



Annual Report
And
Financial Statements
Of
Christ Community Church - London (CCC)

Year ended 30 September 2020

Charity Number: 1179277

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Legal and administrative information

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Trustees Report

Year ended 30 September 2020

The Trustees present their first report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020. The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirement of the standard recommended practice.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is Charitable Incorporation Organisation and its governing documents is CIO Foundation Constitution registered on 20 July 2018.

Appointment of Trustees

The Board has four members of Trustees of the Charity Trustees. The appointment of trustees is done in accordance with the governing documents. They receive no financial incentives except what is eligible for a Trustee. The Elders (A leadership team comprising a mixture of elected and appointed mature individuals referred to as the Core Leaders) manage the day to day administrative and spiritual activities of the Charity, supported by a team of volunteers.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees consists of four people. They meet on a quarterly basis to monitor the working progress of the Church. The responsibility for running the church's day to day administrative and spiritual activities and ensuring the provision of services rests on the Elders/Core Leaders of the Church. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the church delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met.

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Objectives and activities

Key objectives

The objectives of the charity are:

- 1) To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Statements of Faith, particularly but not exclusively, through the provision of Christian education, prayer meetings and pastoral support.
- 2) To relieve sickness and poverty and to promote general health and wellbeing through the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including counselling and practical advice and support;
- 3) To advance education of the general public in the area of Christian faith.

Achievement and Performance

The ministry of the church has for the most part been shadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic like everything else in life.

Building a community of Jesus followers founded on the New Testament has been identified as the focus for the past year. Alongside the regular church services that continued even during lockdown, there have been several new and significant developments.

The most significant event for the church, however, took place in first half of the year ended 30 September 2020. This was a 3-Day residential retreat in January 2020 with a focus on building community. 40 people in total attended the event which had a dual purpose. First, to encourage members in the faith through a combination of worship, teaching and open discussion and second, to bring people closer together through shared times of play and unstructured engagement.

Post lockdown, the regular services of the Church have continued uninterrupted albeit in a remote form. After initially transmitting services from homes for the first few months, the church was swift to returning to in-person services once worship services were permitted to resume with restrictions and strict guidelines. However, even after returning to in-person services it was necessary to broadcast the service online for a good part of the church body which was still following from home.

The other significant event of the past year has been the introduction of a regular, weekly, online teaching service on Saturday evening. This started at the height of the first lockdown in May and aimed, among others, to take advantage of the fact that we were all confined in our homes. The service is unlike any others prior to it in that it works through a particular book or theme of the bible in a methodical and systematic way. This teaching series has a fivefold object and is suitable for every stage of the Christian life.

The restrictions due to lockdown also affected the church's annual conference. In its place the church conducted a string of seminars and discussions focusing on relationships to benefit the many single young adults within the church.

Inter-church relationships

The church has taken advantage of the opportunity offered by the lockdown for improved connection with others. The Salt and Light network of churches in the South that the Church is member of has been offering more support in the form of frequent and regular church leaders' Zoom meetings. In addition, relations with more local churches have also been developed and maintained with a view to increased collaboration for the work of God's kingdom.

Pastoral care

Delivering effective pastoral care has been a challenge during the lockdown when face to face meetings and interactions had been, for the most part, forbidden. As a result, many in the church have struggled mentally and spiritually during the lockdown and the church leaders and ministers have been active in supporting these with frequent phone and text contacts and conversations. Social media platforms played a huge part in delivering direct and custom messages to tackle and prevent the lockdown from taking a toll on people's mental health.

In addition, the regular small group meetings which used to happen in homes have had to transfer to online platforms which have not been greatly received by all. Even though these small group meetings online have been a welcome relief for many from days spent alone at home, some have found it difficult to stay connected online only without the in-person gathering that they were used to.

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Financial Report

Total receipts on unrestricted funds during 12 months of reporting were £37,992. £29,324 was spent to provide the church services. The net result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £8,668 on unrestricted funds. Adding the balance brought forward at the start of the year, the balance carried forward as at 30 September 2020 on unrestricted fund totalled £32,918.

Reserves Policy

It is Christ Community Church policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, which equates to at least three months unrestricted payments equivalent to £8,203 to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Volunteers

The Trustees Board would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so faithfully to make the church the vibrant community that it is.

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Statement of financial activities for the Year ended 30 Sep 2020

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Restricted			Total funds £	Prior year funds £
		Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations, tithes and love gifts	Note 3	37,992	-	-	37,992	41,300
Charitable activities		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		37,992	-	-	37,992	41,300
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	Note 4	29,324	-	-	29,324	32,835
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total		29,324	-	-	29,324	32,835
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)		8,668	-	-	8,668	8,465
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		8,668	-	-	8,668	8,465
Extraordinary items		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):		-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		8,668	-	-	8,668	8,465
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		24,250	-	-	24,250	-
Total funds carried forward		32,918	-	-	32,918	8,465

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Balance sheet as at 30 September 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Prior year £
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets		-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	Note 5	1,421	-	-	1,421	1,501
Heritage assets		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,421	-	-	1,421	1,501
Current assets						
Stocks		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors & Prepayment		-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	Note 6	35,931	-	-	35,931	22,749
Total current assets		35,931	-	-	35,931	22,749
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Note 7	(4,433)	-	-	(4,433)	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		31,498	-	-	31,498	22,749
Total assets less current liabilities		32,918	-	-	32,918	24,250
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		32,918	-	-	32,918	24,250
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds		-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds		-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	Note 8	32,918	-	-	32,918	24,250
Revaluation reserve		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds		32,918	-	-	32,918	24,250

The notes at pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 16 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr Ephrem Sahlu

Ephrem Sahlu

Notes to the Accounts

(a) Basis of preparation

1. Accounting Policies

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

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

The Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with Charities Act 2011

1.1 Going concern

Based on the projection of the charity performance, the board of trustees is of the opinion that Rehoboth Church London has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.2 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

1.3 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error has been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

2. INCOME

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

The charity hasn't yet received any legacy. However, if there is a Legacy gift, it will be recognised on a case-by-case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3. Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	2019 £
Donations and legacies:	Donations, church offerings, tithes and love gifts for the period	37,992	-	-	37,992	41,300
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other (Members offering)	-	-	-	-	-
	Total		37,992	-	-	37,992
TOTAL INCOME		37,992	-	-	37,992	41,300

4. Analysis of Expenditures

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year 2019 £
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	Hall Rent for prayer gatherings	12,225	-	-	12,225	11,151
	General expenses	7,321	-	-	7,321	9,297
	Charitable Funding	5,307	-	-	5,307	9,580
	Refreshment and other expenses	1,389	-	-	1,389	1,127
	Transport	1,186	-	-	1,186	1,179
	Insurance	129	-	-	129	
	Internet, zoom and other expenses	1,128	-	-	1,128	
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	28,683	-	-	28,683	32,334
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		28,683	-	-	28,683	32,334

5. Tangible fixed asset

	Freehold land & buildings	Choir Gown	Plant, office equipment	Music equipment	Total
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	2,001	2,001
Additions	-	-	-	560	560
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	2,561	2,561

5.2 Depreciation and impairments

Basis	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	Reducing Balance ("RB")
Rate 25%						

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	500	500
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	640	640
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	1,140	1,140

5.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	1,501	1,501
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	1,421	1,421

6. Cash at bank and in hand

	2020 £	2019 £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	35,931	22,749
Other	-	-
Total	35,931	22,749

7. Short Term Creditors

	2020 £	2019 £
Short term Creditors (less than 1 Year)	-	-
Other	-	-
	4,485	-
	-	-
Total	4,485	-

8. Charity Fund

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted Fund	UR		24,250	37,992	29,324	-	-	32,918
			-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Other funds</i>	<i>N/a</i>	<i>N/a</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			24,250	37,992	29,324	-	-	32,918

Independent examiner’s report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statement.

I report on the account of Christ Community Church London for the year ended 30 September 2020 set out on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner’s statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a ‘true and fair view’ and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Company Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the company Act 2006 and with methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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

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