

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1130217

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Data protection - A Privacy Policy was developed, given legal approval and shared via the website. Consent was given by Churches Together group leaders to share their details on the CTEEL website.

The Trustees consider there to be no key risks facing the charity at this time.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered on the 18th June 2009 after adopting the constitution on the 28th March 2007, amended by a special resolution on the 30th April 2009.

Membership is open, on payment of the agreed subscription, to any church interested in furthering the objects of the Association, having at least one congregation in the Area, and is either:

- a member church of Churches Together in England,
- a member church of the Evangelical Alliance or
- a member church of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

Each member church shall appoint an individual to represent it and to vote on its behalf at meeting of the Association. Each member church (or association) shall have one vote.

Governance

The charity currently has twelve Trustees. The Board meets at least for three ordinary meetings a year and conducts an Annual General Meeting usually in September. Detailed written reports and agendas are prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the County Ecumenical Officer who acts as Executive Secretary. The papers are circulated in advance of these meetings.

Appointment and Induction of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of:

- the Church leaders of the churches in membership or persons nominated by them;
- the Chairperson, who will also be chair of the Board of Trustees.

There were three changes during the year:

- Rev'd Nigel Cowgill stood down in October 2019 and was replaced by Rev'd Dr Jongikaya Zihle, Co-chair of the London District of Methodist Churches
- Major Norman Ord, Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army, Herts and Essex Division, stood down from the role of Chair
- Rev'd Nick Lear, Regional Minister, Southern Sector of the Eastern Baptist Association assume the Chair from October 2019

The Contribution of Volunteers

The charity makes use of volunteers to support its activities.

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Key Management Personnel

There are no key management groups within the charity and no one Trustee has any more rights than another.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trust law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming and application of resources, including the net income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company independent examiner is unaware and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and the establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Trustee 

Print Name: NORMAN J. ORD

Date 7/10/20

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Incoming Resources						
Donation and legacies	2	29,116			29,116	30,073
Charitable activities	3	750			750	500
Bank interest	3	258			258	205
Total incoming resources		30,124			30,124	30,778
Resources Expended						
Raising funds	4	18,961			18,961	19,218
Charitable activities	5	8,403			8,403	7,247
Total resources expended		27,364			27,364	26,465
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains (losses)		2,760			2,760	4,313
Net gains (losses) on investments		-			-	-
Net income (expenditure)		2,760	-	-	2,760	4,313

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of the financial statements.
All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	331	446
Cash at bank and in hand	7	60,447	57,871
		60,778	58,317
Liabilities			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	8	0	0
Accruals		(100)	(400)
Net Current Assets		60,678	57,917
Total Net Assets		60,678	57,917

Represented by:

Unrestricted - General Fund	60,678	57,917
Designated	-	-
Restricted	-	-
Total Funds	60,678	57,917

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. Ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/1/2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee 

Print Name: NORMAN J. ORD

Date 7/10/20

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on the 16th July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. There are no outstanding commitments or liabilities which exceed the closing reserves

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Income

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Support costs allocation

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resource.

Redundancy costs

The charity has made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred income

No deferred income has been included in the accounts.

2.3 Assets

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Contribution to pension funds

The charity does not participate in either a defined benefit or a defined contribution pension fund.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010.

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ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£	£
2. Donations and legacies						
Membership subscriptions which are in substance donations		28,702	-	-	28,702	30,073
Total donations and legacies		28,702	-	-	28,702	30,073
3. Charitable activities						
Bradwell Pilgrimage		414	-	-	414	0
Advertising campaign		750	-	-	750	500
Bank interest		258	-	-	258	205
Total other income		1,422	-	-	1,422	705
Total incoming resources		30,124	-	-	30,124	30,778

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

4. Expenditure on raising funds

Bradwell Pilgrimage		6,358	-	6,358	8,348
Support costs	7	12,603	-	12,603	10,870
Total raising funds		18,961	-	18,961	19,218

5. Charitable activities

Support costs	7	8,403	-	8,403	7,247
Total charitable activities		8,403	-	8,403	7,247

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	£	£	£	£	£
6. Governance					
Meetings	274	-	-	274	223
Insurance	329	-	-	329	310
Total governance costs	603	-	-	603	533

7. Support costs

Administration support	2,047	-	-	2,047	0
Bookkeeping	400	-	-	400	400
Website	2,569	-	-	2,569	699
Subs and training	530	-	-	530	1055
Committee Costs	0	-	-	0	163
Sundry (Computer Purchased)	45	-	-	45	659
Farewell gifts	0	-	-	0	0
Ecumenical officer stipend	13,133	-	-	13,133	13,020
Ecumenical officer expenses	1,679	-	-	1,679	1,588
Total support costs	20,403	-	-	20,403	17,584

	Fund raising	Charitable activities	Total	Allocation basis
Allocation of costs				
Governance	362	241	603	60:40
Support costs	12,241	8162	20,403	60:40
Total allocated costs	12,603	8,403	21,006	

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No expenses were paid to trustees during the year.

3. EMPLOYMENT EMOLUMENTS

The Ecumenical Officer is a part time post. For administrative and tax purposes, Jacqui King was employed by the United Reformed Church and seconded to the charity since January 2018.

4. N/A

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5. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General Fund	57,872	30,124	27,364	(185)	60,447
	<u>57,872</u>	<u>30,124</u>	<u>27,364</u>	<u>(185)</u>	<u>60,447</u>

6. DEBTORS

	2019 £	2018 £
Debtors	<u>331</u>	<u>446</u>
	331	446

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2019 £	2018 £
Barclays Bank	14,884	12,566
CCLA Fund Managers Ltd	<u>45,563</u>	<u>45,306</u>
	60,447	57,872
	£	£

8. CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	2019 £	2018 £
	0	0
Accrued expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>400</u>
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9. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

No material financial commitments have been made in respect of future financial periods.

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Data protection - A Privacy Policy was developed, given legal approval and shared via the website. Consent was given by Churches Together group leaders to share their details on the CTEEL website.

The Trustees consider there to be no key risks facing the charity at this time.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered on the 18th June 2009 after adopting the constitution on the 28th March 2007, amended by a special resolution on the 30th April 2009.

Membership is open, on payment of the agreed subscription, to any church interested in furthering the objects of the Association, having at least one congregation in the Area, and is either:

- a member church of Churches Together in England,
- a member church of the Evangelical Alliance or
- a member church of the African Caribbean Evangelical Alliance.

Each member church shall appoint an individual to represent it and to vote on its behalf at meeting of the Association. Each member church (or association) shall have one vote.

Governance

The charity currently has twelve Trustees. The Board meets at least for three ordinary meetings a year and conducts an Annual General Meeting usually in September. Detailed written reports and agendas are prepared by the Chair with the assistance of the County Ecumenical Officer who acts as Executive Secretary. The papers are circulated in advance of these meetings.

Appointment and Induction of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of:

- the Church leaders of the churches in membership or persons nominated by them;
- the Chairperson, who will also be chair of the Board of Trustees.

There were three changes during the year:

- Rev'd Nigel Cowgill stood down in October 2019 and was replaced by Rev'd Dr Jongikaya Zihle, Co-chair of the London District of Methodist Churches
- Major Norman Ord, Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army, Herts and Essex Division, stood down from the role of Chair
- Rev'd Nick Lear, Regional Minister, Southern Sector of the Eastern Baptist Association assume the Chair from October 2019

The Contribution of Volunteers

The charity makes use of volunteers to support its activities.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

Key Management Personnel

There are no key management groups within the charity and no one Trustee has any more rights than another.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Trust law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming and application of resources, including the net income and expenditure, of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charitable company independent examiner is unaware and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examiner information and the establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Trustee 

Print Name: NORMAN J. ORD

Date 7/10/20

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Incoming Resources						
Donation and legacies	2	29,116			29,116	30,073
Charitable activities	3	750			750	500
Bank interest	3	258			258	205
Total incoming resources		30,124			30,124	30,778
Resources Expended						
Raising funds	4	18,961			18,961	19,218
Charitable activities	5	8,403			8,403	7,247
Total resources expended		27,364			27,364	26,465
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains (losses)		2,760			2,760	4,313
Net gains (losses) on investments		-			-	-
Net income (expenditure)		2,760	-	-	2,760	4,313

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of the financial statements.
All the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year and therefore a statement of total recognized gains and losses has not been prepared.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	331	446
Cash at bank and in hand	7	60,447	57,871
		60,778	58,317
Liabilities			
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	8	0	0
Accruals		(100)	(400)
Net Current Assets		60,678	57,917
Total Net Assets		60,678	57,917

Represented by:

Unrestricted - General Fund	60,678	57,917
Designated	-	-
Restricted	-	-
Total Funds	60,678	57,917

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. Ensuring that the charity keeps adequate accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
2. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charity.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/1/2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee 

Print Name: NORMAN J. FORD

Date 7/10/20

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ESSEX AND EAST LONDON
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on the 16th July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. There are no outstanding commitments or liabilities which exceed the closing reserves

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Income

Income recognition

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Support costs allocation

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

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Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

2.2 Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resource.

Redundancy costs

The charity has made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred income

No deferred income has been included in the accounts.

2.3 Assets

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amounts advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Contribution to pension funds

The charity does not participate in either a defined benefit or a defined contribution pension fund.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

	Note	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£	£
2. Donations and legacies						
Membership subscriptions which are in substance donations		28,702	-	-	28,702	30,073
Total donations and legacies		28,702	-	-	28,702	30,073
3. Charitable activities						
Bradwell Pilgrimage		414	-	-	414	0
Advertising campaign		750	-	-	750	500
Bank interest		258	-	-	258	205
Total other income		1,422	-	-	1,422	705
Total incoming resources		30,124	-	-	30,124	30,778

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

4. Expenditure on raising funds

Bradwell Pilgrimage		6,358	-	6,358	8,348
Support costs	7	12,603	-	12,603	10,870
Total raising funds		18,961	-	18,961	19,218

5. Charitable activities

Support costs	7	8,403	-	8,403	7,247
Total charitable activities		8,403	-	8,403	7,247

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2019

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
6. Governance					
Meetings	274	-	-	274	223
Insurance	329	-	-	329	310
Total governance costs	603	-	-	603	533

7. Support costs

Administration support	2,047	-	-	2,047	0
Bookkeeping	400	-	-	400	400
Website	2,569	-	-	2,569	699
Subs and training	530	-	-	530	1055
Committee Costs	0	-	-	0	163
Sundry (Computer Purchased)	45	-	-	45	659
Farewell gifts	0	-	-	0	0
Ecumenical officer stipend	13,133	-	-	13,133	13,020
Ecumenical officer expenses	1,679	-	-	1,679	1,588
Total support costs	20,403	-	-	20,403	17,584

	Fund raising	Charitable activities	Total	Allocation basis
Allocation of costs				
Governance	362	241	603	60:40
Support costs	12,241	8162	20,403	60:40
Total allocated costs	12,603	8,403	21,006	

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

No expenses were paid to trustees during the year.

3. EMPLOYMENT EMOLUMENTS

The Ecumenical Officer is a part time post. For administrative and tax purposes, Jacqui King was employed by the United Reformed Church and seconded to the charity since January 2018.

4. N/A

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5. SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance carried forward £
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General Fund	57,872	30,124	27,364	(185)	60,447
	<u>57,872</u>	<u>30,124</u>	<u>27,364</u>	<u>(185)</u>	<u>60,447</u>

6. DEBTORS

	2019 £	2018 £
Debtors	<u>331</u>	<u>446</u>
	331	446

7. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2019 £	2018 £
Barclays Bank	14,884	12,566
CCLA Fund Managers Ltd	<u>45,563</u>	<u>45,306</u>
	60,447	57,872
	£	£

8. CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)

	2019 £	2018 £
	0	0
Accrued expenses	<u>100</u>	<u>400</u>
	100	400

9. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

No material financial commitments have been made in respect of future financial periods.



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

Churches together in Essex and East London

On accounts for the year
ended

December 2019

Charity no
(if any)

1130217

Set out on pages

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).]

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

28/09/2020

Name:

Rita Nzekwe

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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