



Christian Outreach Centre

The hub church

Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, CM233SL
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Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2020.

1. Trustees. Mr A Hickman, Mr J Baxter served for the whole year and Miss Evelyn Ibekeh-Olasegha joined in March 2020.

2. Purpose of the Charity. Throughout the report period, this charity has continued to promote the Christian Faith in Bishop's Stortford. The congregation includes Portuguese, Bulgarian and Polish people living in the area plus Brazilians and other nationalities who have joined the church. The English Language School for the training of missionaries from Brazil which started in January 2007 continues to operate mostly with students from Europe and the UK. During the school year (up to 31 August 2020) we had 12 students in three classes. We have continued to help individuals with needs, within Bishop's Stortford or the surrounding area when brought to our attention. During the report period, the building has continued to host the Portland Child Contact Centre up to when the first lockdown occurred in March 2020 and has remained closed since. When open it fills a useful need in the community. The Contact Centre provides a safe environment where solicitors and social services can arrange for children to meet with a separated parent on a regular basis, if necessary. Local people including dance classes, a camera club, a children's activity group and a national slimming club continued to hire the building until lockdown in March 2020 and have remained closed since apart from the period in the summer when allowed but rents are considerably lower than previously.

3. Report of progress towards our aims. As stated above, we continue to operate the Language school for 3 days a week. Weekends are used for the contact centre for broken families and church services on Sunday. Local community groups use the hall in the evenings when the church is not holding meetings. Mission trips have been largely on hold. The babies and toddlers group regularly has up to 20 mums with their children in attendance which brings in a small amount of finance but this has also been closed since March 2020 lockdown.

In addition to our normal activities, due to the virus outbreak many halls that supported AA groups stopped allowing them but since we have a number of AA contacts it was decided to start holding these in our centre from 22nd July 2020 when the government gave us permission. This helps in a small way with finances.

Signed: Anthony Hickman (trustee) Date: 5th March 2021

Christian Outreach Centre (Bishop's Stortford).

Registration : 1049175

Portland Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2020

	<u>2020.00</u>	<u>2019.00</u>
School Income	12029.77	12840.00
Tax Back	4403.23	12509.00
Donations Restricted giving	16150.00	419.00
Mission Income	0.00	0.00
Rental Income	5258.00	11534.00
Tuck Shop Sales	272.45	200.00
Bumble bees	263.20	2303.00
Tithes & Offerings - including gift aid giving	20580.83	30429.00
Sundry Income	13.00	0.00
Pastor Anderson Support (restricted income)	340.00	3115.00

Total Income	59310.48	73349.00
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Expenses

Postage, Stationery & Printing	428.42	604.00
Covenant Seed to COC	593.48	1164.00
Self-Employed expenses	0.00	0.00
Pastor's Expenses +Visiting Pastor expenses	3233.37	6640.00
School books, training and stationery	137.36	91.00
School Subscriptions	357.78	132.00
School Wages	11319.50	10860.00
Cleaning Supplies/toiletries	716.85	451.00
Sundry Expenses	1649.60	33.56
Licences/subscriptions	938.16	812.00
Evangelism/Advertising	302.73	1728.00
Tuck Shop and youth	312.63	1344.00
Heat & Light/Telephone/Insurance	3959.32	3221.00
Gifts to Disadvantaged & Other Ministries/Mission	21971.96	14848.00
Office expenses	288.00	1605.00
Training	14.99	1974.00
Petty Cash	7.72	0.00
Children and Youth ministry	264.63	1713.00
Online Services	585.15	419.00
Mortgage Interest & Loan Interest	8994.74	8550.00
Depreciation of Equipment	2467.80	1063.00
Bank/ Legal/Professional Fees	80.00	5281.00
Centre Maintenance/Repairs/replacements	1492.90	6637.00

	<u>60117.09</u>	<u>69170.56</u>
NET RETAINED INCOME	<u>-806.61</u>	<u>4178.44</u>



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

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31/8/2020

Charity no
(if any)

1049175

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2020

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

N. Wilshen

Date:

4-3-2021

Name:

Nicholas Wilshen.

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(if any):

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