



Annual Report and Accounts
1 April 2018 to 31 December 2019

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Annual Report

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Annual Report for the period April 2018 to December 2019We are a church based in the east of Ipswich. The Church also supports charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Other names the charity is known by:	RCF
Registered Charity Number	1165779
Bank Account	Cooperative Bank, 9-11 Queen St, Ipswich IP1 1SW

Church Employees

Jayne Green	CAP worker
Elizabeth Hitchcock	Administration and church support worker
James Edgell	Youth Pastor/Church pastor (from 2019)

Elders

Stephen French
Stephen Carr
Andy Mortlock
James Edgell (from 2019)

Trustees

David Yaroslaw
Richard Jolley
Colin Rushbrook
Peter Durston

Treasurer

Steve Jones/Andy Mortlock (from March 2019)

Structure, Governance and Management

The church is governed by the church constitution adopted on May 2002.

Membership

Members are admitted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution by vote of the church meeting on the basis of their profession of Christian faith and recommendation by the Eldership.

Trustees

The trustees meet during the year to review operations, consider financial performance and discuss developments to ensure the church's objectives are being fulfilled.

Church Meeting

Regular meetings of church members are held bi-monthly. One of these meetings incorporates the annual church member's meeting to receive annual accounts, and to ask questions about them.

The church meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the church, in accordance with the constitution. Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting or raised by members in church meetings for further consideration by the Elders.

Objectives and Activities

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith, to include the advancement of education and such other charitable purposes within Suffolk, in the UK and other parts of the world.

When planning the activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular we try to enable people to find and live out their faith as part of our church community through:

Worship and prayer

Learning about the Gospel

Developing knowledge of and trust in Jesus

Provision of pastoral care

Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance

This part of the report will cover the charity's activities during the period April 2018 – December 2019, to bring us in line with the financial period ending December 2019.

James Edgell joined the church as Youth Pastor in April 2018. James has since been involved in Youth and Outreach Work in the Rushmere area. He has supported the Chaplain at St Albans School and run sessions at Copleston School. James was elected as Elder on 4 September 2018 and appointed as Church Leader/Pastor on 5 March 2019.

Elizabeth Hitchcock stepped down from her role as Church Support Officer in May 2018. We are grateful for Elizabeth's contribution in this role.

Jayne Green has continued as Debt Centre Manager for Christians Against Poverty. CAP offers debt relief advice, management of finances, practical help, food hampers, friendship and support to clients. Jayne organised CAP events at a local Costa Café. Clients were invited to an annual CAP Service and lunch in October 2018 and offered to all clients. Secular agencies continue to refer clients to CAP.

We are grateful for the continued efforts of our church workers during this period.

James Edginton visited us in April 2018 and provided an update on the work of the OM ship Logos Hope and his future role. We joined with Rushmere Baptist Church on Good Friday and had our Easter Service Celebration service at St Albans. On 8 July 2018 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary. Over 100 visitors and former members joined us for a service, lunch and afternoon activities.

The Sizewell Hall Weekend in June 2018 was led by Matt Levett on the theme of Mission and Discipleship among Millennials and Generation Z.

Data protection changes were brought in with effect from 25 May 2018. All records, information and details were amended to reflect the new legislation.

A financial review was carried out by the Finance Budget Team and recommendations were agreed by church members in August 2018. Finances will be reviewed regularly.

The Sizewell Hall Weekend in June 2019 was led by Rev. Lawrence Carey. Following this weekend, members agreed at a church weekend that Rushmere Christian Fellowship should operate as and be known locally as Rushmere Community Church and relocate to Rushmere Hall Primary School, Lanark Road. This would involve a return to a more relevant location; the new name would also be more appropriate. A new logo, Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values were implemented. The first service in Rushmere Hall School took place in June 2019. An official church relaunch took place in September 2019. Trustees will investigate the need for a name change with the Charity Commission.

Church membership in March 2019 was 57.

Groups

Toys and Noise for parents and toddlers continues each week at Rushmere Village Hall.

The annual Shoe Box service resulted in boxes sent to Samaritan's Purse for distribution overseas.

CAMEO is attended by senior citizens within and outside the church community.

Home groups meet most weeks across locations in Ipswich.

The Ark continues to work with children on Sundays, providing additional events at Easter and Christmas.

The World Mission team administers financial gifts to the charities we support (listed below) and keeps the church updated with their news.

The Welcome team is responsible for greeting and providing tea, coffee and light snacks.

The Support Team ensures services run smoothly, dealing with technical and equipment needs. The Services team plans Sunday services and themed series.

Coffee Mornings have been held on the Rushmere Estate and are set to continue during the coming year.

At the AGM members were encouraged to read the Safeguarding document, available on the RCF website.

Mission Giving

The 5 main charities which we continue to support regularly are:

A Little Bit of Hope	Uganda
Chateau Blanc	France
CYM	Ipswich UK
IM Cares	India
OM	Worldwide

Information about these charities is offered on the church website.

Other charities which have received funds after church collections have been:

ELAM, Open Doors, Scripture Union Beach Missions, Samaritan's Purse, Tear Fund, Family First.

Members continue to serve the community and support it through Town Pastors, Tools with a Mission, Family First and other charities.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.
Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature

Full Names	David Andrew Yaroslaw	Colin Rushbrook
Position	Chairman of Trustees	Trustee
Date	17.10.20	17.10.20

RUSHMERE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**CHARITY NO. 1165779****Summary Accounts - January 2019 to December 2019**

<i>Balance Brought Forward 01-Jan-19</i>	<i>Charity Account 32,184.65</i>		<i>Current Account 255.48</i>		<i>Total 32,440.13</i>
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bank Transfer	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-
Monthly Offerings	41,346.00	-	687.50	-	42,033.50
Individual Offerings	9,083.11	-	14,462.50	-	23,545.61
Weekly Offerings	1,936.77	-	-	-	1,936.77
CAP Offerings	2,010.00	-	-	-	2,010.00
Stewardship	-	-	2,700.00	-	2,700.00
Mission	-	4,930.00	-	-	(4,930.00)
Romania	32.00	200.00	-	-	(168.00)
Mission Envelopes	370.00	130.00	-	-	240.00
Gift Aid	-	-	5,724.03	-	5,724.03
Cameo	250.43	479.75	-	-	(229.32)
Toys & Noise	420.98	1,158.00	-	-	(737.02)
CAP Debt Advice Centre	747.24	17,890.13	-	-	(17,142.89)
Youth Pastor/Pastor	-	27,869.30	-	-	(27,869.30)
Sunday Services	-	8,238.94	-	240.00	(8,478.94)
Outreach Events	18.50	849.88	-	-	(831.38)
Elder Expenses	-	494.93	-	-	(494.93)
Flower Ministry	7.00	30.00	-	-	(23.00)
General Church Expenses	149.50	3,238.48	10.50	181.25	(3,259.73)
Ian Thanksgiving Service	268.22	507.00	240.00	-	1.22
Sizewell	2,219.30	3,570.36	120.00	-	(1,231.06)
<u>TOTALS</u>	60,859.05	69,586.77	23,944.53	2,421.25	12,795.56
<i>Balance @31-December-2019</i>	23,456.93		21,778.76		45,235.69

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act

and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....*J. J. France*.....Date.....*24th September 2020*.....

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