

Barnet Christadelphians
Trustees Annual Report

For the period:

From	1 July 2019
To	30 June 2020

This report covers the year of operation ending 30 June 2020, the annual anniversary date for the (re)appointment of Trustees and members of our Arranging Committee (see below) being 1st July.

The financial statement/report covers the 2019 financial year (1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019).

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Barnet Christadelphians Ecclesia
Registered charity number	1167057
Charity's principle address	51 Station Rd New Barnet Hertfordshire EN5 1PR

Names of trustees

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Jonathan Warwick	Secretary	
Roger Short	Assistant Secretary	
Ruth Coles	Treasurer	
Janet Smith		
Ruth Kipling		
Maurice Green		

Structure, governance and management

Nature of charity	Barnet Christadelphians (also known as 'the-church-in-a-house')
Organisational and governance structure	<p>The Church is part of a worldwide Christadelphian fellowship, which accepts as its basis of fellowship a statement of first principles.</p> <p>It is a lay church, with no full-time appointed or paid minister or leadership positions.</p> <p>The governance of the Church is through an Arranging Committee who serve, on annual election, as Trustees for the purposes of registration with the Charity Commission. All members of the Church are eligible for nomination and election to this Committee. Additionally we have appointed Trustees with responsibility for the properties owned by the Church.</p>
Governing document	We have a governing rules document which sets out our purpose, objectives, main activities and guiding principles for how we undertake these in practice.

Trustee selection method	<p>Trustees are elected by the church members annually.</p> <p>For the purposes of holding property owned by the Church, through registration with the Land Registry, up to four Property Trustees are appointed by the Arranging Committee. The Property Trustees are responsible for reporting to the Arranging Committee on matters for property maintenance and tenancies.</p>
Trustees consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them	<p>We take our role seriously in considering the main risks of providing premises and activities related to our core purpose and objectives.</p> <p>As such we maintain a written policy, reviewed every other year for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety - towards church members and members of the public who visit and/or use the premises, • Safeguarding – we abide by the up-to-date guidelines and requirements for Safeguarding, including a nominated representative, • Data Protection, • Hire of Premises, • Information Technology/GDPR.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects and activities of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Church engages in a range of activities designed to encourage and teach the Christian gospel to members and non-members alike.</p> <p>These include regular communion and worship, Bible study, Sunday School and various public events aimed at developing links and promoting the gospel with the local community.</p> <p>In addition, we actively support local charities such as Homeless Action in Barnet, and others through collection appeals and donations. The premises are made available without charge to local residents and/or groups on an ad-hoc basis.</p>
Summary of the main activities and achievements undertaken during the year in relation to these objects, and any significant plans for next year	<p>The church continued with the regular pattern of activities during the year, as described above. We expect no significant new or different plans for next year.</p> <p>We welcomed many visitors to both our regular church services and ad hoc events.</p> <p>One of our core values is the welfare of those in need, both amongst our own church membership and others.</p> <p>As owners of the Church property, members donate their time towards the maintenance and upkeep of the building and gardens.</p> <p>A report is provided at the annual review meeting in July by the nominated coordinator for each of the following. A brief summary of some of the activity in key areas includes:</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>We maintain 3 classes and work through a programme of lessons designed to teach and discuss bible-related topics in an age-related approach. The programme is composed of a combination of lessons taken from the Christadelphian Sunday School Union (CSSU) resources</p>

	<p>based on feedback from the students and teachers. These have been a combination of bible history and events, as well as practical application of aspects of Christian life such as prayer and living out Christ's values in a modern day context.</p> <p>We aim to make lessons as interactive as possible to create space for children to question and discuss as part of an overall learning experience.</p> <p>Teachers are volunteering members of the church and we value their support.</p> <p>Property</p> <p>The objective continues to be to provide and maintain a property that is a welcoming environment, which is clean, safe and tidy. This offers homely accommodation for worship, study, teaching and public events .</p> <p>The local Cherry Lodge Charity has used the premises to hold a 'Mindfulness' course in Autumn 2019. A local group of musicians, which supports members recovering from mental illnesses, has used the church premises regularly on a Monday evening.</p> <p>Maintenance work has continued on an 'as needed' basis.</p> <p><u>51a and 51b Station Road flats</u></p> <p>No property owner maintenance has been necessary except for the annual boiler and routine servicing of fire fighting equipment.</p> <p><u>130 Crescent Road</u></p> <p>No property owner maintenance has been necessary except for the annual boiler servicing.</p> <p>In accordance with the objectives of the Church in support of members who experience difficulty in finding affordable accommodation in the London area, all 3 flats continue to have rents well below open market levels. However, a rent review was undertaken and implemented at the beginning of 2019, making modest rent increases annually in line with inflation, so that large increases are avoided in future.</p> <p>Preaching and witness</p> <p>We have continued to be active in our efforts to engage with people in the neighbourhood and elsewhere, in accordance with our stated objectives to proclaim the gospel.</p> <p>Significant preaching activity is now focused on the increasing number of Iranian refugees/ asylum seekers that have come into contact with our church. A number of baptisms have occurred as a result and our church numbers have increased significantly. Much effort is put into welcoming and helping integrate our Iranian members into the church. Weekly bible learning classes are arranged, which has the additional benefit of helping with language and creating friendship groups.</p> <p>As well as spiritual needs, we have also supported practical cases of need as appropriate and necessary</p>
--	---

	<p>Registrar Our membership comprises approximately 35-40 regular attendees. Year on year growth in numbers is primarily due to welcoming Iranian refugees who have converted to Christianity. We are supported by a number of visiting members of other Christadelphian churches and welcome other visitors from time to time – the total throughout the year is typically over 100.</p> <p>During the year we held our regular ballot to fill various voluntary duties and offices, including members of the Arranging Committee.</p> <p>Finance/Treasurer See below.</p>
--	---

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy and practice	<p>Our financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December. We ended the 2019 financial year with £37581.38 in the bank and £46.96 in our cash box.</p> <p>We present our accounts showing income and expenditure with a separate note of the money collected for charities detailing the charities and the amount collected.</p> <p>An offering is taken up each week, stating beforehand which charitable cause the money is being collected for.</p> <p>This money is accounted for separately, counted and signed for and then additionally counted and signed for by a second signatory.</p> <p>Regular accounts are kept throughout the year, detailing all income and expenditure, and reviewed monthly by the Trustees. These statements are available to all members upon request as well as being circulated at the annual review (AGM) meeting. Our bank records show the income received from Gift Aid and rent received from the tenants in the three properties we own, and the expenditure mainly of operational expenses for the church and maintenance of the church and the three properties owned.</p> <p>Our accounts are independently audited. An Independent Examiner's Report was produced for the financial year ending 31.12.2019 dated 21.07.2020.</p> <p>Welfare expenditure, in the form of hardship grants, increased during the reported year as the make-up of our church membership has changed.</p>
---	---

Details of any funds materially in deficit	None
Charity's principle sources of funds	Regular voluntary cash collections and gift aid monthly donations from members. Rental income from the three owned properties.
How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity	The expenditure of the Church has supported our objectives in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare of members in need. • Charitable giving to external organisations. • Upkeep of property, the objective for which is a) provision of suitable premises for the main Church activities, and b) provision of low cost housing for three households.
Investment policy	None. We use funds to support current needs.
Any significant funding plans	None.

Signed

Dated

20/09/2020



J Warwick

Secretary

Barnet Christadelphians

Opening Balances: 01.01.2019
Cash Box £293.97
Bank Balance £26229.61
Total £26523.58

Closing Balances: 31.12.2019
Cash Box £46.96
Bank Balance £37581.38
Total £37628.34

<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>		<i>Collections</i>	
Rent (+ deposit for 51b)	£11752.50	Operations 51	£4947.55	General Fund	£1584.82
Gift aid	£7015.20	Maintenance 51	£468.84	Benevolent Fund	£572.04
Debt repayment	£40.00	Maintenance 130	£336.00	Preaching Fund	£764.64
Welfare/Pastoral	£1280.00	Welfare/Pastoral	£5962.24	(Asylum Aid)	£32.16
Sunday Collections	£3044.48	Speaker's Expenses	£546.15	HAB	£90.82
Operations 130	£343.95	Preaching	£542.81		
Church Charity Fund	£2000.00	Travel expenses	£70.00		
Gift Aid reclaim	£3178.43	Library	£100.75		
		Sunday Collections 2018	£2051.22		
Total	£28654.56	Maintenance 51b	£175.00	Total	£3044.48
		Hardship	£1778.00		
		Deposit refund (51b)	£325.00		
		Operations 130	£509.90		
		Total	£17813.46		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BARNET CHRISTADOLPHIAN ECCLESIA

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2019

Charity no
(if any)

1167057

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2019

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J. M. Garrell

Date:

21/7/20

Name:

JANET M. GARRELL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

AAT DIPLOMA in ACCOUNTING LEVEL 3

(if any):

Address: C1A12N

KINBUCK

FK15 ON Q

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Name: DANIEL M. GARELL

Signed: D.M. GARELL

Date: 21/1/20

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body: AAT Diploma in Accounting Level 3