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u><u>51,421</u></u>	<u><u>97,374</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>537,551</u>	<u>52,591</u>	<u>590,142</u>
	<u>537,551</u>	<u>52,591</u>	<u>590,142</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>537,551</u></u>	<u><u>52,591</u></u>	<u><u>590,142</u></u>

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets:

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is charged in respect of freehold land and buildings as the residual value of the property after its estimated useful life is anticipated to be at least the carrying value of the property shown in the financial statements.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Taxation**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where then charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially settled at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

##### **Donated goods**

The charity recognises donated goods at the lower of the cost of replacement or the income generated from the sale or disposal of the good.

Donated services are recognised at the market value. If a service is donated that falls outside of the charitable activities the charity would not have paid for the service so does not recognise such costs.

#### **2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

During the year the Foodbank received food donations weighing 104,186Kg. As this food has £nil value to the charity, as it is distributed free of charge, it is not recognised as income nor expenditure in the accounts. Had a value been applied to the food donations they would have totalled. £288,596 (2024: £232,224).

This figure was calculated using the Trussell Trust suggested valuation of £2.77p/Kg of donated food (2024: £2.37p/Kg).

#### **3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24
		as restated
	£	£
Hire of hall	<u>18,745</u>	<u>19,335</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,170</u>	<u>1,559</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
Grants	108,036	100,889
Income from Spacious Places	57,661	34,224
Grants	19,400	44,303
Income from Pre School	<u>396,997</u>	<u>362,809</u>
	<u>582,094</u>	<u>542,225</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
DP World	10,000	-
Essex Community Foundation	6,000	-
Fowler Smith & Jones Trust	3,000	-
Lottery Funding	14,468	36,398
The Co-operative Group	-	1,464
The Neighbourly Foundation - Sainsburys	1,500	-
Thurrock Community and Voluntary Services (CVS)	400	6,441
Trussell Trust - Foodbank	<u>92,068</u>	<u>100,889</u>
	<u>127,436</u>	<u>145,192</u>

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Depreciation	5,942	5,822
Independent examiners fee	<u>2,950</u>	<u>2,950</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**7. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Governance costs
	£
Church operations	6,826
Foodbank	983
Preschool	<u>983</u>
	<u>8,792</u>

**8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**9. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
Wages and salaries	546,934	451,078
Social security costs	31,107	23,008
Other pension costs	<u>9,814</u>	<u>8,054</u>
	<u>587,855</u>	<u>482,140</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
All staff	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Key management remuneration**

The trustees consider the Key Management of the Charity to be that of the Core Leadership Team.

During the year gross salary of £29,941 (2024: £27,194) was made to the key management as well as Employer's NI of £2,876 (2024: £2,498) and Employer's Pension Contributions of £711 (2024: £628).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds as restated
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	34,365	116,772	151,137
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Foodbank	-	100,889	100,889
Spacious Places	34,224	44,303	78,527
Preschool	362,809	-	362,809
Other trading activities	19,335	-	19,335
Investment income	1,559	-	1,559
Other income	239	-	239
<b>Total</b>	<u>452,531</u>	<u>261,964</u>	<u>714,495</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church operations	98,454	11,765	110,219
Foodbank	886	127,246	128,132
Spacious Places	7,094	50,959	58,053
Preschool	327,089	-	327,089
<b>Total</b>	<u>433,523</u>	<u>189,970</u>	<u>623,493</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	19,008	71,994	91,002
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>(1,322)</u>	<u>1,322</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	17,686	73,316	91,002
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	1,085,294	233,876	1,319,170
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>1,102,980</u>	<u>307,192</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>

**11. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT**

During the year the Directors of the Corporate Trustee decided to reanalyse the activities on the SOFA to better reflect the income and expenditure by each activity stream. This has led to a net change of £nil to the total income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>875,000</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	-	313,155	67,755
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2024	23,468	24,095	428,473
Charge for year	<u>5,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,942</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>434,415</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>875,000</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,942</u>

Freehold Property is shown at fair value.

**13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
Tax recoverable	752	606
Other debtors	<u>1,057</u>	<u>808</u>
	<u>1,809</u>	<u>1,414</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.25	31.3.24 as restated
	£	£
Taxation and social security	6,793	6,585
Other creditors	<u>3,655</u>	<u>3,150</u>
	<u>10,448</u>	<u>9,735</u>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	92,118	(7,849)	(1,174)	83,095
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Hall Hire	1,672	8,382	(9,000)	1,054
Compassion Fund	1,187	10	1,090	2,287
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Mission	5,612	(8,530)	8,784	5,866
Community Space	357	-	(357)	-
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>64,434</u>	<u>(10,987)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,447</u>
	1,102,980	(18,974)	(657)	1,083,349
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	253,121	58,022	-	311,143
CAP	810	5,894	-	6,704
Compassion Fund	5	(662)	657	-
Foodbank - Food	28,819	2,981	-	31,800
Preschool - New Entrance	<u>24,437</u>	<u>(930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,507</u>
	<u>307,192</u>	<u>65,305</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>373,154</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,410,172</u>	<u>46,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,456,503</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	428,909	(436,758)	(7,849)
Hall Hire	18,745	(10,363)	8,382
Compassion Fund	-	10	10
Mission	-	(8,530)	(8,530)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>57,660</u>	<u>(68,647)</u>	<u>(10,987)</u>
	505,314	(524,288)	(18,974)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	221,895	(163,873)	58,022
CAP	14,681	(8,787)	5,894
Compassion Fund	466	(1,128)	(662)
Foodbank - Food	12,397	(9,416)	2,981
Preschool - New Entrance	-	(930)	(930)
Spacious Places Cafe	<u>24,629</u>	<u>(24,629)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>274,068</u>	<u>(208,763)</u>	<u>65,305</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>779,382</u></u>	<u><u>(733,051)</u></u>	<u><u>46,331</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2025****15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	94,991	2,269	(5,142)	92,118
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Hall Hire	4,750	5,817	(8,895)	1,672
Compassion Fund	1,269	19	(101)	1,187
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Mission	9,276	(15,040)	11,376	5,612
Preschool Garden	305	(307)	2	-
Community Space	66	(2,219)	2,510	357
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	1,957	(885)	(1,072)	-
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>35,080</u>	<u>29,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,434</u>
	1,085,294	19,008	(1,322)	1,102,980
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	186,407	66,714	-	253,121
CAP	4,904	(4,094)	-	810
Compassion Fund	-	(1,317)	1,322	5
Foodbank - Food	17,972	10,847	-	28,819
Preschool - New Entrance	24,437	-	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	<u>156</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>233,876</u>	<u>71,994</u>	<u>1,322</u>	<u>307,192</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>	<u><u>91,002</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	399,056	(396,787)	2,269
Hall Hire	19,231	(13,414)	5,817
Compassion Fund	19	-	19
Mission	-	(15,040)	(15,040)
Preschool Garden	-	(307)	(307)
Community Space	-	(2,219)	(2,219)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	(885)	(885)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>34,225</u>	<u>(4,871)</u>	<u>29,354</u>
	452,531	(433,523)	19,008
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	197,076	(130,362)	66,714
CAP	121	(4,215)	(4,094)
Compassion Fund	255	(1,572)	(1,317)
Foodbank - Food	13,553	(2,706)	10,847
Other one off restrictions	-	(156)	(156)
Spacious Places Cafe	<u>50,959</u>	<u>(50,959)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>261,964</u>	<u>(189,970)</u>	<u>71,994</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>714,495</u></u>	<u><u>(623,493)</u></u>	<u><u>91,002</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	94,991	(5,580)	(6,316)	83,095
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Hall Hire	4,750	14,199	(17,895)	1,054
Compassion Fund	1,269	29	989	2,287
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Mission	9,276	(23,570)	20,160	5,866
Preschool Garden	305	(307)	2	-
Community Space	66	(2,219)	2,153	-
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	1,957	(885)	(1,072)	-
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>35,080</u>	<u>18,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,447</u>
	1,085,294	34	(1,979)	1,083,349
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	186,407	124,736	-	311,143
CAP	4,904	1,800	-	6,704
Compassion Fund	-	(1,979)	1,979	-
Foodbank - Food	17,972	13,828	-	31,800
Preschool - New Entrance	24,437	(930)	-	23,507
Other one off restrictions	<u>156</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>233,876</u>	<u>137,299</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>373,154</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>	<u><u>137,333</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,456,503</u></u>

## THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2025

#### 15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	827,965	(833,545)	(5,580)
Hall Hire	37,976	(23,777)	14,199
Compassion Fund	19	10	29
Mission	-	(23,570)	(23,570)
Preschool Garden	-	(307)	(307)
Community Space	-	(2,219)	(2,219)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	(885)	(885)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>91,885</u>	<u>(73,518)</u>	<u>18,367</u>
	957,845	(957,811)	34
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	418,971	(294,235)	124,736
CAP	14,802	(13,002)	1,800
Compassion Fund	721	(2,700)	(1,979)
Foodbank - Food	25,950	(12,122)	13,828
Preschool - New Entrance	-	(930)	(930)
Other one off restrictions	-	(156)	(156)
Spacious Places Cafe	<u>75,588</u>	<u>(75,588)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>536,032</u>	<u>(398,733)</u>	<u>137,299</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,493,877</u>	<u>(1,356,544)</u>	<u>137,333</u>

#### General fund

The general fund is used for the general running of the fellowship

#### Business Reserve - Designated

This fund represents money set aside for any unforeseen circumstances.

#### Building fund - Designated

This is a designated and restricted fund for the building to account for monies that have been given for the purchasing and developing the new building and for monies set aside for that purpose.

#### Youth - Designated

This fund represents funds raised/donations received - Christian teaching to young people.

#### Hall Hire - Designated

This fund represents money received for hiring out our hall at Giffords Cross.

#### Pension Fund - Designated

This is income specifically restricted to be used in the setting up of a Pension scheme.

#### Community Space - Designated

This fund represents money raised or donated for the development of the Community Space.

#### Foodbank - Future Development Fund - Designated

This fund represents money raised or donated for Foodbank Future Development space.

#### Compassion Fund - Restricted/Designated

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

This represents donations received/funds allocated, to support the poor & needy when needed.

Foodbank - Restricted

This fund represents funds received and specific expenditure related to the operation of the Foodbank.

Youth Funding - Restricted

This fund represents grants received to help any youth causes.

Albania UCB - Restricted

This fund represents donations received to support the production of UCB Word for today in Albania.

Kosovo Projects - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received to support families in Kosovo.

Albania Sparks Ministry - Restricted

This is a fund which represents funds raised/donations received to help Tomor & Miranda with their work with poor and needy children in Albania.

CAP - Restricted/Designated

This is a fund which represents donations received to help support Christians Against Poverty work.

CAP - D Acreman - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received on behalf of D Acreman for the work he does with CAP.

Playschool Garden - Restricted

This fund represent money raised or donated for the development of the garden.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

England & Wales - Charity number 297569

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**  
**FOR**  
**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a Christian Church that meets for:

- The worship of God
- The instruction and edification of Christians
- The care and Christian instruction of young people and children
- The evangelism of non-Christians
- The relief of poverty and sickness
- The advancement of the Christian faith generally in the UK and abroad

Over the year the Trust had involved itself in the following projects and activities in the pursuance of these main aims and objectives for the public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **TCF - A Christian Church**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a small but vibrant, growing, local church in the borough of Thurrock, South Essex. We believe that God has called Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) to help transform Thurrock, Essex and, ultimately the wider UK, with the message and person of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to serve God in creating a growing community of people who know and love Jesus Christ and whose lives encourage others to experience His message of hope and salvation.

We are particularly passionate about:

- Worshipping God, seeking Him, and expecting to experience his profound presence as we do so;
- Encouraging the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to be utilised by every believer as we gather together;
- Expecting to see the Lord working through our day-to-day lives in a supernatural way as we pray, listen expectantly to his voice, and ask him to bless and to heal other people;
- The Bible: therefore we read it, meditate on it, preach it, teach it and put it into practice in our lives;
- The Gospel: the message of hope and salvation for the whole world and the main instrument to enlarge the Kingdom of God;
- Care for those suffering physically, materially, mentally and spiritually;
- Generosity in attitude and in financial giving to the work of God;
- Sound doctrine: we embrace the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith;
- The Christian community in all its aspects. We work with, and learn from, other churches and other Christians. We view the global church as the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ and the Family of God.
- Leadership is 'Team', rather than one person being in overall charge. We listen to the Holy Spirit and lead the church jointly; we exercise our authority gently and take our responsibilities seriously.

Our own Community Groups meet throughout the week at various locations across Thurrock and they are at the core of our life in TCF. Community Groups provide a place of belonging within the wider vision and help to anchor a sense of identity and purpose as well as encouraging accountability and service. It is here, that we also encourage our vision for mission starting in our everyday lives and reaching out through activities such as local forums, camping holidays, street evangelism or supporting Christian projects in the Balkans.

Once a month we suspend Community Group meetings and gather together for a 'Seeking God' meeting, where we worship, listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us and pray about key issues relating to the church.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **TCF Ministry Staff**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship has a team of four leaders: John Freeman, Glenda Freeman, Gillian Cranefield and Andy Acreman. They take the main responsibility for directing and leading the church and meet formally at least once a month, sometimes with others. TCF has good relationships with other churches both locally in East Thurrock and also further afield, and the input from their leaders and other key people has proved invaluable over the past year.

The TCF Administration consists of John Freeman and two other part-time staff. Between them they are employed to provide administrative support to the whole of the TCF Church as well as to several main ministries including the TCF Preschool, Thurrock Foodbank, the Spacious Place Café, and in the near future, the East Thurrock Debt Centre (run in conjunction with Christians Against Poverty).

#### **TCF Mission Budget**

The Mission Budget is set at 10% of TCF's income for the previous year. We have supported the following:

**Kosova** - Our ministry in Kosova is focused into supporting Victory Church in the town of Gjakova, their leaders (Faton & Kajmelina Berisha) and the ministries they are involved in.

**Albania** - Here we support church leaders and missionary worker under the direction of Tomor & Miranda Ajeti from the Victory Church in Tirana.

**School of Ministries** - an international Christian organisation that trains church leaders across the world.

**Love Essex** - and evangelistic outreach by the combined churches of Essex

**A Church Community Café in Hertfordshire** - help with the start-up costs

#### **TCF Compassion Fund**

In addition to the Mission Fund, we also set aside 3.3% of TCF's income for the previous year to donate directly to those members of the Thurrock public in critical financial need. For example, we would assist a CAP client with no gas or electric credit on their meter in the middle of winter. The CAP Debt Centre Manager and one or two other trusted TCF members have authorisation to allocate such monies.

#### **Treasure Children Forever Pre School - Corringham**

Our Pre School caters for children aged 2 years to 5 years. It presently employs 23 regular staff, with 12 staff members providing cover for one-to-one support for 10 children with additional needs. The Pre School has grown in reputation for working with children with Special Education needs and is now working with children that have moderate to severe education and health needs. The Pre School continues to be fully subscribed. It has a very good reputation in the area with many recommendations from parents to family and friends.

The Pre School was last inspected by Ofsted on the 12th May 2022 and received an overall 'Outstanding' for the third successive time. Below is a quotation from this latest inspection report.

#### **"What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?"**

The inspirational provider and dedicated staff team have a clear vision for what they want children to achieve. The extensive range of activities they provide is carefully tailored to children's precise needs, interests and what they need to learn next. The curriculum is ambitious and consistently embedded across the pre-school. As a result, all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), make very rapid progress. Staff place the utmost priority on developing children's communication and language skills. Young children take great pleasure from sharing stories with staff. They answer skilfully crafted questions very well, gaining information from carefully studying pictures. Pre-school children have many opportunities to speak in group situations, which they do with high levels of confidence. They are learning how to debate and come to a group decision, which supports their understanding of democracy.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

Children with SEND are superbly supported to learn and develop. The special educational needs coordinator, parents and children's key person work in true partnership. They think carefully about how they can precisely meet each child's needs, both in the pre-school and at home. Children's individual education plans are expertly implemented into daily practice. Every small achievement children make is praised, shared and celebrated by all.

Partnerships with parents are exceptionally strong. Parents have the utmost praise for the pre-school and staff. They state they are very well informed about their children's progress and next steps in learning. Staff listen to parents, value their input and see them as partners. Many parents report how the provider and staff have worked with them to get the best possible support for children from external professionals. Parents say their children are exceptionally well prepared for moving on to school.

Children have many opportunities to learn how to develop healthy lifestyles. They carefully follow instructions on a displayed chart as they wash their hands. Children are meticulous with every step and talk about getting rid of germs. A local dentist visiting the pre-school is met by eager, excited children. They learn firsthand why they need to eat healthily and clean their teeth regularly. Children enjoy dressing up in personal protective equipment. Staff talk about how visits, such as this, break down barriers for children, as they have more understanding of what to expect when they visit the dentist.

Staff turnover is incredibly low. Despite this, the provider has robust recruitment and selection procedures in place. She identifies staff who are suitable and share her vision for high-quality care and education. Staff benefit from regular, constructive feedback about their practice and receive encouragement and coaching that further inspires them. Staff say that they feel highly valued and supported in their role by the provider and other colleagues."

The Pre School continues to remain in a healthy financial position and has a secure future. 2023/24 has seen an increase in numbers. This created a more stable financial balance for the year ending.

Staff training continues. In July 2022 the whole staff team undertook Paediatric first aid. This will be repeated in 2025. Training continues throughout the year. To include various courses, such as Safeguarding and Food Hygiene, thereby ensuring we stay compliant with Ofsted requirements. Training has been a mixture of online (supplied by Noodle) and face to face.

#### **Thurrock CAP Centre**

Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches across the UK. CAP offers expert financial advice and a route out of debt, in addition to its message of Christian hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its services are free and are open to clients of all faiths or none.

#### **Recent Developments.**

TCF has an ongoing partnership with Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') nationally and had funded and hosted the CAP Thurrock Debt Centre for about eight years. We reported previously that, at the end of the March 2021 financial year, our existing volunteer Debt Centre Manager tendered his resignation after working for seven successful years (mainly as a self-funded worker).

We have recently filled the post of Debt Centre Manager ('DCM') and the new appointee is currently undergoing CAP training (June 2024). The plan is to open the Debt Centre again, covering mainly the East Thurrock region of the borough, from Autumn of 2024. Funding is being sought to cover the costs of employing the DCM, his expenses, and the monthly payments to CAP Head Office for their debt administration and advice to each client. Other volunteer befrienders and visit supporters will also be needed for the smooth operation of the Debt Centre.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Thurrock FoodBank**

Thurrock Foodbank has continued to develop and adapt to the demands of the local Thurrock community, operating 10 distribution Centres and 2 hubs, and 5 centres now having an overnight grab box available for those in desperate need. We have continued to meet current demand and we further develop the Foodbank Pathfinder initiative. Since implementing our Befrienders in February 24 we seen the real benefit in needing to engage more deeply with the clients, tracking their foodbank journeys, helping receive the life skills support that they need, and providing them "Hope for a Better Future". As a result of this work since February 2024 we have more 10 families maximise their income, to the point where they will no longer need to use a foodbank. This work will continue to develop as the roles continue to become more established.

This strategy has also helped us develop our use of data to provide further evidence to support wider agency working and influencing. At Thurrock Foodbank we have also strengthened our strategic priorities across our referral pathways and participation of people with a 'lived experience'. We have accomplished this over the past 12 months by: 1) Expanding our Referral Coordinator Role; 2) Holding regular meetings with our distribution centres and volunteers; and 3) Meeting with our supporters, businesses, schools and agencies to share data and to further develop our strategy to support the people of Thurrock.

It is evident that there is still a growing need in Thurrock to maximise the income of households and to help Thurrock residents strengthen their financial inclusion provision. We aim to continue to invest training our volunteers to be responsible for signposting clients. This will be done by undertaking basic benefit checks and signposting to relevant referral agencies. To advance our Changing Minds strategy we have boosted our communications to our partners, schools, businesses and referral agencies to build a shared visions for Thurrock. Thurrock Foodbank continues to be a strategic partner of the Thurrock Stronger Together collaboration that ensures organisations work together to offer a full complement of services to the people of Thurrock.

In this role Thurrock Foodbank continues to be pivotal in being the place people know where to go for help and being able to receive the help they need. Sadly like all of the country Thurrock Foodbank has itself also been affected by the Cost-of-Living Crisis, and we have seen our contribution costs for our Warehouse dramatically increase. The cost of our Van insurance has tripled as well as cost of a tank of Fuel for our van has dramatically increased, so the cost of living is also affecting our operations. Our day-to-day costs of utilities has also increased.

With that, so has demand on our services: since 1st April 2024 Thurrock Foodbank has distributed 1,378 food parcels, 635 of which included children. This is a dramatic 38% increase on the same period last year! We have also witnessed many people coming to the Foodbank for the first time!!

We have also seen our donations decline and we are now having to engage in more 'food drives' to help maintain stock levels. We are also blessed to have good relationships with local schools who regularly help with food drives/ food initiatives at various times of the year. We have reached out to the churches across Thurrock to help support these events with a limited level of success.

As a Trussell Trust Foodbank our values of dignity, compassion and justice are core of who we are and how we work. Our vision is a UK and Thurrock without the need for Foodbanks; to genuinely address the root causes of poverty, we must ensure people with lived experiences of poverty help shape our work, and we must do our part in dismantling the structural discrimination that cuts across our society and locks people into poverty. Equality, diversity and inclusion is central to our work to achieving our vision of a UK without the need for Foodbanks

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Spacious Place**

The Spacious Place is an inclusive multi-functional support and outreach 'hub', for the benefit of all the residents of Thurrock, regardless of their ethnic or culture background, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs, disabilities or religion. For us it is based upon the goodness of heaven coming to earth, and specifically to this part of Thurrock. Our principal resources for this vision rest upon God and people, but there will continue to be a significant need for buildings and financial resources to make this vision possible.

##### **Spacious Place Community Engagement Café**

The Spacious Place Community Engagement Café initially opened to the public three days a week, but it is now open Monday to Friday, 9-3pm. Its full-time Café Manager, Mr Philip Grove continues in position, and a team of 23 different volunteers have delivered this service. An apprentice, Beth Burns was also appointed so that she can hone her skills, learn to thrive in full-time employment, and help deliver this community service.

Over the year we have supplied 8319 subsidized Hot or Cold Beverages to the community along with 3217 items of Food and 2100 Cakes and Biscuits (excluding complimentary biscuits with hot beverages).

We have been an official Warm Space in this locality and specifically provided this warm, safe space for 126 clients with free refreshments and hot beverages. We have provided 51 food poor clients with free drinks, food and access to emergency food supplies; encouraged 305 clients deemed socially isolated and helped 15 people who have been in crisis. We have staff and volunteers trained by the Alzheimer's Society and become a dementia friendly café.

To encourage our volunteers and staff who serve in the Food Bank, Preschool and other ministries and services on-site, we have supplied free or subsidized food and drinks to the value of £4,405 over the year. We hope this helps communicate something of how much their contribution is worth to the work that goes on here, although their true value is that without them there would be no work here at all.

Total Till Sales for the year were £33, 237

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The Trustees, Advisors and Administrators have worked hard over this year in all areas of financial accounting and controls to ensure that the finances of TCF are used effectively in our ministry. The members of TCF have continued to give generously and, as always, God has been gracious to us all. In addition to the church's income from tithes, offerings and hall rental, fundraising is received through offerings, including a monthly 'Special Offering', which is an opportunity for members to contribute directly to a Foodbank collection, as well as the Thurrock CAP Debt Centre, the Café, and the Compassion Fund. In this context, including Preschool fees, we are thankful for total 'Incoming Resources' of £946,727. Against this our total 'Outgoing Resources' amounted to £855,725, leaving us at a surplus over the year of £91,002.

At the end of the year, there was a total of £537,551 in the TCF bank accounts.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen circumstances such as redundancy etc. These reserves are not invested in tangible assets but are kept restricted in line with the TCF Business Policy. The ongoing aim is to have sufficient funds to cover the total staff wages for a period of 3 months, and we are working towards this target incrementally. Currently, there is a sum of £62,600 that has been set aside.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. Having taken professional advice over the past two years, we have created a corporate trustee (company) 'Thurrock Christian Fellowship (Trustee) Limited' - a private company #15360640, limited by guarantee. We have established our existing TCF Trustees as 'members' and 'directors' of that company. We have also submitted to the Charity Commission a new Governing Document to replace the old Trust Deed of this charity, TCF Trust, and renamed it to become 'Thurrock Christian Fellowship' - but it will remain a standard charitable trust. One of the changes in the new Governing Document is to allow for a corporate trustee. We currently await approval for these two changes by the Charity Commission.

Once approved, we will then make the new company a corporate trustee of the charity, then we the trustees will resign, leaving the company as the sole trustee of the charity. Of course, we will still control the charitable trust as directors of its corporate trustee.

At 31st March 2023, the Board of Trustees is a team of seven people; this includes Trustees, any appointed Advisors and Executives, and other board members representing the Church Leadership Team. The board meets a minimum four times per annum.

Trustees            Andrew Acreman - Chairman  
                         Ricky Cranefield - Secretary  
                         Claire Ruff  
                         Steve Chapman - Treasurer

Executives         John Freeman - Administrative Manager & Leadership Team Member  
                         Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
                         Alison Jones - Preschool Manager & Safeguarding Officer

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited from within the church membership. They are active, reliable members, of reasonably long standing within TCF. They are people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church, are deemed to be of good Christian character, and give financially to the work of God in accordance with Biblical beliefs. Furthermore, they are people who demonstrate a competence commensurate with the fulfilment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the Church Leadership, which has a veto over the appointment of any Trustee. New Trustees are invited to attend regular Trustees' meetings for an initial minimum period of 6 months, functioning in a probationary capacity, but with full decision-making power. After this probationary period, if approved by the existing Trustees and Church Leadership, they would normally be invited by the existing Trustees to take up the permanent role of a Trustee, with written confirmation of each appointment from the Chairman. After this, there would normally follow a discussion of the specific roles and functions of each new Trustee within the Board.

#### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The formal invitation to become a Trustee 'on probation' would include a copy of the Charity Commissions publication outlining "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees", the latest of which is "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" (July 2015). Each invitee is invited to spend a day in the Church Office, speaking to our administrative staff and reviewing past minutes and financial documents. Also, these invitees will both observe, and participate in, a number of Trustees' meetings before being formally invited to become a permanent Trustee, usually over a 6-month period. In addition, there is the opportunity for informal mentoring by an existing Trustee and an encouragement to attend external training or conference meetings as required by the Trust.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed with a view to updating the systems already in place to mitigate these risks wherever possible. Regular reviews are placed on each Trustee agenda and undertaken in relation to 'Health & Safety', 'Financial Controls & Management', 'Human Resources', 'Insurance', 'Safeguarding Policy', 'Compliance' and 'Changes in Legislation / External Factors'.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **TCF Safeguarding Policy**

We adhere strictly to our 'Child Protection Policy', recently revised, which has been updated to adhere to the changes within legislation. All new children- and youth- workers will continue to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked. Regular training event takes place, which are both a refresher for existing youth- and children- workers, and an introduction to safeguarding for new workers. The training incorporates safeguarding vulnerable adults, particularly in relation to the work of CAP (Thurrock) and the Thurrock Foodbank, and also provides the opportunity to highlight to all volunteers any amendments or additions to the policy and remind them of best practice.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

297569

##### **Principal address**

2-4 Chase Road  
Corringham  
Essex  
SS17 7QH

##### **Trustees**

A Acreman - Chair  
R Cranefield  
C Ruff (resigned 18.5.23)  
S Chapman

##### **Independent Examiner**

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##### **Administrative Information**

The TCF administrative offices are based at the principal address above.

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There are a team of administrators serving the work and ministry of TCF. These people are;

Mr John Freeman - Administrative Manager  
- with particular responsibility for the management of the Administration Team.

Mrs Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
- with particular responsibility for all areas of finance, payroll & Trustee support

Mrs Ceri Norton - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for Pre School administration, finances and invoicing, and hall hiring

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... **08/07/24** ..... and signed on its behalf by:

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A Acreman - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



Christopher Marsh MAAT  
The Association of Accounting Technicians

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Date: 08/07/24 .....

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	86,711	443,229	529,940	392,140
Other trading activities	3	414,989	-	414,989	331,947
Investment income	4	1,559	-	1,559	298
Other income		239	-	239	3,945
<b>Total</b>		<u>503,498</u>	<u>443,229</u>	<u>946,727</u>	<u>728,330</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church operations		<u>524,555</u>	<u>331,170</u>	<u>855,725</u>	<u>718,575</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(21,057)	112,059	91,002	9,755
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	<u>38,743</u>	<u>(38,743)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		17,686	73,316	91,002	9,755
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,085,294</u>	<u>233,876</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,102,980</u></u>	<u><u>307,192</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	875,000	5,942	880,942	886,764
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	1,333	81	1,414	639
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>236,382</u>	<u>301,169</u>	<u>537,551</u>	<u>438,618</u>
		237,715	301,250	538,965	439,257
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,735)	-	(9,735)	(6,851)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>227,980</u>	<u>301,250</u>	<u>529,230</u>	<u>432,406</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,102,980</u>	<u>307,192</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,102,980</u>	<u>307,192</u>	<u>1,410,172</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,102,980	1,085,294
Restricted funds				<u>307,192</u>	<u>233,876</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,410,172</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 08/07/24..... and were signed on its behalf by:

A Acreman

A Acreman (Jul 8, 2024 13:58 GMT+1)

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A Acreman - Trustee

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>97,374</u>	<u>16,586</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>97,374</u>	<u>16,586</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>1,559</u>	<u>298</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>1,559</u>	<u>298</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		98,933	16,884
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>438,618</u>	<u>421,734</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>537,551</u></u>	<u><u>438,618</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	91,002	9,755
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,822	5,882
Interest received	(1,559)	(298)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(775)	1,276
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>2,884</u>	<u>(29)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u><u>97,374</u></u>	<u><u>16,586</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23	Cash flow	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>438,618</u>	<u>98,933</u>	<u>537,551</u>
	<u>438,618</u>	<u>98,933</u>	<u>537,551</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>438,618</u></u>	<u><u>98,933</u></u>	<u><u>537,551</u></u>

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets:

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is charged in respect of freehold land and buildings as the residual value of the property after its estimated useful life is anticipated to be at least the carrying value of the property shown in the financial statements.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2024**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where then charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially settled at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### **2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations and offerings	141,670	161,379
Gift aid	8,934	9,419
Grants	145,192	117,894
Donated services and facilities	232,224	101,208
Sundry income	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,240</u>
	<u>529,940</u>	<u>392,140</u>

During the year the Foodbank received food donations totalling £232,224 (2023: £101,208). This figure was calculated using the Trussell Trust suggested valuation of £2.37p/Kg of donated food (2023: £2.37p/Kg).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued**

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Crowdfunder Ltd	-	7,558
Groundwork Uk	-	500
London Gateway Port Development	-	20,000
Lottery Funding	36,398	20,985
Small Sparks	-	400
The Co-operative Group	1,464	2,348
The Neighbourly Foundation - B&Q	-	5,000
The Neighbourly Foundation - Lidl	-	500
The Neighbourly Foundation - Sainsburys	-	1,500
The Veolia Environmental Trust	-	8,318
Thurrock Community and Voluntary Services (CVS)	6,441	3,400
Trussell Trust - Foodbank	<u>100,889</u>	<u>47,385</u>
	<u>145,192</u>	<u>117,894</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Income from Pre School	361,430	311,846
Hire of hall	19,335	18,740
Spacious place	<u>34,224</u>	<u>1,361</u>
	<u>414,989</u>	<u>331,947</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,559</u>	<u>298</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	<u>2,950</u>	<u>2,950</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
		£	£
Church operations	<u>30</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>7,412</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	451,086	376,053
Social security costs	23,008	17,589
Other pension costs	<u>8,054</u>	<u>6,003</u>
	<u>482,148</u>	<u>399,645</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
All staff	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Key management remuneration**

The trustees consider the Key Management of the Charity to be that of the Core Leadership Team.

During the year gross salary of £27,194 (2023: £34,018) was made to the key management as well as Employer's NI of £2,498 (2022: £3,670) and Employer's Pension Contributions of £628 (2022: £714).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	89,248	302,892	392,140
Other trading activities	331,947	-	331,947
Investment income	298	-	298
Other income	3,911	34	3,945
<b>Total</b>	<u>425,404</u>	<u>302,926</u>	<u>728,330</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church operations	<u>538,977</u>	<u>179,598</u>	<u>718,575</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(113,573)	123,328	9,755
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>(26,407)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(87,166)	96,921	9,755
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>136,954</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>1,085,295</u>	<u>233,875</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>875,000</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	-	313,155	67,755
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2023	17,646	24,095	422,651
Charge for year	<u>5,822</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,822</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>23,468</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>428,473</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>880,942</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>886,764</u>

Freehold Property is shown at fair value.

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Tax recoverable	606	639
Other debtors	<u>808</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,414</u>	<u>639</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Taxation and social security	6,585	3,701
Other creditors	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,150</u>
	<u>9,735</u>	<u>6,851</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	94,991	(27,580)	24,707	92,118
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Hall Hire	4,750	5,817	(8,895)	1,672
Compassion Fund	1,269	19	(101)	1,187
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Mission	9,276	(15,040)	11,376	5,612
Preschool Garden	305	(307)	2	-
Community Space	66	(2,219)	2,510	357
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	1,957	(885)	(1,072)	-
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>35,080</u>	<u>19,138</u>	<u>10,216</u>	<u>64,434</u>
	1,085,294	(21,057)	38,743	1,102,980
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	186,407	105,391	(38,677)	253,121
CAP	4,904	(4,094)	-	810
Compassion Fund	-	(1,317)	1,322	5
Foodbank - Food	17,972	12,235	(1,388)	28,819
Preschool - New Entrance	24,437	-	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	<u>156</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>233,876</u>	<u>112,059</u>	<u>(38,743)</u>	<u>307,192</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>	<u><u>91,002</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	399,060	(426,640)	(27,580)
Hall Hire	19,231	(13,414)	5,817
Compassion Fund	19	-	19
Mission	-	(15,040)	(15,040)
Preschool Garden	-	(307)	(307)
Community Space	4	(2,223)	(2,219)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	(885)	(885)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>85,184</u>	<u>(66,046)</u>	<u>19,138</u>
	503,498	(524,555)	(21,057)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	197,076	(91,685)	105,391
CAP	121	(4,215)	(4,094)
Compassion Fund	255	(1,572)	(1,317)
Foodbank - Food	245,777	(233,542)	12,235
Other one off restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>(156)</u>
	<u>443,229</u>	<u>(331,170)</u>	<u>112,059</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>946,727</u></u>	<u><u>(855,725)</u></u>	<u><u>91,002</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2024****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	133,032	(43,521)	5,480	94,991
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	40	(40)	-	-
Hall Hire	28,937	(14,487)	(9,700)	4,750
Compassion Fund	433	(1,205)	2,041	1,269
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	1,588	-	(1,588)	-
Mission	6,895	(9,220)	11,601	9,276
Preschool Garden	305	-	-	305
Community Space	54,199	(54,133)	-	66
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	9,432	(6,037)	(1,438)	1,957
Spacious Place Cafe	-	15,069	20,011	35,080
	<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>(113,574)</u>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>1,085,294</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	102,112	110,453	(26,158)	186,407
CAP	4,856	297	(249)	4,904
Foodbank - Food	4,042	13,930	-	17,972
Preschool - New Entrance	25,788	(1,351)	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	<u>136,954</u>	<u>123,329</u>	<u>(26,407)</u>	<u>233,876</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,309,415</u>	<u>9,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	357,964	(401,485)	(43,521)
Youth	-	(40)	(40)
Hall Hire	22,249	(36,736)	(14,487)
Compassion Fund	-	(1,205)	(1,205)
Mission	-	(9,220)	(9,220)
Community Space	2,201	(56,334)	(54,133)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	3,112	(9,149)	(6,037)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>39,878</u>	<u>(24,809)</u>	<u>15,069</u>
	425,404	(538,978)	(113,574)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	278,299	(167,846)	110,453
CAP	1,970	(1,673)	297
Compassion Fund	220	(220)	-
Foodbank - Food	22,420	(8,490)	13,930
Preschool - New Entrance	<u>17</u>	<u>(1,368)</u>	<u>(1,351)</u>
	<u>302,926</u>	<u>(179,597)</u>	<u>123,329</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>728,330</u></u>	<u><u>(718,575)</u></u>	<u><u>9,755</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	133,032	(71,101)	30,187	92,118
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	40	(40)	-	-
Hall Hire	28,937	(8,670)	(18,595)	1,672
Compassion Fund	433	(1,186)	1,940	1,187
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	1,588	-	(1,588)	-
Mission	6,895	(24,260)	22,977	5,612
Preschool Garden	305	(307)	2	-
Community Space	54,199	(56,352)	2,510	357
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	9,432	(6,922)	(2,510)	-
Spacious Place Cafe	-	34,207	30,227	64,434
	<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>(134,631)</u>	<u>65,150</u>	<u>1,102,980</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	102,112	215,844	(64,835)	253,121
CAP	4,856	(3,797)	(249)	810
Compassion Fund	-	(1,317)	1,322	5
Foodbank - Food	4,042	26,165	(1,388)	28,819
Preschool - New Entrance	25,788	(1,351)	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	156	(156)	-	-
	<u>136,954</u>	<u>235,388</u>	<u>(65,150)</u>	<u>307,192</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,309,415</u></u>	<u><u>100,757</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,410,172</u></u>

## THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### 13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	757,024	(828,125)	(71,101)
Youth	-	(40)	(40)
Hall Hire	41,480	(50,150)	(8,670)
Compassion Fund	19	(1,205)	(1,186)
Mission	-	(24,260)	(24,260)
Preschool Garden	-	(307)	(307)
Community Space	2,205	(58,557)	(56,352)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	3,112	(10,034)	(6,922)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>125,062</u>	<u>(90,855)</u>	<u>34,207</u>
	928,902	(1,063,533)	(134,631)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	475,375	(259,531)	215,844
CAP	2,091	(5,888)	(3,797)
Compassion Fund	475	(1,792)	(1,317)
Foodbank - Food	268,197	(242,032)	26,165
Preschool - New Entrance	17	(1,368)	(1,351)
Other one off restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>(156)</u>	<u>(156)</u>
	<u>746,155</u>	<u>(510,767)</u>	<u>235,388</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,675,057</u>	<u>(1,574,300)</u>	<u>100,757</u>

#### General fund

The general fund is used for the general running of the fellowship

#### Business Reserve - Designated

This fund represents money set aside for any unforeseen circumstances.

#### Building fund - Designated

This is a designated and restricted fund for the building to account for monies that have been given for the purchasing and developing the new building and for monies set aside for that purpose.

#### Youth - Designated

This fund represents funds raised/donations received - Christian teaching to young people.

#### Hall Hire - Designated

This fund represents money received for hiring out our hall at Giffords Cross.

#### Pension Fund - Designated

This is income specifically restricted to be used in the setting up of a Pension scheme.

#### Community Space - Designated

This fund represents money raised or donated for the development of the Community Space.

#### Foodbank - Future Development Fund - Designated

This fund represents money raised or donated for Foodbank Future Development space.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2024**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Compassion Fund - Restricted/Designated

This represents donations received/funds allocated, to support the poor & needy when needed.

Foodbank - Restricted

This fund represents funds received and specific expenditure related to the operation of the Foodbank.

Youth Funding - Restricted

This fund represents grants received to help any youth causes.

Albania UCB - Restricted

This fund represents donations received to support the production of UCB Word for today in Albania.

Kosovo Projects - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received to support families in Kosovo.

Albania Sparks Ministry - Restricted

This is a fund which represents funds raised/donations received to help Tomor & Miranda with their work with poor and needy children in Albania.

CAP - Restricted/Designated

This is a fund which represents donations received to help support Christians Against Poverty work.

CAP - D Acreman - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received on behalf of D Acreman for the work he does with CAP.

Playschool Garden - Restricted

This fund represent money raised or donated for the development of the garden.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

England & Wales - Charity number 297569

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**  
**FOR**  
**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a Christian Church that meets for:

- The worship of God
- The instruction and edification of Christians
- The care and Christian instruction of young people and children
- The evangelism of non-Christians
- The relief of poverty and sickness
- The advancement of the Christian faith generally in the UK and abroad

Over the year the Trust had involved itself in the following projects and activities in the pursuance of these main aims and objectives for the public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **TCF - A Christian Church**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a small but vibrant, growing, local church in the borough of Thurrock, South Essex. We believe that God has called Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) to help transform Thurrock, Essex and, ultimately the wider UK, with the message and person of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to serve God in creating a growing community of people who know and love Jesus Christ and whose lives encourage others to experience His message of hope and salvation.

We are particularly passionate about:

- Worshipping God, seeking Him, and expecting to experience his profound presence as we do so;
- Encouraging the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to be utilised by every believer as we gather together;
- Expecting to see the Lord working through our day-to-day lives in a supernatural way as we pray, listen expectantly to his voice, and ask him to bless and to heal other people;
- The Bible: therefore we read it, meditate on it, preach it, teach it and put it into practice in our lives;
- The Gospel: the message of hope and salvation for the whole world and the main instrument to enlarge the Kingdom of God;
- Care for those suffering physically, materially, mentally and spiritually;
- Generosity in attitude and in financial giving to the work of God;
- Sound doctrine: we embrace the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith;
- The Christian community in all its aspects. We work with, and learn from, other churches and other Christians. We view the global church as the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ and the Family of God.
- Leadership is 'Team', rather than one person being in overall charge. We listen to the Holy Spirit and lead the church jointly; we exercise our authority gently and take our responsibilities seriously.

Our own Community Groups meet throughout the week at various locations across Thurrock and they are at the core of our life in TCF. Community Groups provide a place of belonging within the wider vision and help to anchor a sense of identity and purpose as well as encouraging accountability and service. It is here, that we also encourage our vision for mission starting in our everyday lives and reaching out through activities such as local forums, camping holidays, street evangelism or supporting Christian projects in the Balkans.

Once a month we suspend Community Group meetings and gather together for a 'Seeking God' meeting, where we worship, listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us and pray about key issues relating to the church.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **TCF Ministry Staff**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship has a team of four leaders:

John Freeman, Glenda Freeman, Gillian Cranefield and Andy Acreman. They take the main responsibility for directing and leading the church and meet formally at least once a month, sometimes with others. TCF has good relationships with other churches both local and further afield, and the input from their leaders and other key people has proved invaluable over the past year.

The TCF Administration consists of John Freeman and two other part time staff. Between them they are employed to provide administrative support to the whole of the TCF Church as well as to several main ministries including the TCF Preschool, Thurrock Foodbank, and the CAP (Thurrock) Debt Centre.

##### **TCF Mission Budget**

The Mission Budget is set at 10% of TCF's income for the previous year, therefore the amount allocated has decreased the last few years in line with the declining total income. We have supported the following:

**Kosova** - Our ministry in Kosova is focused into supporting Victory Church in the town of Gjakova, their leaders (Faton & Kajmelina Berisha) and the ministries they are involved in.

**Albania** - Here we support church leaders and missionary worker under the direction of Tomor & Miranda Ajeti from the Victory Church in Tirana.

**School of Ministries** - an international Christian organisation that trains church leaders across the world.

##### **Treasure Children Forever Pre School - Corringham**

Our Pre School caters for children aged 2 years to 5 years. It presently employs 21 regular staff, with 7 staff members providing cover for one-to-one support for 8 children with additional needs. The Pre School has grown in reputation for working with children with Special Education needs and is now working with children that have moderate to severe education and health needs. The Pre School continues to be fully subscribed. It has a very good reputation in the area with many recommendations from parents to family and friends.

The Pre School was last inspected by Ofsted on the 12th of May 2022 and received an overall 'Outstanding' for the third successive time. Below is a quoted from this latest inspection report.

##### **"What does the early years setting do well and what does it need to do better?"**

The inspirational provider and dedicated staff team have a clear vision for what they want children to achieve. The extensive range of activities they provide is carefully tailored to children's precise needs, interests and what they need to learn next. The curriculum is ambitious and consistently embedded across the pre-school. As a result, all children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), make very rapid progress. Staff place the utmost priority on developing children's communication and language skills. Young children take great pleasure from sharing stories with staff. They answer skilfully crafted questions very well, gaining information from carefully studying pictures. Pre-school children have many opportunities to speak in group situations, which they do with high levels of confidence. They are learning how to debate and come to a group decision, which supports their understanding of democracy.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

Children with SEND are superbly supported to learn and develop. The special educational needs coordinator, parents and children's key person work in true partnership. They think carefully about how they can precisely meet each child's needs, both in the pre-school and at home. Children's individual education plans are expertly implemented into daily practice. Every small achievement children make is praised, shared and celebrated by all.

Partnerships with parents are exceptionally strong. Parents have the utmost praise for the pre-school and staff. They state they are very well informed about their children's progress and next steps in learning. Staff listen to parents, value their input and see them as partners. Many parents report how the provider and staff have worked with them to get the best possible support for children from external professionals. Parents say their children are exceptionally well prepared for moving on to school.

Children have many opportunities to learn how to develop healthy lifestyles. They carefully follow instructions on a displayed chart as they wash their hands. Children are meticulous with every step and talk about getting rid of germs. A local dentist visiting the pre-school is met by eager, excited children. They learn first-hand why they need to eat healthily and clean their teeth regularly. Children enjoy dressing up in personal protective equipment. Staff talk about how visits, such as this, break down barriers for children, as they have more understanding of what to expect when they visit the dentist.

Staff turnover is incredibly low. Despite this, the provider has robust recruitment and selection procedures in place. She identifies staff who are suitable and share her vision for high-quality care and education. Staff benefit from regular, constructive feedback about their practice and receive encouragement and coaching that further inspires them. Staff say that they feel highly valued and supported in their role by the provider and other colleagues."

The Pre School continues to remain in a healthy financial position and has a secure future. Although 2022/23 did see a reduction in numbers due to a knock-on effect from Covid. This did create a reduction in income. Which is thought to be a short term problem.

Staff training continues. In July 2022 the whole staff team undertook Paediatric first aid training and during the year various courses, including safeguarding, thereby ensuring we stay compliant with Ofsted requirements. This has been a mixture of online Supplied by Noodle now and face to face training.

#### **Thurrock CAP Centre**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches across the UK. CAP offers expert financial advice and a route out of debt, in addition to its message of Christian hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its services are free and are open to clients of all faiths or none.

#### **Recent Developments.**

TCF has an ongoing partnership with Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') nationally and has funded and hosted the CAP Thurrock Debt Centre for about eight years. At the end of the March 2021 financial year, our existing volunteer Debt Centre Manager tendered his resignation after working for seven years - as described in last year's Annual Report.

The post of Debt Centre Manager / Debt Coach has since been advertised on two occasions to date. There have been no suitable applications as yet. Given that a Debt Centre cannot function without a qualified Debt Coach, CAP nationally reluctantly took the decision, w.e.f. 31st May 2022, to impose a Temporary Closure on the Thurrock Debt Centre until a new Debt Centre Manager should be appointed. Given that no new appointee has yet come forward, the Thurrock Debt Centre was therefore closed permanently on 31st December 2022. Should a suitable Debt Centre Manager be appointed in the future, it would be a simple matter to reopen this Debt Centre.

#### **Finances**

One of the implications of the full closure of the Debt Centre is that TCF Trust does not pay CAP National any fees. We do, however, make a smaller monthly donation to support the organisation's work throughout the UK.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Thurrock FoodBank**

Each year when we reflect on the past 12 months it is always quite astonishing what we have been able to achieve with our resources. We continue to be blessed with a good base of volunteers. We simply couldn't exist without their dedication and service. We were so pleased to be able to thank them at an Afternoon Tea held at the Stifford Hotel. Sadly two of our longstanding volunteers responsible for coordinating our schools work and our business relations, Bernadette Terry & Sandra Sawle, stepped down from their positions. We have thanked them for their service to Thurrock Foodbank and wish them well for the future. Bernadette does still continue to volunteer at our Warehouse and at Store Collections.

Thurrock Foodbank continues to deliver a fantastic service to the people of Thurrock, providing them hope for a better future. As we are part of the Trussell Trust Pathfinder Programme we have developed and implemented new strategies to ensure people are not only getting help with food but also signposting them to ensure people get the help they need for their situation. We are continuing to explore new ways of interacting with partnering agencies to ensure the community of Thurrock know where to come for the required help.

The generosity of the public remains overwhelming, and we receive many generous donations of both food and money. Our business contacts also remain generous with some large donations from Howard Tenens, DP World and Amazon UK.

The continued good work of Foodbanks continues to be well publicised via our social media channels and has been a great platform for getting continued help and support. We have maintained our good relationships with Tesco, Sainsburys, ASDA, and Morrisons, as well as the local CO-OP's. We continue to receive weekly donations from Amazon UK, often filled with 'weird and wonderful' food items. We are also investing in our social media platforms to make our social media more informative and interactive.

The interaction with various Thurrock Council teams, Local Area Co-ordinators, and other referral agencies, remains key to our work. As such, as part of the Pathfinder strategy we have been able fund a Referral Agency Co-ordinator. This enables us to work with other agencies and to initiate a direct link for some of our clients to the Homeless Team, Mental Health Team etc.. These relationships demonstrate the difference that we are able to make to the lives of families and individuals across Thurrock who are in desperate need.

This has enabled to get more involved with individuals to ensure they are getting the right support from these agencies to help them progress out of the situation. Some recent cases that we specifically were involved in resolving were Domestic Violence and Homelessness.

We have maintained strong partnerships local schools & colleges who support us throughout the year, especially at Harvest and Christmas time. We hosted five people on a Work Experience week, as well as hosting the Proximity Church 'MADE' program, and also with the Youth Offending Unit, who are bringing along young people that need to serve the community service. We look forward to continuing developing that relationship into the ongoing years.

##### **Statistics:**

In 2022/23 we served 10,357 people 4,731 of which were children. This was an increase of 24% from the previous year. 56% of the people served we single people or single parent families. The Cost-of-Living Crisis clearly had a dramatic affect on the usage of the foodbank.

**Peter Newall** - Operations Manager Thurrock Foodbank

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The Trustees, Advisors and Administrators have worked hard over this year in all areas of financial accounting and controls to ensure that the finances of TCF are used effectively in our ministry. The members of TCF have continued to give generously and, as always, God has been gracious to us all. In addition to the church's income from tithes, offerings and hall rental, fundraising is received through offerings, including a monthly 'Special Offering', which is an opportunity for members to contribute directly to a Foodbank collection, as well as the Thurrock CAP Debt Centre and the Poor & Needy Fund. In this context, including Preschool fees, we are thankful for total 'Incoming Resources' of £728,330. Against this our total 'Outgoing Resources' amounted to £718,575, leaving us at a surplus over the year of £9,755.

At the end of the year, there was a total of £438,618 in the TCF bank accounts.

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen circumstances such as redundancy etc. These reserves are not invested in tangible assets but are kept restricted in line with the TCF Business Policy. The ongoing aim is to have sufficient funds to cover the total staff wages for a period of 3 months, and we are working towards this target incrementally. Currently, there is a sum of £62,600 that has been set aside.

#### **SPACIOUS PLACE VISION**

The TCF Leadership and Trustees have an ongoing vision to establish multi-functional support and outreach 'hub', named 'The Spacious Place'. This vision includes our existing church, our preschool, Foodbank, CAP Centre and other 'ministries', but is not limited to these in the future. It is based upon the goodness of heaven coming to earth, and specifically to this part of Thurrock, for the benefit of all the local residents, whether they are part of TCF or not. The integration and symbiosis of all the above ministries is a first step in this vision being fulfilled. Our principal resources for this vision rest upon God and people, but there will also be a significant need for buildings and financial resources to make this vision possible.

This year, on 1st February 2023, we were able to open our 'Spacious Place Community Café' to the public, having appointed a full-time Café Manager, Mr Phil Grove. This is his report covering the initial two-month period from its opening to 31st March 2023:

We have opened 3 days a week (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) since 1st Feb 23

- 1 So far 5 requests for help, 2x Benefit, 2x Council Tax, 1x Child Bereavement Counselling.
- 2 Pre-school staff have only attended in a limited way, whereas nearly all Food Bank Volunteers come each time. This is partly due to the fact that we subsidise our volunteers who work for Foodbank.
- 3 We have several people come for social isolation reasons. I think typically 8 visits per week by a total of 3 people. Many others come and chat amongst themselves, but they are not like the 3 "isolated" people, but only need a "social", warm space.
- 4 There have been many requests for more hot food options. We offer currently Toast and Teacake although, on 2 planned occasions, also soup and a roll. Whilst we will never be a full café in a "fry up" sense, we can, as Costa etc. offer toasted sandwich options. It would be good if, in future, we could offer sausage roll, panini, jacket potato etc, with heating from frozen/refrigerated with a 'Merry Chef'-style high speed food oven.
- 5 Four (non-church?) volunteers have been recruited, together with six other church volunteers so far. This is not yet enough to offer a Monday and Friday opening, but with enough encouragement to aim for a full 5-day per week opening after Easter. We have had requests for opening in summer on some Saturdays, in order that the adjoining Community Garden could be used by customers and their children.
- 6 We also sensitively offer prayer and other spiritual help for those who request it. There has been some take-up of this too.
- 7 A grandmother and her granddaughter have attended Church a few times as a result of the contact through the café. They were thankful for this.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity. During the 2022/23 financial year, we investigated the benefits of C.I.O. incorporation and a complete revision of the Governing Document / Trust Deed. Having taken advice, we concluded that the best course of action would be to establish a 'Corporate Trustee' (company) to direct the strategy and operations of TCF Trust, with the charity itself being unchanged, except for a wholesale revision of its Governing Document. The current trustees will eventually become 'Directors' of the Corporate Trustee.

At 31st March 2023, the Board of Trustees is a team of seven people; this includes Trustees, any appointed Advisors and Executives, and other board members representing the Church Leadership Team. The board meets a minimum four times per annum.

Trustees	Andrew Acreman - Chairman Ricky Cranefield - Secretary Claire Ruff Steve Chapman - Treasurer (appointed 21st March 2022)
Executives	John Freeman - Administrative Manager & Leadership Team Member Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member Alison Jones - Preschool Manager & Safeguarding Officer

#### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited from within the church membership. They are active, reliable members, of reasonably long standing within TCF. They are people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church, are deemed to be of good Christian character, and give financially to the work of God in accordance with Biblical beliefs. Furthermore, they are people who demonstrate a competence commensurate with the fulfilment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the Church Leadership, which has a veto over the appointment of any Trustee. New Trustees are invited to attend regular Trustees' meetings for an initial minimum period of 6 months, functioning in a probationary capacity, but with full decision-making power. After this probationary period, if approved by the existing Trustees and Church Leadership, they would normally be invited by the existing Trustees to take up the permanent role of a Trustee, with written confirmation of each appointment from the Chairman. After this, there would normally follow a discussion of the specific roles and functions of each new Trustee within the Board.

#### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The formal invitation to become a Trustee 'on probation' would include a copy of the Charity Commissions publication outlining "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees", the latest of which is "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" (July 2015). Each invitee is invited to spend a day in the Church Office, speaking to our administrative staff and reviewing past minutes and financial documents. Also, these invitees will both observe, and participate in, a number of Trustees' meetings before being formally invited to become a permanent Trustee, usually over a 6-month period. In addition, there is the opportunity for informal mentoring by an existing Trustee and an encouragement to attend external training or conference meetings as required by the Trust.

#### **Risk management**

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed with a view to updating the systems already in place to mitigate these risks wherever possible. Regular reviews are placed on each Trustee agenda and undertaken in relation to 'Health & Safety', 'Financial Controls & Management', 'Human Resources', 'Insurance', 'Safeguarding Policy', 'Compliance' and 'Changes in Legislation / External Factors'.

#### **TCF Safeguarding Policy**

We adhere strictly to our 'Child Protection Policy', which has been updated to adhere to the changes within legislation. All new children- and youth- workers will continue to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked. Regular training event takes place, which are both a refresher for existing youth- and children- workers, and an introduction to safeguarding for new workers. The training incorporates safeguarding vulnerable adults, particularly in relation to the work of CAP (Thurrock) and the Thurrock Foodbank, and also provides the opportunity to highlight to all volunteers any amendments or additions to the policy and remind them of best practice.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

297569

**Principal address**

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Essex  
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**Trustees**

A Acreman - Chair  
R Cranefield  
G Adomako (resigned 3.10.22)  
C Ruff (resigned 18.5.23)  
S Chapman

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**Administrative Information**

The TCF administrative offices are based at the principal address above.

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Email                tcfadmin@thurrockcf.org.uk  
Website             www.thurrockcf.org.uk

There are a team of administrators serving the work and ministry of TCF. These people are;

Mr John Freeman - Administrative Manager  
- with particular responsibility for the management of the Administration Team.

Mrs Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
- with particular responsibility for all areas of finance, payroll & Trustee support

Mrs Ceri Norton - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for Pre School administration, finances and invoicing, and hall hiring

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/09/2023 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

A Acreman  
[A Acreman \(Sep 27, 2023 11:59 GMT+1\)](#)  
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A Acreman - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



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Date: 28/09/2023  
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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	89,248	302,892	392,140	418,343
Other trading activities	3	331,947	-	331,947	339,760
Investment income	4	298	-	298	27
Other income		<u>3,911</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>3,945</u>	<u>18,985</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>425,404</u>	<u>302,926</u>	<u>728,330</u>	<u>777,115</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church operations		<u>538,978</u>	<u>179,597</u>	<u>718,575</u>	<u>805,785</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(113,574)	123,329	9,755	(28,670)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	<u>26,407</u>	<u>(26,407)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(87,166)	96,921	9,755	(28,670)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>136,954</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,085,294</u></u>	<u><u>233,876</u></u>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>	<u><u>1,309,415</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	875,000	11,764	886,764	892,646
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	639	-	639	1,915
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>216,506</u>	<u>222,112</u>	<u>438,618</u>	<u>421,734</u>
		217,145	222,112	439,257	423,649
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,851)	-	(6,851)	(6,880)
		<u>210,294</u>	<u>222,112</u>	<u>432,406</u>	<u>416,769</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,085,294</u>	<u>233,876</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>1,085,294</u>	<u>233,876</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,085,294</u>	<u>233,876</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,085,294	1,172,461
Restricted funds				<u>233,876</u>	<u>136,954</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,319,170</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27/09/2023..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*A Acreman*

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A Acreman - Trustee

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>16,586</u>	<u>(21,332)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		<u>16,586</u>	<u>(21,332)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		<u>298</u>	<u>27</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>298</u>	<u>27</u>
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		16,884	(21,305)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>421,734</u>	<u>443,039</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>438,618</u></u>	<u><u>421,734</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	9,755	(28,670)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,882	5,882
Interest received	(298)	(27)
Decrease in debtors	1,276	411
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	<u>(29)</u>	<u>1,072</u>
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operations</b>	<u>16,586</u>	<u>(21,332)</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22	Cash flow	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>421,734</u>	<u>16,884</u>	<u>438,618</u>
	<u>421,734</u>	<u>16,884</u>	<u>438,618</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>421,734</u>	<u>16,884</u>	<u>438,618</u>

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets:

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is charged in respect of freehold land and buildings as the residual value of the property after its estimated useful life is anticipated to be at least the carrying value of the property shown in the financial statements.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **for the year ended 31 March 2023**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where then charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially settled at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

#### **2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations and offerings	161,379	121,908
Gift aid	9,419	9,657
Grants	117,894	124,862
Donated services and facilities	101,208	160,307
Sundry income	<u>2,240</u>	<u>1,609</u>
	<u>392,140</u>	<u>418,343</u>

During the year the Foodbank received food donations totalling £101,208 (2022: £160,307). This figure was calculated using the Trussell Trust suggested valuation of £2.37p/Kg of donated food (2022: £1.68p/Kg).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES - continued**

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
All Churches	-	5,000
Crowdfunder Ltd	7,558	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	10,000
Ford Trust	-	3,000
Groundwork Uk	500	1,000
London Gateway Port Development	20,000	-
Lottery Funding	20,985	24,308
Small Sparks	400	-
The Co-operative Group	2,348	1,224
The Neighbourly Foundation - B&Q	5,000	-
The Neighbourly Foundation - Lidl	500	-
The Neighbourly Foundation - Sainsburys	1,500	1,000
The Veolia Environmental Trust	8,318	15,447
Thurrock Community and Voluntary Services (CVS)	3,400	4,000
Thurrock Council	-	25,788
Trussell Trust - Foodbank	47,385	34,095
	<u>117,894</u>	<u>124,862</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Income from Pre School	311,846	318,543
Hire of hall	18,740	21,217
Spacious place	1,361	-
	<u>331,947</u>	<u>339,760</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>298</u>	<u>27</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	<u>2,950</u>	<u>3,346</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
	£	£	£
Church operations	<u>30</u>	<u>8,577</u>	<u>8,607</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	376,053	323,659
Social security costs	17,589	12,013
Other pension costs	<u>6,003</u>	<u>11,701</u>
	<u>399,645</u>	<u>347,373</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
All staff	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Key management remuneration**

The trustees consider the Key Management of the Charity to be that of the Core Leadership Team.

During the year gross salary of £34,018 (2022: £24,761) was made to the key management as well as Employer's NI of £3,670 (2022: £2,197) and Employer's Pension Contributions of £714 (2022: £556).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2023****9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	126,083	292,260	418,343
Other trading activities	339,760	-	339,760
Investment income	27	-	27
Other income	18,970	15	18,985
<b>Total</b>	<u>484,840</u>	<u>292,275</u>	<u>777,115</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church operations	<u>583,079</u>	<u>222,706</u>	<u>805,785</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(98,239)	69,569	(28,670)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>37,554</u>	<u>(37,554)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(60,685)	32,015	(28,670)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>1,172,461</u></u>	<u><u>136,954</u></u>	<u><u>1,309,415</u></u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>875,000</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	-	313,155	67,755
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>875,000</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u><u>875,000</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2022	11,764	24,095	416,769
Charge for year	<u>5,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,882</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>17,646</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>422,651</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2023	<u>11,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>886,764</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>17,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>892,646</u>

Freehold Property is shown at fair value.

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Tax recoverable	639	1,054
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>861</u>
	<u>639</u>	<u>1,915</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Taxation and social security	3,701	3,284
Other creditors	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,596</u>
	<u>6,851</u>	<u>6,880</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	133,032	(43,521)	5,480	94,991
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	40	(40)	-	-
Hall Hire	28,937	(14,487)	(9,700)	4,750
Poor & Needy	433	(1,205)	2,041	1,269
Business Reserve	62,600	-	-	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	1,588	-	(1,588)	-
Mission	6,895	(9,220)	11,601	9,276
Preschool Garden	305	-	-	305
Community Space	54,199	(54,133)	-	66
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	9,432	(6,037)	(1,438)	1,957
Spacious Place Cafe	-	15,069	20,011	35,080
	<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>(113,574)</u>	<u>26,407</u>	<u>1,085,294</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	102,112	110,453	(26,158)	186,407
CAP	4,856	297	(249)	4,904
Foodbank - Food	4,042	13,930	-	17,972
Prechool - New Entrance	25,788	(1,351)	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	<u>136,954</u>	<u>123,329</u>	<u>(26,407)</u>	<u>233,876</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,309,415</u></u>	<u><u>9,755</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,319,170</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	357,964	(401,485)	(43,521)
Youth	-	(40)	(40)
Hall Hire	22,249	(36,736)	(14,487)
Poor & Needy	-	(1,205)	(1,205)
Mission	-	(9,220)	(9,220)
Community Space	2,201	(56,334)	(54,133)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	3,112	(9,149)	(6,037)
Spacious Place Cafe	39,878	(24,809)	15,069
	<u>425,404</u>	<u>(538,978)</u>	<u>(113,574)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	278,299	(167,846)	110,453
CAP	1,970	(1,673)	297
Poor & Needy	220	(220)	-
Foodbank - Food	22,420	(8,490)	13,930
Prechool - New Entrance	17	(1,368)	(1,351)
	<u>302,926</u>	<u>(179,597)</u>	<u>123,329</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>728,330</u></u>	<u><u>(718,575)</u></u>	<u><u>9,755</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the year ended 31 March 2023****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	141,914	5,297	(12,739)	134,472
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	-	-	39
Hall Hire	2,853	30,715	(4,631)	28,937
Poor & Needy	1,693	(40)	(1,220)	433
Business Reserve	47,500	-	15,100	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	-	-	150	150
Mission	3,779	(5,140)	8,256	6,895
Preschool Garden	2,304	-	(2,000)	304
Community Space	62,746	(12,832)	4,285	54,199
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	95,318	(116,239)	30,353	9,432
	1,233,146	(98,239)	37,554	1,172,461
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	93,473	51,333	(42,694)	102,112
Albania UCB	2	(2)	-	-
Albania Sparks	260	(260)	-	-
CAP	6,756	(4,872)	2,972	4,856
Poor & Needy	-	(2,168)	2,168	-
Foodbank - Food	4,292	(250)	-	4,042
Prechool - New Entrance	-	25,788	-	25,788
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	104,939	69,569	(37,554)	136,954
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>(28,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	368,931	(363,634)	5,297
Hall Hire	42,602	(11,887)	30,715
Poor & Needy	-	(40)	(40)
Mission	-	(5,140)	(5,140)
Community Space	58,579	(71,411)	(12,832)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	<u>14,728</u>	<u>(130,967)</u>	<u>(116,239)</u>
	484,840	(583,079)	(98,239)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	261,094	(209,761)	51,333
Albania UCB	-	(2)	(2)
Albania Sparks	-	(260)	(260)
CAP	2,150	(7,022)	(4,872)
Poor & Needy	635	(2,803)	(2,168)
Foodbank - Food	2,608	(2,858)	(250)
Prechool - New Entrance	<u>25,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,788</u>
	<u>292,275</u>	<u>(222,706)</u>	<u>69,569</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>777,115</u></u>	<u><u>(805,785)</u></u>	<u><u>(28,670)</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	141,914	(38,224)	(7,259)	96,431
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	(40)	-	(1)
Hall Hire	2,853	16,228	(14,331)	4,750
Poor & Needy	1,693	(1,245)	821	1,269
Business Reserve	47,500	-	15,100	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	-	-	(1,438)	(1,438)
Mission	3,779	(14,360)	19,857	9,276
Preschool Garden	2,304	-	(2,000)	304
Community Space	62,746	(66,965)	4,285	66
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	95,318	(122,276)	28,915	1,957
Spacious Place Cafe	-	15,069	20,011	35,080
	<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>(211,813)</u>	<u>63,961</u>	<u>1,085,294</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	93,473	161,786	(68,852)	186,407
Albania UCB	2	(2)	-	-
Albania Sparks	260	(260)	-	-
CAP	6,756	(4,575)	2,723	4,904
Poor & Needy	-	(2,168)	2,168	-
Foodbank - Food	4,292	13,680	-	17,972
Prechool - New Entrance	-	24,437	-	24,437
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	<u>104,939</u>	<u>192,898</u>	<u>(63,961)</u>	<u>233,876</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>(18,915)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,319,170</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	726,895	(765,119)	(38,224)
Youth	-	(40)	(40)
Hall Hire	64,851	(48,623)	16,228
Poor & Needy	-	(1,245)	(1,245)
Mission	-	(14,360)	(14,360)
Community Space	60,780	(127,745)	(66,965)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	17,840	(140,116)	(122,276)
Spacious Place Cafe	<u>39,878</u>	<u>(24,809)</u>	<u>15,069</u>
	910,244	(1,122,057)	(211,813)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	539,393	(377,607)	161,786
Albania UCB	-	(2)	(2)
Albania Sparks	-	(260)	(260)
CAP	4,120	(8,695)	(4,575)
Poor & Needy	855	(3,023)	(2,168)
Foodbank - Food	25,028	(11,348)	13,680
Prechool - New Entrance	<u>25,805</u>	<u>(1,368)</u>	<u>24,437</u>
	<u>595,201</u>	<u>(402,303)</u>	<u>192,898</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,505,445</u>	<u>(1,524,360)</u>	<u>(18,915)</u>

**General fund**

The general fund is used for the general running of the fellowship

**Business Reserve - Designated**

This fund represents money set aside for any unforeseen circumstances.

**Building fund - Designated**

This is a designated and restricted fund for the building to account for monies that have been given for the purchasing and developing the new building and for monies set aside for that purpose.

**Youth - Designated**

This fund represents funds raised/donations received - Christian teaching to young people.

**Hall Hire - Designated**

This fund represents money received for hiring out our hall at Giffords Cross.

**Pension Fund - Designated**

This is income specifically restricted to be used in the setting up of a Pension scheme.

**Community Space - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for the development of the Community Space.

**Foodbank - Future Development Fund - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for Foodbank Future Development space.

**Poor & Needy - Restricted/Designated**

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2023**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

This represents donations received/funds allocated, to support the poor & needy when needed.

Foodbank - Restricted

This fund represents funds received and specific expenditure related to the operation of the Foodbank.

Youth Funding - Restricted

This fund represents grants received to help any youth causes.

Albania UCB - Restricted

This fund represents donations received to support the production of UCB Word for today in Albania.

Kosovo Projects - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received to support families in Kosovo.

Albania Sparks Ministry - Restricted

This is a fund which represents funds raised/donations received to help Tomor & Miranda with their work with poor and needy children in Albania.

CAP - Restricted/Designated

This is a fund which represents donations received to help support Christians Against Poverty work.

CAP - D Acreman - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received on behalf of D Acreman for the work he does with CAP.

Playschool Garden - Restricted

This fund represent money raised or donated for the development of the garden.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

England & Wales - Charity number 297569

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**  
**FOR**  
**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

Brindley Millen Ltd  
167 Turners Hill  
Cheshunt  
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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a Christian Church that meets for:

- The worship of God
- The instruction and edification of Christians
- The care and Christian instruction of young people and children
- The evangelism of non-Christians
- The relief of poverty and sickness
- The advancement of the Christian faith generally in the UK and abroad

Over the year the Trust had involved itself in the following projects and activities in the pursuance of these main aims and objectives for the public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **TCF - A Christian Church**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a small but vibrant, growing, local church in the borough of Thurrock, South Essex. We believe that God has called Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) to help transform Thurrock, Essex and, ultimately the wider UK, with the message and person of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to serve God in creating a growing community of people who know and love Jesus Christ and whose lives encourage others to experience His message of hope and salvation.

We are particularly passionate about:

- Worshipping God, seeking Him, and expecting to experience his profound presence as we do so;
- Encouraging the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to be utilised by every believer as we gather together;
- Expecting to see the Lord working through our day-to-day lives in a supernatural way as we pray, listen expectantly to his voice, and ask him to bless and to heal other people;
- The Bible: therefore we read it, meditate on it, preach it, teach it and put it into practice in our lives;
- The Gospel: the message of hope and salvation for the whole world and the main instrument to enlarge the Kingdom of God;
- Care for those suffering physically, materially, mentally and spiritually;
- Generosity in attitude and in financial giving to the work of God;
- Sound doctrine: we embrace the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith;
- The Christian community in all its aspects. We work with, and learn from, other churches and other Christians. We view the global church as the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ and the Family of God.
- Leadership is 'Team', rather than one person being in overall charge. We listen to the Holy Spirit and lead the church jointly; we exercise our authority gently and take our responsibilities seriously.

Our own Community Groups meet throughout the week at various locations across Thurrock and they are at the core of our life in TCF. Community Groups provide a place of belonging within the wider vision and help to anchor a sense of identity and purpose as well as encouraging accountability and service. It is here, that we also encourage our vision for mission starting in our everyday lives and reaching out through activities such as local forums, camping holidays, street evangelism or supporting Christian projects in the Balkans.

Once a month we suspend Community Group meetings and gather together for a 'Seeking God' meeting, where we worship, listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us and pray about key issues relating to the church.

##### **TCF Ministry Staff**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship has a team of four leaders:

John Freeman, Glenda Freeman, Gillian Cranefield and Andy Acreman. They take the main responsibility for directing and leading the church and meet formally a least once a month, sometimes with others. TCF has good relationships with other churches both local and further afield, and the input from their leaders and other key people has proved invaluable over the past year.

The TCF Administration consists of John Freeman and two other part time staff. Between them they are employed to provide administrative support to the whole of the TCF Church as well as to several main ministries including the TCF Preschool, Thurrock Foodbank, and the CAP (Thurrock) Debt Centre.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **TCF Mission Budget**

The Mission Budget is set at 10% of TCF's income for the previous year, therefore the amount allocated has decreased the last few years in line with the declining total income. We have supported the following:

**Kosova** - Our ministry in Kosova is focused into supporting Victory Church in the town of Gjakova, their leaders (Faton & Kajmelina Berisha) and the ministries they are involved in.

**Albania** - Here we support church leaders and missionary worker under the direction of Tomor & Miranda Ajeti from the Victory Church in Tirana.

**School of Ministries** - an international Christian organisation that trains church leaders across the world.

The Mission Budget also continues to fund the **Christians Against Poverty (Thurrock) Debt Centre** and to make monthly donations to **Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') UK** central funds, relating to the Debt Centre's use of CAP UK's financial expertise and advice to CAP Thurrock's clients.

#### **Treasure Children Forever Pre School - Corringham**

Our Preschool caters for children aged 2 years to 5 years. It presently employs 21 regular staff, with 7 staff members providing cover for one-to-one support for 8 children with additional needs. The Preschool has grown in reputation for working with children with Special Education needs and is now working with children that have moderate to severe education and health needs. It continues to be fully subscribed. It has a very good reputation in the area with many recommendations from parents to family and friends.

The Preschool was last inspected by Ofsted on the 22nd of October 2015 and received an overall 'Outstanding' for the second successive time. Below is a quoted from this latest inspection report.

"The provider has a thorough understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff are highly valued. This leads to excellent partnership working throughout the pre-school. Close communication with outside agencies helps to meet the needs of families. Parents speak highly of the pre-school and say that their children's confidence has increased since attending. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have an excellent understanding of the importance of safeguarding children through highly effective recruitment and induction arrangements. Staff attend regular training and take part in extensive, in-house updates at staff meetings".

The Preschool continues to remain in a healthy financial position and has a secure future.

Staff training continues. During the year the whole staff team have undertaken various training courses, including safeguarding, thereby ensuring we stay compliant with Ofsted requirements. We have continued to undertake training online. Supplied by Noodle now.

The Pre School has now returned to normal practices, in light of all Covid restrictions being removed.

#### **Thurrock CAP Centre**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches across the UK. CAP offers expert financial advice and a route out of debt, in addition to its message of Christian hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its services are free and are open to clients of all faiths or none.

#### **Summary**

The past couple of years have, of course, been affected by the Covid pandemic and associated legal restrictions to all organisations and activities. Despite very significant challenges, the CAP Centre staff have worked very hard and it has been a very positive year for the Centre. Our main task as a local Centre is to pull clients out of any immediate financial crisis, assist where possible with urgent practical needs, move them through the information gathering and financial advice stages, and support them as they stabilise onto a long-term plan.

#### **Recent Developments.**

TCF has now partnered with Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') nationally and has funded and hosted the CAP Thurrock Debt Centre for about seven years. In all this time, David Acreman has been the Debt Centre Manager, first as a volunteer, then as an employee of TCF, then as a self-funded ministry worker - with CAP Thurrock paying his out-of-pocket expenses.

In late 2021, David Acreman gave notice that he intended to end his role as Debt Centre Manager ('DCM') with effect from 31st March 2022. He is personally no less committed to the work of CAP but believes that God has called him to work more directly with CAP Clients in an evangelistic capacity, and to focus more on local evangelism too. The Leaders and Trustees of TCF accepted his resignation with regret (from the point of view of our local Debt Centre), whilst acknowledging the evident strong evangelistic call of God on his life. We wish to put on record our profound and grateful thanks to David for his seven years of incredibly hard and effective work in this most difficult role. So many of his Debt Centre clients speak highly of him as a Debt Coach and as a person; CAP nationally also hold him in high regard. Well done!

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

We also thank Marion Bayton and Judith Acreman for the consistent and effective help they gave (voluntarily) to the Debt Centre and to David personally, over several years.

The post of Debt Centre Manager / Debt Coach has been advertised on two occasions to date. There have been no suitable applications as yet. Given that a Debt Centre cannot function without a qualified Debt Coach, CAP nationally have reluctantly taken the decision, w.e.f. 31st May 2022, to impose a Temporary Closure on the Thurrock Debt Centre until a new Debt Centre Manager is found. Should this search remain unsuccessful, then the Centre will be closed permanently.

#### **Finances**

It costs the CAP Thurrock Centre about £500-£600 per month to run. The main cost is the normal £500 pm we contribute towards the CAP Head Office Debt Advice Teams, who provide the financial advice for our clients, contact creditors, arrange payments or insolvency proceedings and so on. The contribution we pay also includes regular FCA-required training and any CAP resources, like the client workbooks. Additional costs from this budget are monthly mileage and expenses, if any, for the Debt coach and purchasing any additional resources.

Until now (Autumn 2022), the Debt Centre Manager post has been advertised as a voluntary position. In order to secure a successful application in future, it may be possible first to secure charitable grant funding to create a paid position for the Manager role. This is being investigated.

#### **Thurrock FoodBank**

##### **Overview:**

It is good to say that over the past 12 months extensive building works have been completed and Thurrock Foodbank Warehouse has moved into the refurbished Warehouse. This took a lot of extra work and coordination as well as many operational challenges. We are so grateful to our volunteers who have had to work through some very difficult conditions. We have continued to explore how to help people in many different ways, not only providing food parcels but also signposting them to relevant agencies, demonstrating that Thurrock Foodbank is more than giving out Food parcels. We have been awarded Pathfinder Foodbank status by the Trussell Trust and we have developed, and are now implementing, a 5-Year strategic plan to help get people the help that they need to reduce the reliance on Thurrock Foodbank.

##### **Distribution Centres:**

Thurrock Foodbank continues to operate ten Distribution Centres across Thurrock and we are launching two Foodbank hubs - in Aveley and in Corringham - to ensure we reach the whole community of Thurrock.

##### **Business relationships:**

We continue to have good support from all the large stores and also local businesses. We have a new storage container located at DP World that will enable us to move out of our current storage location and make a significant saving to our monthly outgoings. We have had recent community events with Morrisons Grays and Corringham. We have store collections arranged for in the Autumn at both Asda and Sainsburys.

##### **Staffing:**

The dedication and support of our volunteers continues to be incredible. We simply could not achieve what we do without the support and commitment. We have been able to recruit new volunteer members to our van crew which has enabled us to develop a rota and share the workload across the team. Our roles have taken a slightly different role as we develop our strategies for the future. We have developed a role to work with our referral agencies to ensure our community is aware of what help they can get and from where. This will also enable us to offer a wider range of services through our referral partners.

##### **Clients:**

Still we see the majority of our clients needing to use the Foodbank due to benefits changes and delays, but this has also increased due to the cost of living crisis. There is also an increase in those seeking asylum that have no recourse to public funds and sadly domestic violence cases are also on the increase.

## THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Statistics:

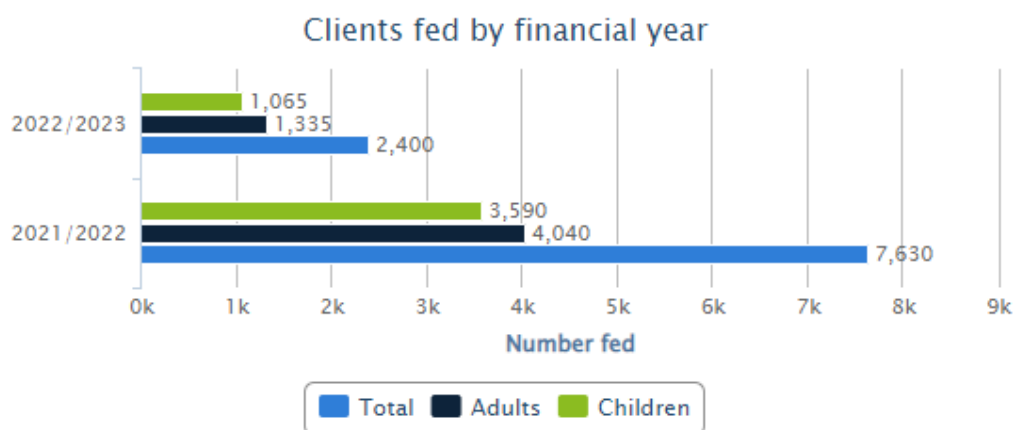
Since 1st April we have fed 2400 people, 1065 of which were children. We are approximately 5% lower than this same period last year, but this is still 31% up on Pre-pandemic figures. (However current figures now confirm as of August 2022, we are actually 2% above last year's figures!)

We do want to see a declining trend, and people not being reliant on our services, which is why it is important that we continue to review our strategy to ensure we are able to support people with the appropriate help for their situation. We are developing a role to work with our referral agencies to ensure our community is aware of what help they can get and from where.

##### The Future:

This year we are celebrating 10 years of Thurrock Foodbank; it is always a dilemma as to whether to celebrate the existence of Thurrock Foodbank, but what we can celebrate is the dedication and hard work of all those that have supported us over the past 10 years. We are so grateful for all those that support us in so many different ways, and the financial support given to us by the National Lottery to help us fund staff and facilities to be able to reach the needs of our community.

#### Clients fed



#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

##### Financial position

The Trustees, Advisors and Administrators have worked hard over this year in all areas of financial accounting and controls to ensure that the finances of TCF are used effectively in our ministry. The members of TCF have continued to give generously and, as always, God has been gracious to us all. In addition to the church's income from tithes, offerings and hall rental, fundraising is received through offerings, including a monthly 'Special Offering', which is an opportunity for members to contribute directly to a Foodbank collection, as well as the Thurrock CAP Debt Centre and the Poor & Needy Fund. In this context, including Preschool fees, we are thankful for total 'Incoming Resources' of £776,255. Against this our total 'Outgoing Resources' amounted to £805,785, leaving us at a deficit over the year of £29,530.

At the end of the year, there was a total of £421,735 in the TCF bank accounts.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen circumstances such as redundancy etc. These reserves are not invested in tangible assets but are kept restricted in line with the TCF Business Policy. The ongoing aim is to have sufficient funds to cover the total staff wages for a period of 3 months, and we are working towards this target incrementally. Currently, there is a sum of £62,600 that has been set aside.

##### **SPACIOUS PLACE VISION**

The TCF Leadership and Trustees have a vision to establish multi-functional support and outreach 'hub', named 'The Spacious Place'. This vision includes our existing church, preschool, Foodbank, CAP Centre and other 'ministries', but is not limited to these in the future. It is based upon the goodness of heaven coming to earth, and specifically to this part of Thurrock, for the benefit of all the local residents, whether they are part of TCF or not. The integration and symbiosis of all the above ministries is a first step in this vision being fulfilled. Our principal resources for this vision rest upon God and people, but there will also be a significant need for buildings and financial resources to make this vision possible.

One of the structural enhancements we required was an enlarged and reconfigured Foodbank warehouse and local distribution point. In addition, a multi-use community café (to be named 'The Spacious Place') will act as a common hub and resource centre for all users of our buildings and for the local community. For the Trustees and Leaders, the raising of sufficient funds has been a big step of faith, and we have been amazed and grateful to witness God's provision via generous individual donors and big-hearted organisations and grant providers, both local and national. As a result, we have received a combined total of £124,862 towards the Foodbank warehouse and the Café building works (at 31 March 2022). All the building work has been begun and is likely to be completed by the end of September 2022, at which point the Café will open.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

During the 2022/23 financial year, we will investigate the benefits of C.I.O. incorporation and a complete revision of the Governing Document / Trust Deed.

As at 31st March 2022, the Board of Trustees is a team of seven people; this includes Trustees, any appointed Advisors and Executives, and other board members representing the Church Leadership Team. The board meets a minimum four times per annum.

Trustees	Andrew Acreman - Chairman Ricky Cranefield - Secretary Godfred Adomako - Treasurer Claire Ruff Steve Chapman (appointed 21st March 2022)
Executives	John Freeman - Administrative Manager & Leadership Team Member Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member Alison Jones - Preschool Manager & Safeguarding Officer

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited from within the church membership. They are active, reliable members, of reasonably long standing within TCF. They are people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church, are deemed to be of good Christian character, and give financially to the work of God in accordance with Biblical beliefs. Furthermore, they are people who demonstrate a competence commensurate with the fulfilment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the Church Leadership, which has a veto over the appointment of any Trustee. New Trustees are invited to attend regular Trustees' meetings for an initial minimum period of 6 months, functioning in a probationary capacity, but with full decision-making power. After this probationary period, if approved by the existing Trustees and Church Leadership, they would normally be invited by the existing Trustees to take up the permanent role of a Trustee, with written confirmation of each appointment from the Chairman. After this, there would normally follow a discussion of the specific roles and functions of each new Trustee within the Board.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The formal invitation to become a Trustee 'on probation' would include a copy of the Charity Commissions publication outlining "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees", the latest of which is "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" (July 2015). Each invitee is invited to spend a day in the Church Office, speaking to our administrative staff and reviewing past minutes and financial documents. Also, these invitees will both observe, and participate in, a number of Trustees' meetings before being formally invited to become a permanent Trustee, usually over a 6-month period. In addition, there is the opportunity for informal mentoring by an existing Trustee and an encouragement to attend external training or conference meetings as required by the Trust.

##### **Risk management**

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed with a view to updating the systems already in place to mitigate these risks wherever possible. Regular reviews are placed on each Trustee agenda and undertaken in relation to 'Health & Safety', 'Financial Controls & Management', 'Human Resources', 'Insurance', 'Safeguarding Policy', 'Compliance' and 'Changes in Legislation / External Factors'.

##### **TCF Safeguarding Policy**

We adhere strictly to our 'Child Protection Policy', which has been updated to adhere to the changes within legislation. All new children- and youth- workers will continue to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.

Regular training event takes place, which are both a refresher for existing youth- and children- workers, and an introduction to safeguarding for new workers. The training incorporates safeguarding vulnerable adults, particularly in relation to the work of CAP (Thurrock) and the Thurrock Foodbank, and also provides the opportunity to highlight to all volunteers any amendments or additions to the policy and remind them of best practice.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

297569

##### **Principal address**

2-4 Chase Road  
Corringham  
Essex  
SS17 7QH

##### **Trustees**

A Acreman Chair  
R Cranefield  
G Adomako  
Ms C Ruff  
S Chapman (appointed 21.3.22)

##### **Independent Examiner**

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##### **Solicitors**

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Grays  
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RM17 5XY

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Administrative Information**

The TCF administrative offices are based at the principal address above.

Telephone            01375 641867  
Email                tcfadmin@thurrockcf.org.uk  
Website              www.thurrockcf.org.uk

There are a team of administrators serving the work and ministry of TCF. These people are;

Mr John Freeman - Administrative Manager  
- with particular responsibility for the management of the Administration Team.

Mrs Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
- with particular responsibility for all areas of finance, payroll & Trustee support

Mrs Ceri Norton - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for Pre School administration, finances and invoicing, and hall hiring

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... Oct 27, 2022 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
A Acreman - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

  
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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	126,083	292,260	418,343	522,850
Other trading activities	3	339,760	-	339,760	305,970
Investment income	4	27	-	27	26
Other income		<u>18,970</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18,985</u>	<u>63,427</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>484,840</b>	<b>292,275</b>	<b>777,115</b>	<b>892,273</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church operations		<u>583,079</u>	<u>222,706</u>	<u>805,785</u>	<u>637,895</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(98,239)</b>	<b>69,569</b>	<b>(28,670)</b>	<b>254,378</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	<u>37,554</u>	<u>(37,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(60,685)</b>	<b>32,015</b>	<b>(28,670)</b>	<b>254,378</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>1,172,461</b></u>	<u><b>136,954</b></u>	<u><b>1,309,415</b></u>	<u><b>1,338,085</b></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	875,000	17,646	892,646	898,528
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	1,915	-	1,915	2,326
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>302,426</u>	<u>119,308</u>	<u>421,734</u>	<u>443,039</u>
		304,341	119,308	423,649	445,365
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,880)	-	(6,880)	(5,808)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>297,461</u>	<u>119,308</u>	<u>416,769</u>	<u>439,557</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>136,954</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,172,461</u>	<u>136,954</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,172,461	1,233,146
Restricted funds				<u>136,954</u>	<u>104,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,309,415</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on Oct 27, 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Ricky cranefield (Oct 27, 2022 09:16 GMT+1)

R Cranefield - Trustee

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>(21,332)</u>	<u>252,891</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(21,332)</u>	<u>252,891</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(29,410)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	5,760
Interest received		<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>27</u>	<u>(23,624)</u>
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		(21,305)	229,267
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>443,039</u>	<u>213,772</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u>421,734</u>	<u>443,039</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(28,670)	254,378
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,882	5,882
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(5,760)
Interest received	(27)	(26)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	411	(1,377)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>1,072</u>	<u>(206)</u>
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by operations</b>	<u>(21,332)</u>	<u>252,891</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21	Cash flow	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>443,039</u>	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>421,734</u>
	<u>443,039</u>	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>421,734</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>443,039</u>	<u>(21,305)</u>	<u>421,734</u>

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets:

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is charged in respect of freehold land and buildings as the residual value of the property after its estimated useful life is anticipated to be at least the carrying value of the property shown in the financial statements.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where then charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially settled at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Donations and offerings	121,908	138,821
Gift aid	9,657	9,742
Grants	124,862	164,388
Donated services and facilities	160,307	209,368
Sundry income	<u>1,609</u>	<u>531</u>
	<u>418,343</u>	<u>522,850</u>

During the year the Foodbank received food donations totalling £160,307 (2021: £209,368). This figure was calculated using the Trussell Trust suggested valuation of £1.68p/Kg of donated food (2021: £1.68p/Kg).

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
All Churches	5,000	-
Big Local	-	3,001
Essex Community Foundation	10,000	39,358
Ford Trust	3,000	-
Griffin	-	2,000
Groundwork Uk	1,000	-
Lottery Funding	24,308	57,370
Protor & Gamble	-	24,000
The Co-operative Group	1,224	5,283
The Neighbourly Sainsburys Grant	1,000	-
The Veolia Environmental Trust	15,447	-
Thurrock Community and Voluntary Services (CVS)	4,000	12,000
Thurrock Council	25,788	6,670
Trussell Trust - Foodbank	34,095	12,857
Other grants	<u>-</u>	<u>1,849</u>
	<u>124,862</u>	<u>164,388</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Income from Pre School	318,543	298,605
Hire of hall	<u>21,217</u>	<u>7,365</u>
	<u>339,760</u>	<u>305,970</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>27</u>	<u>26</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	<u>3,346</u>	<u>3,348</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Governance costs	Totals
	£	£	£
Church operations	<u>30</u>	<u>6,618</u>	<u>6,648</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.22	31.3.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	323,659	308,113
Social security costs	12,013	11,067
Other pension costs	<u>11,701</u>	<u>10,732</u>
	<u>347,373</u>	<u>329,912</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.22	31.3.21
All staff	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Key management remuneration**

The trustees consider the Key Management of the Charity to be that of the Core Leadership Team.

During the year gross salary of £24,761 (2021: £27,902) was made to the key management as well as Employer's NI of £2,197 (2021: £2,638) and Employer's Pension Contributions of £556 (2021: £555).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	75,410	447,440	522,850
Other trading activities	305,970	-	305,970
Investment income	24	2	26
Other income	<u>57,409</u>	<u>6,018</u>	<u>63,427</u>
<b>Total</b>	438,813	453,460	892,273
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church operations	241,976	395,919	637,895
<b>NET INCOME</b>	196,837	57,541	254,378
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<u>5,423</u>	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	202,260	52,118	254,378
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	1,030,886	52,821	1,083,707
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>875,000</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2021	-	313,155	67,755
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2021	5,882	24,095	410,887
Charge for year	<u>5,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,882</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>11,764</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>416,769</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>17,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>892,646</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>23,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>898,528</u>

Freehold Property is shown at fair value.

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Tax recoverable	1,054	965
Other debtors	<u>861</u>	<u>1,361</u>
	<u>1,915</u>	<u>2,326</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
Taxation and social security	3,284	2,212
Other creditors	<u>3,596</u>	<u>3,596</u>
	<u>6,880</u>	<u>5,808</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	141,914	5,297	(12,739)	134,472
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	-	-	39
Hall Hire	2,853	30,715	(4,631)	28,937
Poor & Needy	1,693	(40)	(1,220)	433
Business Reserve	47,500	-	15,100	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	-	-	150	150
Mission	3,779	(5,140)	8,256	6,895
Preschool Garden	2,304	-	(2,000)	304
Community Space	62,746	(12,832)	4,285	54,199
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	95,318	(116,239)	30,353	9,432
	<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>(98,239)</u>	<u>37,554</u>	<u>1,172,461</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	93,473	51,333	(42,694)	102,112
Albania UCB	2	(2)	-	-
Albania Sparks	260	(260)	-	-
CAP	6,756	(4,872)	2,972	4,856
Poor & Needy	-	(2,168)	2,168	-
Foodbank - Food	4,292	(250)	-	4,042
Prechool - New Entrance	-	25,788	-	25,788
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	<u>104,939</u>	<u>69,569</u>	<u>(37,554)</u>	<u>136,954</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>(28,670)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	368,931	(363,634)	5,297
Hall Hire	42,602	(11,887)	30,715
Poor & Needy	-	(40)	(40)
Mission	-	(5,140)	(5,140)
Community Space	58,579	(71,411)	(12,832)
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	14,728	(130,967)	(116,239)
	<u>484,840</u>	<u>(583,079)</u>	<u>(98,239)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	261,094	(209,761)	51,333
Albania UCB	-	(2)	(2)
Albania Sparks	-	(260)	(260)
CAP	2,150	(7,022)	(4,872)
Poor & Needy	635	(2,803)	(2,168)
Foodbank - Food	2,608	(2,858)	(250)
Prechool - New Entrance	25,788	-	25,788
	<u>292,275</u>	<u>(222,706)</u>	<u>69,569</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>777,115</u>	<u>(805,785)</u>	<u>(28,670)</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	84,695	57,451	(232)	141,914
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	-	-	39
Hall Hire	3,185	5,406	(5,738)	2,853
Poor & Needy	694	-	999	1,693
Business Reserve	47,500	-	-	47,500
Mission	2,315	(8,940)	10,404	3,779
Preschool Garden	7,314	-	(5,010)	2,304
Community Space	10,144	47,602	5,000	62,746
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	-	95,318
	<u>1,030,886</u>	<u>196,837</u>	<u>5,423</u>	<u>1,233,146</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	44,761	59,778	(11,066)	93,473
Albania UCB	2	-	-	2
Albania Sparks	260	-	-	260
CAP	2,521	4,235	-	6,756
Poor & Needy	-	(633)	633	-
Preschool Garden	199	(5,209)	5,010	-
Foodbank - Food	4,922	(630)	-	4,292
Prechool - New Entrance	156	-	-	156
	<u>52,821</u>	<u>57,541</u>	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>104,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,083,707</u></u>	<u><u>254,378</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,338,085</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	393,302	(335,851)	57,451
Hall Hire	9,493	(4,087)	5,406
Mission	1,500	(10,440)	(8,940)
Community Space	34,518	13,084	47,602
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	95,318
	<u>438,813</u>	<u>(241,976)</u>	<u>196,837</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	447,180	(387,402)	59,778
CAP	4,400	(165)	4,235
Poor & Needy	430	(1,063)	(633)
Preschool Garden	1	(5,210)	(5,209)
Foodbank - Food	1,449	(2,079)	(630)
	<u>453,460</u>	<u>(395,919)</u>	<u>57,541</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>892,273</u></u>	<u><u>(637,895)</u></u>	<u><u>254,378</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20	Net	Transfers	At
	£	movement	between	31.3.22
		in funds	funds	£
		£	£	
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	84,695	62,748	(12,971)	134,472
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	-	-	39
Hall Hire	3,185	36,121	(10,369)	28,937
Poor & Needy	694	(40)	(221)	433
Business Reserve	47,500	-	15,100	62,600
Foodbank - Designated	-	-	150	150
Mission	2,315	(14,080)	18,660	6,895
Preschool Garden	7,314	-	(7,010)	304
Community Space	10,144	34,770	9,285	54,199
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	(20,921)	30,353	9,432
	<u>1,030,886</u>	<u>98,598</u>	<u>42,977</u>	<u>1,172,461</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	44,761	111,111	(53,760)	102,112
Albania UCB	2	(2)	-	-
Albania Sparks	260	(260)	-	-
CAP	2,521	(637)	2,972	4,856
Poor & Needy	-	(2,801)	2,801	-
Preschool Garden	199	(5,209)	5,010	-
Foodbank - Food	4,922	(880)	-	4,042
Prechool - New Entrance	156	25,788	-	25,944
	<u>52,821</u>	<u>127,110</u>	<u>(42,977)</u>	<u>136,954</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,083,707</u>	<u>225,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	762,233	(699,485)	62,748
Hall Hire	52,095	(15,974)	36,121
Poor & Needy	-	(40)	(40)
Mission	1,500	(15,580)	(14,080)
Community Space	93,097	(58,327)	34,770
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	<u>14,728</u>	<u>(35,649)</u>	<u>(20,921)</u>
	923,653	(825,055)	98,598
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	708,274	(597,163)	111,111
Albania UCB	-	(2)	(2)
Albania Sparks	-	(260)	(260)
CAP	6,550	(7,187)	(637)
Poor & Needy	1,065	(3,866)	(2,801)
Preschool Garden	1	(5,210)	(5,209)
Foodbank - Food	4,057	(4,937)	(880)
Prechool - New Entrance	<u>25,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,788</u>
	<u>745,735</u>	<u>(618,625)</u>	<u>127,110</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,669,388</u>	<u>(1,443,680)</u>	<u>225,708</u>

**General fund**

The general fund is used for the general running of the fellowship

**Business Reserve - Designated**

This fund represents money set aside for any unforeseen circumstances.

**Building fund - Designated**

This is a designated and restricted fund for the building to account for monies that have been given for the purchasing and developing the new building and for monies set aside for that purpose.

**Youth - Designated**

This fund represents funds raised/donations received - Christian teaching to young people.

**Hall Hire - Designated**

This fund represents money received for hiring out our hall at Giffords Cross.

**Pension Fund - Designated**

This is income specifically restricted to be used in the setting up of a Pension scheme.

**Community Space - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for the development of the Community Space.

**Foodbank - Future Development Fund - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for Foodbank Future Development space.

**Poor & Needy - Restricted/Designated**

This represents donations received/funds allocated, to support the poor & needy when needed.

**Foodbank - Restricted**

This fund represents funds received and specific expenditure related to the operation of the Foodbank.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Youth Funding - Restricted

This fund represents grants received to help any youth causes.

Albania UCB - Restricted

This fund represents donations received to support the production of UCB Word for today in Albania.

Kosovo Projects - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received to support families in Kosovo.

Albania Sparks Ministry - Restricted

This is a fund which represents funds raised/donations received to help Tomor & Miranda with their work with poor and needy children in Albania.

CAP - Restricted/Designated

This is a fund which represents donations received to help support Christians Against Poverty work.

CAP - D Acreman - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received on behalf of D Acreman for the work he does with CAP.

Playschool Garden - Restricted

This fund represent money raised or donated for the development of the garden.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Thurrock Christian Fellowship**

England & Wales - Charity number 297569

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# Accounts

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**  
**FOR**  
**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

Brindley Millen Ltd  
167 Turners Hill  
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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

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## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a Christian Church that meets for:

- The worship of God
- The instruction and edification of Christians
- The care and Christian instruction of young people and children
- The evangelism of non-Christians
- The relief of poverty and sickness
- The advancement of the Christian faith generally in the UK and abroad

Over the year the Trust had involved itself in the following projects and activities in the pursuance of these main aims and objectives for the public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **TCF - A Christian Church**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship is a small but vibrant, growing, local church in the borough of Thurrock, South Essex. We believe that God has called Thurrock Christian Fellowship (TCF) to help transform Thurrock, Essex and, ultimately the wider UK, with the message and person of Jesus Christ. Our aim is to serve God in creating a growing community of people who know and love Jesus Christ and whose lives encourage others to experience his message of hope and salvation.

We are particularly passionate about:

- Worshipping God, seeking Him, and expecting to experience his profound presence as we do so;
- Encouraging the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit to be utilised by every believer as we gather together;
- Expecting to see the Lord working through our day-to-day lives in a supernatural way as we pray, listen expectantly to his voice, and ask him to bless and to heal other people;
- The Bible: therefore we read it, meditate on it, preach it, teach it and put it into practice in our lives;
- The Gospel: the message of hope and salvation for the whole world and the main instrument to enlarge the Kingdom of God;
- Care for those suffering physically, materially, mentally and spiritually;
- Generosity in attitude and in financial giving to the work of God;
- Sound doctrine: we embrace the Evangelical Alliance's statement of faith;
- The Christian community in all its aspects. We work with, and learn from, other churches and other Christians. We view the global church as the Bride of Christ, the Body of Christ and the Family of God.
- Leadership is 'Team', rather than one person being in overall charge. We listen to the Holy Spirit and lead the church jointly; we exercise our authority gently and take our responsibilities seriously.

Our own Community Groups meet throughout the week at various locations across Thurrock and they are at the core of our life in TCF. Community Groups provide a place of belonging within the wider vision and help to anchor a sense of identity and purpose as well as encouraging accountability and service. It is here, that we also encourage our vision for mission starting in our everyday lives and reaching out through activities such as local forums, camping holidays, street evangelism or supporting Christian projects in the Balkans.

Once a month we suspend Community Group meetings and gather together for a 'Seeking God' meeting, where we worship, listen to the Holy Spirit speaking to us and pray about key issues relating to the church.

##### **TCF Ministry Staff**

Thurrock Christian Fellowship has a team of four leaders:

John Freeman, Glenda Freeman, Gillian Cranefield and Andy Acreman. They take the main responsibility for directing and leading the church and meet formally at least once a month, sometimes with others. TCF has good relationships with other churches both local and further afield, and the input from their leaders and other key people has proved invaluable over the past year.

The TCF Administration consists of John Freeman and two other part time staff. Between them they are employed to provide administrative support to the whole of the TCF Church as well as to several main ministries including the TCF Preschool, Thurrock Foodbank, and the CAP (Thurrock) Debt Centre.

## THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### **TCF Mission Budget**

The Mission Budget is set at 10% of TCF's income for the previous year, therefore the amount allocated has decreased the last few years in line with the declining total income. We have supported the following:

**Kosova** - Our ministry in Kosova is focused into supporting Victory Church in the town of Gjakova, their leaders (Faton & Kajmelina Berisha) and the ministries they are involved in.

**Albania** - Here we support church leaders and missionary worker under the direction of Tomor & Miranda Ajeti from the Victory Church in Tirana.

**The Mission Aviation Fellowship** - a Christian organisation that uses light aeroplanes to deliver relief workers, doctors, pastors, books, food and medicines to some of the remotest and most inaccessible parts of the world.

**School of Ministries** - an international Christian organisation that trains church leaders across the world.

The Mission Budget also continues to fund the **Christians Against Poverty (Thurrock) Debt Centre** and to make monthly donations to **Christians Against Poverty ('CAP') UK** central funds, relating to the Debt Centre's use of CAP UK's financial expertise and advice to CAP Thurrock's clients.

#### **Treasure Children Forever Pre School - Corringham**

Our Preschool caters for children aged 2 years to 5 years. It presently employs 21 regular staff, with 7 staff members providing cover for one-to-one support for 8 children with additional needs. The Preschool has grown in reputation for working with children with Special Education needs and is now working with children that have moderate to severe education and health needs. It continues to be fully subscribed. It has a very good reputation in the area with many recommendations from parents to family and friends.

The Preschool was last inspected by Ofsted on the 22nd of October 2015 and received an overall 'Outstanding' for the second successive time. Below is a quoted from this latest inspection report.

"The provider has a thorough understanding of the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Staff are highly valued. This leads to excellent partnership working throughout the pre-school. Close communication with outside agencies helps to meet the needs of families. Parents speak highly of the pre-school and say that their children's confidence has increased since attending. Safeguarding is effective. Staff have an excellent understanding of the importance of safeguarding children through highly effective recruitment and induction arrangements. Staff attend regular training and take part in extensive, in-house updates at staff meetings".

The Preschool continues to remain in a healthy financial position and has a secure future.

Staff training continues. During the year the whole staff team have undertaken various training courses, including safeguarding, thereby ensuring we stay compliant with Ofsted requirements. Due to Covid all training has been undertaken online. Supplied by Noodle now.

Due to Covid 19 the Preschool worked in bubbles for keyworkers, vulnerable children and children with Educational Health Care Plans. From September 2020 we opened to all children. As per Government advice for Early Years we remained open to all children even during the second lockdown. The Preschool has remained open during the entirety of the pandemic.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Thurrock CAP Centre**

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches across the UK. CAP offers expert financial advice and a route out of debt, in addition to its message of Christian hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Its services are free and are open to clients of all faiths or none.

##### **Summary**

This entire period has of course been affected by the Covid pandemic and associated legal restrictions to all organisations and activities. Despite very significant challenges it has been a positive year for the Centre. Our main task as a local Centre is to pull clients out of any immediate financial crisis, assist where possible with urgent practical needs, move them through the information gathering and financial advice stages, and support them as they stabilise onto a long-term plan.

##### **Recent background.**

For the past 3-4 years there had been a gradual build in complexity per debt case nationally, which eventually exceeded most debt advice providers' capacity. In Autumn 2019 CAP reluctantly declared a 6-month pause on new referrals, but in Thurrock we already had a three-month waiting list, and also used the time to develop our systems and volunteer network. In early 2020 the CAP Debt Helpline reopened to new referrals. After about five long-term cases achieved debt-freedom in the first half of 2020, most of our current cases originated in 2020-2021 and thus are still on their journey out of debt.

##### **Finances**

It costs the CAP Thurrock Centre about £500-£600 per month to run. The main cost is the normal £500 pm we contribute towards the CAP Head Office Debt Advice Teams, who provide the financial advice for our clients, contact creditors, arrange payments or insolvency proceedings and so on. The contribution we pay also includes regular FCA-required training and any CAP resources, like the client workbooks. Additional costs from this budget are monthly mileage and expenses if any of the Debt coach and purchasing any additional resources.

We started the year with 20 months funding in hand, thanks to a Local Grant addition, which reduced the urgency for additional fundraising activity, thankfully enabling the increased focus on meeting the needs of our clients during the pandemic and adapting to COVID-19. Now, the CAP Thurrock Fund has about £5500 remaining, which is enough for around 9-10 more months. Recently a volunteer from among the Trustees has agreed to assist the Centre Manager with funding bids.

The Centre Manager's individual support has been stable this year; he gained a few extra personal supporters and thankfully lost none. Part of the Local Grant was also for his role and enabled him to reduce his other part time paid work, and thereby increase his CAP hours.

##### **Centre Workload**

From April-July 2020 there was a huge drop nationally in self-referrals to the debt advice industry, most likely due to the overwhelming impact of Covid on every area of personal and operational life. Face to face visits in clients' homes, a bedrock of CAP support, had to be stopped. After a pause in April to re-work the CAP system, from May onwards it resumed, through telephone/video call visits instead.

Although there was a numerical decrease in clients seen at the Centre in the last 12 months, qualitatively the workload greatly increased. Previously cases typically required on average 2-3 days of work in total (direct contact plus preparation, follow up and admin) from initial contact to a stable budget and identifying a chosen debt solution. However, conducting 'visits' remotely or occasionally at the office rather than in their homes (frequently with clients who have literacy, memory, physical or mental health or IT challenges) takes much longer to gather and document the necessary information. It is also much harder for the Debt Coach to notice cues or help clients locate their information (or even open letters for them) when not physically present. Overall, there were many more total hours invested in each case, which required all our capacity just to keep progressing.

August-November 2020 there were more new cases, especially in November. Each of these has been among the most difficult encountered to date, partly because help had been delayed, debts had increased and clients were desperate. Lockdown had also adversely affected client's mental health and diminished their coping mechanisms and support and increased any associated abuse.

From November-2020 to January-2021 there was another lull in new referrals, but the intensity of ongoing work continued. From February-May 2021 new cases increased again, and the previous ones finally finished the setup process and moved to long term debt help plans. These cases look likely to continue the profile of greater complexity.

CAP Money Courses were also impacted by lockdowns and restrictions on face-to-face meetings, but eventually CAP nationally was able to produce and trial a model of remote delivery, and a couple of such courses was able to run in Thurrock. Unfortunately, take-up was still low with people saying they would prefer to wait until they could meet in person.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Thurrock FoodBank**

What an incredible year 2020 was, overcoming numerous unprecedented challenges. It has been heartening to witness the overwhelming generosity and support of the public, and the dedication of our volunteers during this period of uncertainty has been amazing. Thurrock Foodbank continued to deliver a fantastic service to the people of Thurrock, providing them hope for a better future. We continue to be well and truly blessed!

We had to operate with a limited core team, and we were also able to welcome some temporary volunteers. They worked through the periods of lockdown with such great commitment. They all worked really hard through December and into the New Year, adapting to various changes that we had to make. The generosity was overwhelming, with us receiving many generous financial donations. As a result, we replaced the cardboard boxes we were previously using with plastic 'tote' boxes with attached lids. These have better storage and superior stacking ability, as well as being better for the transportation of the food parcels. We also took the opportunity to reorganise the warehouse to utilise all the available space.

We were also delighted to have taken delivery of our new van. Being a little larger than our previous van, it enables us to be more efficient and to get all the deliveries loaded in one go, thus avoiding a number of trips.

We operate ten foodbank Distribution Centres across Thurrock, but unfortunately due to the age and COVID vulnerability of the volunteers, our Tilbury distribution centre had to close for a period; although this wasn't a major problem as we were able to direct our clients to another nearby centre.

We are also opened a new distribution centre here at Corringham, with many of our referral agencies coming to collect food parcels and associated items. The Local Area Coordinators ('LACs') from Thurrock Council continue to come in person to collect food parcels to deliver to their clients.

The continued good work of Foodbanks continues to be well publicised via social media channels and has been a great platform for getting help and support. We have maintained our good relationships with Tesco, Sainsburys, ASDA, Morrisons, and the local CO-OP's. We continue to receive a weekly donation from Amazon, often including some weird and wonderful food items.

The interaction with Thurrock Council LAC's and associated teams, the Well Homes Team, continues to be a good direct link to some of our clients and demonstrates the difference that we are able to make to the lives of families and individuals in desperate need across Thurrock. These relationships ensure that we are not only able to provide food but, aligned with the Trussell Trust strategy, we are able to signpost people to the help that they actually need, whether it be debt advice, addiction help, or mental health assistance etc. This year we have been asked to make up 180 Christmas Hampers for those in need.

We have partnerships with local schools & colleges who support us throughout the year but especially at Harvest Festival and Christmas times. We also have a developing partnership with Palmers college whose students did a great job packing those hampers. We look forward to continued development of that relationship in the future.

##### **Statistics:**

Since 1st April 2020 we have served 8483 people, 3808 of which have been children; this is an increase of 40% over the same period in the previous year.

##### **The Future:**

Thurrock Foodbank continues to develop and is in the process of becoming of Pathfinder Foodbank that will work to find an end to society's need for a Foodbank in the Thurrock area; and to provide a service that ensures that people get the help they need for their situation, without being reliant on a foodbank for their essentials.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The Trustees, Advisors and Administrators have worked hard over this year in all areas of financial accounting and controls to ensure that the finances of TCF are used effectively in our ministry. The members of TCF have continued to give generously and, as always, God has been gracious to us all. In addition to the church's income from tithes, offerings and hall rental, fundraising is received through offerings, including a monthly 'Special Offering', which is an opportunity for members to contribute directly to a Foodbank collection, as well as the Thurrock CAP Debt Centre and the Poor & Needy Fund. In this context, including Preschool fees, we are thankful for total 'Incoming Resources' of £892,273. Against this our total 'Outgoing Resources' amounted to £637,895, leaving us at a surplus over the year of £254,378.

At the end of the year, there was a total of £443,039 in the TCF bank accounts.

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have reviewed the Reserves Policy and consider it prudent to keep sufficient reserves to cover any unforeseen circumstances such as redundancy etc. These reserves are not invested in tangible assets but are kept restricted in line with the TCF Business Policy. The ongoing aim is to have sufficient funds to cover the total staff wages for a period of 3 months, but this is not possible at present. Currently, there is a sum of £47,500 that has been set aside.

##### **Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The onset of the Coronavirus pandemic within the UK during March 2020 inevitably caused change and disruption to the operations and work of both TCF Church and the Trust. By UK Government decree, all TCF church face-to-face gatherings ceased, and the church began to meet, both on Sundays and for midweek meetings, using interactive electronic communications ('Zoom'). Later in the year, the TCF leaders took the view that the subsequent partial relaxation of the Government regulations on places of worship - which limited congregation numbers, continued to require face coverings and banned singing entirely - still prevented the congregation worshipping together face-to-face in any meaningful way. Our Zoom meetings therefore continued for the remainder of this financial year (and beyond) and were highly effective, in any case.

For most of the financial year, our weekday hall hirers chose to discontinue renting from us, mainly due to pandemic regulations, resulting in a significant loss of income to the Trust. However, our Preschool remained open but, initially, only to the children of Key Workers; this required some of our staff to be 'furloughed' for 3-4 months. Thurrock Foodbank, as an essential activity, continued its operations and, indeed, needed to expand them due to the greater demand from clients over the whole year. Consequently, the main church hall was converted into a Foodbank Distribution and additional storage centre. CAP (Thurrock) modified its operations - see its own report - but the demand from its debt clients was certainly not diminished.

Financially, therefore, the Trust operated on a reduced income, largely due to fees from hall hiring being reduced to zero. Having previously converted most of our church members' giving to standing order or online payment, the loss of face-to-face meetings had less of an impact on 'giving' than some other churches experienced. Notwithstanding these financial setbacks, we are pleased to report that God, by His grace, met all our needs and minimised the shortfall in our funds. Our overall finances remain secure for the long term.

Our 'Spacious Place' vision - of a community café, integrated Foodbank Distribution Centre, Cap Debt Centre, and Preschool, all combining resources to help the community and bring the good news of Jesus to the local population - required a considerable amount of re-configuration to our buildings, which will cost a great deal. However, the Trust has applied for large numbers of grants from a wide range of different grant providers and - by God's grace - has been hugely successful in attracting grants totalling £164,388.

It is planned to commence building works in mid-August 2021 and for these to be finished by the end of 2021.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Board of Trustees is a team of seven people; this includes Trustees, any appointed Advisors and Executives, and other board members representing the Church Leadership Team. The board meets a minimum four times per annum.

Trustees	Andrew Acreman - Chairman Ricky Cranefield - Secretary Godfred Adomako - Treasurer Nicola Nsubuga (resigned 18th January 2021) Claire Ruff (appointed 5th March 2021)
Executives	John Freeman - Administrative Manager & Leadership Team Member Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member Alison Jones - Preschool Manager & Safeguarding Officer

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited from within the church membership. They are active, reliable members, of reasonably long standing within TCF. They are people who clearly demonstrate their understanding and commitment to the vision and values of the church, are deemed to be of good Christian character, and give financially to the work of God in accordance with Biblical beliefs. Furthermore, they are people who demonstrate a competence commensurate with the fulfilment of the responsibilities of Trustees.

New Trustees are proposed by existing Trustees, in consultation with the Church Leadership, which has a veto over the appointment of any Trustee. New Trustees are invited to attend regular Trustees' meetings for an initial minimum period of 6 months, functioning in a probationary capacity, but with full decision-making power. After this probationary period, if approved by the existing Trustees and Church Leadership, they would normally be invited by the existing Trustees to take up the permanent role of a Trustee, with written confirmation of each appointment from the Chairman. After this, there would normally follow a discussion of the specific roles and functions of each new Trustee within the Board.

##### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The formal invitation to become a Trustee 'on probation' would include a copy of the Charity Commissions publication outlining "Responsibilities of Charity Trustees", the latest of which is "The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" (July 2015). Each invitee is invited to spend a day in the Church Office, speaking to our administrative staff and reviewing past minutes and financial documents. Also, these invitees will both observe, and participate in, a number of Trustees' meetings before being formally invited to become a permanent Trustee, usually over a 6-month period. In addition, there is the opportunity for informal mentoring by an existing Trustee and an encouragement to attend external training or conference meetings as required by the Trust.

##### **Risk management**

The Trustees are constantly reviewing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed with a view to updating the systems already in place to mitigate these risks wherever possible. Regular reviews are placed on each Trustee agenda and undertaken in relation to 'Health & Safety', 'Financial Controls & Management', 'Human Resources', 'Insurance', 'Safeguarding Policy', 'Compliance' and 'Changes in Legislation / External Factors'.

##### **TCF Safeguarding Policy**

We adhere strictly to our 'Child Protection Policy', which has been updated to adhere to the changes within legislation. All new children- and youth- workers will continue to be DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checked.

Regular training event takes place, which are both a refresher for existing youth- and children- workers, and an introduction to safeguarding for new workers. The training incorporates safeguarding vulnerable adults, particularly in relation to the work of CAP (Thurrock) and the Thurrock Foodbank, and also provides the opportunity to highlight to all volunteers any amendments or additions to the policy and remind them of best practice.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

297569

##### **Principal address**

2-4 Chase Road  
Corryingham  
Essex  
SS17 7QH

##### **Trustees**

A Acreman Chair  
R Cranefield  
Mrs N Nsubuga (resigned 18.1.21)  
G Adomako  
Ms C Ruff (appointed 8.3.21)

##### **Independent Examiner**

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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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**Administrative Information**

The TCF administrative offices are based at the principal address above.

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There are a team of administrators serving the work and ministry of TCF. These people are;

Mr John Freeman - Administrative Manager  
- with particular responsibility for the management of the Administration Team.

Mrs Rachel Hicks - Senior Administrative Team Member  
- with particular responsibility for all areas of finance, payroll & Trustee support

Mrs Ceri Norton - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for Pre School administration, finances and invoicing, and hall hiring

Mrs Gillian Cranfield - Administrative Team Member  
- with responsibility for church administration and communication

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... Sep 24, 2021 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
A Acreman - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Thurrock Christian Fellowship Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

  
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**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	75,410	447,440	522,850	183,262
Other trading activities	3	305,970	-	305,970	328,901
Investment income	4	24	2	26	36
Other income		57,409	6,018	63,427	7,360
<b>Total</b>		<u>438,813</u>	<u>453,460</u>	<u>892,273</u>	<u>519,559</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5				
Church operations		241,976	395,919	637,895	503,637
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>196,837</u>	<u>57,541</u>	<u>254,378</u>	<u>15,922</u>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	13	<u>5,423</u>	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>202,260</u>	<u>52,118</u>	<u>254,378</u>	<u>15,922</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>1,030,886</u>	<u>52,821</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>	<u>1,067,785</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>1,233,146</u></u>	<u><u>104,939</u></u>	<u><u>1,338,085</u></u>	<u><u>1,083,707</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	10	875,000	23,528	898,528	875,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	2,326	-	2,326	949
Cash at bank and in hand		361,628	81,411	443,039	213,772
		<u>363,954</u>	<u>81,411</u>	<u>445,365</u>	<u>214,721</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,808)	-	(5,808)	(6,014)
		<u>358,146</u>	<u>81,411</u>	<u>439,557</u>	<u>208,707</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>1,233,146</u>	<u>104,939</u>	<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				1,233,146	1,030,886
Restricted funds				104,939	52,821
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>1,338,085</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on Sep 24, 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



A Acreman - Trustee

  
Ricky Cranefield (Sep 24, 2021 10:14 GMT+1)

R Cranefield - Trustee

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	252,891	9,932
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>252,891</u>	<u>9,932</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(29,410)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		5,760	-
Interest received		26	36
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(23,624)</u>	<u>36</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>229,267</u>	<u>9,968</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>213,772</u>	<u>203,804</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>443,039</u></u>	<u><u>213,772</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	254,378	15,922
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	5,882	-
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(5,760)	-
Interest received	(26)	(36)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,377)	28
Decrease in creditors	(206)	(5,982)
	<u>252,891</u>	<u>9,932</u>
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u><u>252,891</u></u>	<u><u>9,932</u></u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.4.20	Cash flow	At 31.3.21
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	213,772	229,267	443,039
	<u>213,772</u>	<u>229,267</u>	<u>443,039</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>213,772</u></u>	<u><u>229,267</u></u>	<u><u>443,039</u></u>

## **THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements are presented in sterling (£).

##### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets:

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

No depreciation is charged in respect of freehold land and buildings as the residual value of the property after its estimated useful life is anticipated to be at least the carrying value of the property shown in the financial statements.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash, current bank accounts and deposit bank accounts with no withdrawal limitations.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount.

##### **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially settled at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Donations and offerings	138,821	75,026
Gift aid	9,742	6,409
Grants	164,388	-
Donated services and facilities	209,368	94,958
Sundry income	531	6,869
	<u>522,850</u>	<u>183,262</u>

During the year the Foodbank received food donations totalling £209,368 (2020: £94,958). This figure was calculated using the Trussell Trust suggested valuation of £1.68p/Kg of donated food (2020: £1.68p/Kg).

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Big Local	3,001	-
Essex Community Foundation	39,358	-
Griffin	2,000	-
Lottery Funding	57,370	-
Protor & Gamble	24,000	-
The Co-operative Group	5,283	-
Thurrock Community and Voluntary Services (CVS)	12,000	-
Thurrock Council	6,670	-
Trussell Trust - Foodbank	12,857	-
Other grants	1,849	-
	<u>164,388</u>	<u>-</u>

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Income from Pre School	298,605	308,433
Hire of hall	7,365	20,468
	<u>305,970</u>	<u>328,901</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	26	36
	<u>26</u>	<u>36</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Independent examiners fee	3,348	3,350
	<u>3,348</u>	<u>3,350</u>

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs	£
Church operations	30	6,392	6,422
	<u>30</u>	<u>6,392</u>	<u>6,422</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	308,113	295,250
Social security costs	11,067	9,686
Other pension costs	10,732	9,595
	<u>329,912</u>	<u>314,531</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.21	31.3.20
All staff	17	18
	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**Key management remuneration**

The trustees consider the Key Management of the Charity to be that of the Core Leadership Team.

During the year gross salary of £27,902 (2020: £22,452) was made to the key management as well as Employer's NI of £2,638 (2020: £1,908) and Employer's Pension Contributions of £555 (2020: £489).

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	44,845	138,417	183,262
Other trading activities	328,901	-	328,901
Investment income	34	2	36
Other income	6,964	396	7,360
<b>Total</b>	<u>380,744</u>	<u>138,815</u>	<u>519,559</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Church operations	377,728	125,909	503,637
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>3,016</u>	<u>12,906</u>	<u>15,922</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	1,027,870	39,915	1,067,785
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><u>1,030,886</u></u>	<u><u>52,821</u></u>	<u><u>1,083,707</u></u>

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020	875,000	313,155	67,755
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>875,000</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	-	313,155	67,755
Charge for year	-	-	-
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>313,155</u>	<u>67,755</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>875,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020	15,102	24,095	1,295,107
Additions	29,410	-	29,410
Disposals	(15,102)	-	(15,102)
At 31 March 2021	<u>29,410</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>1,309,415</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020	15,102	24,095	420,107
Charge for year	5,882	-	5,882
Eliminated on disposal	(15,102)	-	(15,102)
At 31 March 2021	<u>5,882</u>	<u>24,095</u>	<u>410,887</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>23,528</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>898,528</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>875,000</u>

Freehold Property is shown at fair value.

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Tax recoverable	965	430
Other debtors	1,361	519
	<u>2,326</u>	<u>949</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
Taxation and social security	2,212	2,414
Other creditors	3,596	3,600
	<u>5,808</u>	<u>6,014</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	84,695	57,451	(232)	141,914
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	39	-	-	39
Hall Hire	3,185	5,406	(5,738)	2,853
Poor & Needy	694	-	999	1,693
Business Reserve	47,500	-	-	47,500
Mission	2,315	(8,940)	10,404	3,779
Preschool Garden	7,314	-	(5,010)	2,304
Community Space	10,144	47,602	5,000	62,746
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	-	95,318
	<u>1,030,886</u>	<u>196,837</u>	<u>5,423</u>	<u>1,233,146</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	44,761	59,778	(11,066)	93,473
Albania UCB	2	-	-	2
Albania Sparks	260	-	-	260
CAP	2,521	4,235	-	6,756
Poor & Needy	-	(633)	633	-
Preschool Garden	199	(5,209)	5,010	-
Foodbank - Food	4,922	(630)	-	4,292
Other one off restrictions	156	-	-	156
	<u>52,821</u>	<u>57,541</u>	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>104,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,083,707</u></u>	<u><u>254,378</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,338,085</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	393,302	(335,851)	57,451
Hall Hire	9,493	(4,087)	5,406
Mission	1,500	(10,440)	(8,940)
Community Space	34,518	13,084	47,602
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	95,318
	<u>438,813</u>	<u>(241,976)</u>	<u>196,837</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	447,180	(387,402)	59,778
CAP	4,400	(165)	4,235
Poor & Needy	430	(1,063)	(633)
Preschool Garden	1	(5,210)	(5,209)
Foodbank - Food	1,449	(2,079)	(630)
	<u>453,460</u>	<u>(395,919)</u>	<u>57,541</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>892,273</u></u>	<u><u>(637,895)</u></u>	<u><u>254,378</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	80,095	5,685	(1,085)	84,695
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	53	(14)	-	39
Hall Hire	13,881	2,292	(12,988)	3,185
Poor & Needy	1,035	(821)	480	694
Business Reserve	47,500	-	-	47,500
Foodbank - Designated	3,803	3,006	(6,809)	-
Mission	1,513	(9,600)	10,402	2,315
Preschool Garden	4,990	2,324	-	7,314
Community Space	-	144	10,000	10,144
	<u>1,027,870</u>	<u>3,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,030,886</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	39,653	5,108	-	44,761
Albania UCB	2	-	-	2
Albania Sparks	260	-	-	260
CAP	-	2,521	-	2,521
Preschool Garden	-	199	-	199
Foodbank - Food	-	4,922	-	4,922
Other one off restrictions	-	156	-	156
	<u>39,915</u>	<u>12,906</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,821</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,067,785</u>	<u>15,922</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,083,707</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	351,223	(345,538)	5,685
Youth	-	(14)	(14)
Hall Hire	26,896	(24,604)	2,292
Poor & Needy	26	(847)	(821)
Foodbank - Designated	131	2,875	3,006
Mission	-	(9,600)	(9,600)
Preschool Garden	2,324	-	2,324
Community Space	144	-	144
	<u>380,744</u>	<u>(377,728)</u>	<u>3,016</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	126,035	(120,927)	5,108
CAP	3,602	(1,081)	2,521
Poor & Needy	855	(855)	-
Preschool Garden	866	(667)	199
Foodbank - Food	7,301	(2,379)	4,922
Other one off restrictions	156	-	156
	<u>138,815</u>	<u>(125,909)</u>	<u>12,906</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>519,559</u>	<u>(503,637)</u>	<u>15,922</u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021****13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	80,095	63,136	(1,317)	141,914
Designated Building fund	875,000	-	-	875,000
Youth	53	(14)	-	39
Hall Hire	13,881	7,698	(18,726)	2,853
Poor & Needy	1,035	(821)	1,479	1,693
Business Reserve	47,500	-	-	47,500
Foodbank - Designated	3,803	3,006	(6,809)	-
Mission	1,513	(18,540)	20,806	3,779
Preschool Garden	4,990	2,324	(5,010)	2,304
Community Space	-	47,746	15,000	62,746
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	-	95,318
	<u>1,027,870</u>	<u>199,853</u>	<u>5,423</u>	<u>1,233,146</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Foodbank	39,653	64,886	(11,066)	93,473
Albania UCB	2	-	-	2
Albania Sparks	260	-	-	260
CAP	-	6,756	-	6,756
Poor & Needy	-	(633)	633	-
Preschool Garden	-	(5,010)	5,010	-
Foodbank - Food	-	4,292	-	4,292
Other one off restrictions	-	156	-	156
	<u>39,915</u>	<u>70,447</u>	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>104,939</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,067,785</u></u>	<u><u>270,300</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,338,085</u></u>

**THURROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	744,525	(681,389)	63,136
Youth	-	(14)	(14)
Hall Hire	36,389	(28,691)	7,698
Poor & Needy	26	(847)	(821)
Foodbank - Designated	131	2,875	3,006
Mission	1,500	(20,040)	(18,540)
Preschool Garden	2,324	-	2,324
Community Space	34,662	13,084	47,746
Foodbank - Future Development Fund	-	95,318	95,318
	<u>819,557</u>	<u>(619,704)</u>	<u>199,853</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Foodbank	573,215	(508,329)	64,886
CAP	8,002	(1,246)	6,756
Poor & Needy	1,285	(1,918)	(633)
Preschool Garden	867	(5,877)	(5,010)
Foodbank - Food	8,750	(4,458)	4,292
Other one off restrictions	156	-	156
	<u>592,275</u>	<u>(521,828)</u>	<u>70,447</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,411,832</u>	<u>(1,141,532)</u>	<u>270,300</u>

**General fund**

The general fund is used for the general running of the fellowship

**Business Reserve - Designated**

This fund represents money set aside for any unforeseen circumstances.

**Building fund - Designated**

This is a designated and restricted fund for the building to account for monies that have been given for the purchasing and developing the new building and for monies set aside for that purpose.

**Youth - Designated**

This fund represents funds raised/donations received - Christian teaching to young people.

**Hall Hire - Designated**

This fund represents money received for hiring out our hall at Giffords Cross.

**Pension Fund - Designated**

This is income specifically restricted to be used in the setting up of a Pension scheme.

**Community Space - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for the development of the Community Space.

**Foodbank - Future Development Fund - Designated**

This fund represents money raised or donated for Foodbank Future Development space.

**Poor & Needy - Restricted/Designated**

This represents donations received/funds allocated, to support the poor & needy when needed.

**Foodbank - Restricted**

This fund represents funds received and specific expenditure related to the operation of the Foodbank.

**Youth Funding - Restricted**

This fund represents grants received to help any youth causes.

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**13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Albania UCB - Restricted

This fund represents donations received to support the production of UCB Word for today in Albania.

Kosovo Projects - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received to support families in Kosovo.

Albania Sparks Ministry - Restricted

This is a fund which represents funds raised/donations received to help Tomor & Miranda with their work with poor and needy children in Albania.

CAP - Restricted/Designated

This is a fund which represents donations received to help support Christians Against Poverty work.

CAP - D Acreman - Restricted

This is a fund which represents donations received on behalf of D Acreman for the work he does with CAP.

Playschool Garden - Restricted

This fund represent money raised or donated for the development of the garden.

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year G Cranefield, the spouse of R Cranefield, received remuneration totalling £5,261 (2020: £3,850) for Church administration. She left the charity on 31/10/2020.