

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia

Trustees Annual Report

For Financial Year Ending December 2020

Section A Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia
Registered Charity Number 1180434

Charity's Principal Address Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA

Names of the Trustees for the year: -

R B Newman (Secretary)

T D Austin

E C Brown

J Newman

R Newman

J T Plumb

D C Wright

Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document Constitution which is our governing document including practices and procedures as well as additional provisions required by the Charity Commission. This was adopted September 2018 following a ballot of members

How the charity is constituted Unincorporated association

Trustee selection method Annual appointment by secret ballot of the charity members

Additional information The trustees form an arranging committee responsible for the activities of the ecclesia. They are chosen by nomination from members of the ecclesia and are familiar with the objectives and activities of the ecclesia

Section C Objectives and Activities

The objects of the Charity:

To advance Bible-based Christian faith to the glory of God and the honour of Jesus Christ in accordance with the Christadelphian Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith (BASF) for the benefit of the Christadelphian community and members of the public, particularly in and around Sutton Coldfield and district.

The activities

Activities undertaken to meet the objects include but are not limited to: -

- Holding meetings, open to the public, for worship, prayer, breaking of bread by Christadelphians and Bible study and teaching.
- Engaging with the local public through personal preaching and/or by invitations to preaching / teaching meetings and/or by other means, including the provision of Sunday school and/or youth club(s) and/or other occasional activities.
- Engaging with the wider Christadelphian community and wider public through periodic donations to charitable needs, including donations for; Meal a Day, World Disasters, Samaritan Fund, Christadelphian Care Homes.
- Serving, to the extent feasible, the pastoral and other welfare needs of ecclesial members and others.

All our activities are open to all. No fee is charged, and no-one receives private benefits from the charity other than as a legitimate beneficiary. There is no public detriment in any of our activities.

Section D Achievements and Performance

Our ecclesia ended the year with a membership of 105 adults. The average attendance of members at services and other activities remained steady.

Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic our collective fellowship and preaching activities have been severely curtailed. The majority of meetings and activities were moved online for most of the year from mid-March onwards.

Summary of regular weekly activities using our hall / online: -

- Regular meetings on Sunday, for sharing bread and wine
- Bible Study Class meets regularly on Tuesday
- Activities for young people include Sunday School, Youth Circle and Discussion Classes
- During lockdown we have held additional regular online meetings for members, particularly our older members who would otherwise be isolated, to stay in touch and maintain their spiritual focus, including;
 - 3 times weekly fellowship sessions
 - For Bible readings and discussion
 - For Bible studies

Summary of one off and irregular activities held online: -

- We hosted an online Family Fraternal in May
- We produced and advertised a small series of online preaching talks made available on YouTube
- We produced a Christmas presentation in December

Other activities: -

- Our members made regular contributions to the “Living Faith” column in the Sutton Observer during the year
- We are providing support to refugees from Iran, some of whom are attending our services
- We hold regular collections of food and other essential items for donation to our members and a local public food bank

Section E Financial Review

The cash movements and balances are summarised in the receipts and payments accounts and statement of balances below. In addition, details are given of the financial support given to good causes, both by specific donations to restricted funds and as grants from the unrestricted General Fund.

The reserves policy of the ecclesia is to hold £10000 (originally part of the General Fund balance) in an unrestricted General Reserve fund to meet any financial emergency as determined by the trustees. All funds are held in instant access bank accounts. The balance in these funds at the end of the year was considered sufficient to meet the ongoing expenses of the ecclesia.

Contributions from members are made through the weekly bag collections (when meeting at our hall) and regular monthly donations, with taxpayers encouraged to use the Gift Aid provision. Funds donated specifically for external charities or organisations are normally forwarded to the relevant body within three months of the donations being received. We do not seek to raise funds from members of the public.

Welfare financial support to our members is managed confidentially by a sub-committee based upon need on a case-by-case basis. Grants made by this sub-committee are taken from the welfare fund. Grants above a certain threshold value require the approval of the trustees (the arranging brothers).

All financial decisions and activity is subject to the acceptance and approval of the members, normally given at a quarterly business meeting of the ecclesia.

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* See next page for detail

Bank Accounts as at 31st Dec 2020		
Lloyds Current	1,516	269
Lloyds Deposit	47,859	25,302
Shawbrook (CAF) Deposit	1,500	0
Cash in Hand	138	245
Total Funds	51,013	25,817

*** Donations made to good causes**

2020

2019

From donations to and collections for Appeal Funds	£		£
Christadelphian Benevolent Fund (CBF)	436		369
Christadelphian Care Homes (CCH)	2,127		2,032
Christadelphian Auxiliary Lecturing Society (CALS)	895		787
Christadelphian Bible Mission - General Fund (CBMG)	2,470		2,189
Christadelphian Bible Mission - Welfare Fund (CBMW)	2,127		1,655
Christadelphian Isolation League	454		216
Christadelphian Meal a Day Fund (MaD)	3,781		3,469
Christadelphian Samaritan Fund	1,315		873
Solihull Bible Learning Centre (SBLC)	146		162
World Disasters (DEC Cyclone Appeal)	760		427
Sundries	160		63
Total	14,672		12,240

Grants from the General Fund	£		£
Outstanding from 2018			
Liverpool Christadelphians Iranian Members Support			300
Kings Heath Christadelphians Building Appeal			200
Christadelphian UK Youth Conference Funding Appeal			50
Kalilangdan Christadelphians Building Appeal			100
Shelburne Christadelphians Building Appeal			100
Sutton Baptists Funding Appeal for Defibrillator			100
New Grants in Current Year			
Sutton Baptists Funding Support	300		300
Peasdown Christadelphians Closedown Donation			100
Solihull BLC Funding Support	800		600
Brecon Youth Weekend Funding Support			100
Christadelphian Military Service Committee Funding Support			100
Christadelphian Bartimeus Fund Funding Appeal			100
Kalundara Christadelphians Building Appeal			100
Total	1,100		2,250



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Sutton Coldfield Christadelphian Ecclesia

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1180434

Set out on pages

As set out in separate report entitled
'Ind_Exam_2020_SCCE_Accounts'

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

Signed:

Date:

17/02/2021

Name:

Mark R Jones

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

Address:

33 Grosvenor Close, Four Oaks,

Sutton Coldfield

West Midlands

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). [N/A](#)

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

[None](#)

