



# **Christ Church Fareham**

*(Charity Reg. no. 1186046)*

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## **Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021**

“... that we may declare the praises of Him who called *us* out of darkness into His wonderful light.” 1Peter 2:9b

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## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **AIM AND PURPOSES**

Christ Church Fareham was planted in September 2018, from Christ Central Church in Portsmouth. Our purpose has been to build a Bible-believing, Gospel-proclaiming & Spirit-filled Church to bring joy, truth, love and hope to the town of Fareham and the surrounding region. Christ Church Fareham was registered as a separate charity in October 2019 and from 1 January 2020 started operating as a separate financial entity with its own bank account.

The trustees are committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship Jesus Christ and to be part of our community. Our activities take into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit including guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We want to help ordinary people to live out their faith in Jesus every day, encouraging and supporting one another, and being led by the Holy Spirit. Our activities comprise:

- Loving God: worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ
- Loving one another: caring for people who live in and around Fareham, helping those who are in need or hardship
- Loving the world: mission and outreach work

These areas of activity have remained our priority even during Covid. But some individual activities have had to change as we seek to ensure that people are cared for, and that our services remain accessible to everyone, even those less familiar with technology.

### **OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

#### **Worship and prayer; preaching the Gospel; and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ**

- Since our launch, we have preached from the Bible every Sunday at our weekly meetings, whether online (from January to May) or in person (From May until the end of the year). During this period, we have preached sermon series from the Old Testament including Lamentations, Nehemiah and Psalms; and have preached through a large portion of Matthew's Gospel from the New Testament. In September, Jeff Moss preached a thematic sermon series looking at Authentic Conversion, Justification and Sanctification, covering the key parts of what it really means to be a Christians, according to God's Word. Visitors to the Church have often commented appreciatively on the Bible teaching we provide.
- Throughout 2021, we ran three Life Groups that met weekly. They met online in the first half of the year and then in person. These groups encouraged time together in one another's homes to build friendships, pray together and learn together in discipleship
- The Church met to pray together each month, supporting one another's needs, as well as praying for our town and the World.
- Each Sunday we offered Children's Work for children under 16. There have been games, crafts, videos and teaching from the Bible to help our children grow in understanding of who God is and the salvation offered in Jesus Christ.
- Even during the first half of the year, there was online provision for our children
- When we started meeting in person again, we were pleased to have visitors who had watched our meetings online and we saw slow but steady growth in numbers gathering on a Sunday
- In October 2021, we appointed a new Eldership Team. Dayo Adeyemo, Jason Manning, Jeff Moss and Duncan Sills were appointed by Chris Kilby and the Church. We laid hands on them all and prayed for their leadership, as they themselves followed the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. For us, this marked the moment we became a local Church, with a Biblical leadership structure, as opposed to a Church plant, still reliant on support from Christ Central and Commission

We pray that, as we move into a new venue in 2022 at Orchard Lea Junior School, God will continue to bring growth and impact lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### **Caring for people**

- At the start of the year, members of Christ Church Fareham continued to support those who were struggling with lockdown, buying food for neighbours, offering regular phone calls and texts to stay in contact with one another and offering zoom prayer meetings for people in need
- Over Christmas, we prepared 11 Christmas hampers and in partnership with local schools, blessed the most needy families in the area
- We have begun building relationships with the care homes in Fareham, offering assistance, pastoral support and lifts to and from our meetings
- We now have 65 people who we are in ongoing relationship with via email, who regularly receive offers of help and support, and who themselves join in with the work of caring for those less fortunate.
- In addition to caring for the people in the church and local area, through a partnership with an individual missionary we now help alleviate poverty in East Asia and we continue to look for local partners, working to care for people in Fareham and the surrounding region.

### **Mission and outreach**

- As we emerged from lockdown, numbers on a Sunday have steadily increased. On average, 30 people gather, adults and children, and over 50 people have attended more than once in 2021 to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is true even as some choose to stay at home and watch online.
- The service at Easter, recorded and shared online reached over 6,000 people, via Facebook and Youtube, with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Our Pastor, Duncan Sills, uses some of his employed time serving Commission (part of New Frontiers) who seek to preach the Gospel and reach out across nations. On a monthly basis, he has been teaching theology to people all over the South of England. This was the second year the course has run and Duncan is now responsible for leading the course this year and next, as we take our first steps as a charity into a more formal education setting.
- In 2021, we also started supporting a missionary in East Asia. His work alleviates poverty and shares the Gospel with people who have never heard it before.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

We are encouraged by what God has done in our midst and very excited for plans moving forward in 2022 and beyond.

- From January 2022, we will meet in a new venue on Sundays – Orchard Lea Junior School. The venue is bigger, as we were outgrowing the Ashcroft Arts Centre. It is also brighter and has a lot more rooms to use for Children's Work.
- As we move to the new venue, we will also offer Youth Work for secondary school age children, separate from our Children's Work. This will also include mid-week activities
- We plan to introduce a membership course at the beginning of 2022, so we can formally recognise the people who are part of the Church and with us in mission and purpose and those who are visiting and still exploring/investigating
- We are looking to build deeper relationships with people in the community, looking for ways to help people in need across our town. We have had a meeting with Fareham Foodbank and may look to develop this relationship moving forward.
- We were unable to run the Alpha Course this year but will look to introduce specific evangelistic courses to help share the good news of Jesus Christ in the future.
- Most importantly, we are slowly growing our congregation and excited for new people joining us in the future.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Even with a small church, it is important to identify key risks and ensure that they are managed. The trustees consider that principal risks faced by Christ Church Fareham have been:

### Safety during Covid

When meeting in person, we have observed all Government guidelines for places of worship to ensure people are kept safe. We completed a risk assessment, which was approved by the Ashcroft Arts Centre, our venue. Communion was served in individual holders and collected as people entered the room, rather than given out during the service at an appropriate time. We did not have any literature or leaflets to hand out, all notices were on powerpoint. We have continued to offer an online alternative for those who preferred to watch from home.

### Safeguarding

We are members of 31:8 and ensure all our Children's Workers are DBS checked to work with children. Our pastor, Duncan Sills, is also certified to work with vulnerable adults.

### Financial

We are grateful to God for his generous financial provision. The trustees protect the charity by preparing budgets each year; monitoring actual receipts and spend against budget; ensuring we have the funds to continue running the charity appropriately; and having the accounts independently checked each year.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESERVES POLICY**

Christchurch Fareham has operated its own bank account and kept its own accounts since 1 January 2020. A grant of £35,369 was received in 2020 from Christ Central – which was the balance of the money they had put aside to support the church plant.

£39,570 income has been received in 2021 (£28,744 in 2020) and payments made of £31,454 (£19,346). This brought total reserves to £52,883 all of which was being held in the bank.

Some costs and giving by the church do not get paid until after the year to which they relate. There were £7,372 such liabilities at 31 December 2021. This is largely offset by £7,651 tax recovery due on gift-aided giving which was not received until 2022.

We are greatly encouraged by our financial position and give praise to God for the real generosity of church members who have grown giving to the church to nearly double what we expected so early in the life of the church.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Christ Church Fareham is a Registered Charity (No 1186046).

Christ Church Fareham is affiliated to Commission, part of the New Frontiers family of churches

The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to Christ Church Fareham including deciding on how the funds of the charity are to be spent.

The trustees met 3 times during the year with an average attendance of 100%.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Christ Church Fareham now meets on Sunday mornings at Orchard Lea Junior School, Kennedy Ave, Fareham PO15 6BJ. The correspondence address is 63 Hilson Drive, Fareham, PO15 6NP.

Trustees who have served at any time from the date of registration to the date of this report was approved are:

	<u>Date</u> <u>Appointed</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>Resigned</u>
Peter McBeth	Oct 2019	
Duncan Sills	Oct 2019	
Jonathan Simmonds	Oct 2019	

**Pastor:** Duncan Sills

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The trustees are hugely appreciative of the many volunteers who work so hard to make our church a lively and vibrant community.

- Those who enable meetings to run smoothly – getting rooms ready, AV equipment, welcoming, serving refreshments, etc
- The musicians who play, sing, and record songs to help us worship
- Those who lead services, lead prayers, share or who read and preach from Scripture at services
- Those who prepare, teach and help with our children on Sundays
- The pastoral network team as they phone, visit and pray
- Those who host and lead midweek meetings and the various social and outreach events
- Those who give – often sacrificially
- Those who cover everything going on at Christ Church Fareham in prayer – in prayer meetings and in private prayer
- Those who take the time to thank and encourage one another here.

It is astonishing how much is being done, and by so many. We thank each one of you – and give thanks to God for you.

Approved by the trustees on 17 October 2022 and signed, on its behalf by Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year, and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements, the Trustees seek to:

- Follow best practice and guidance provided by the charity commissioners
- Use suitable accounting policies consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- State and apply applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, and explain any areas of concern or deviation
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that the Charity will not continue its operations.

Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the Charity has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper records which disclose and explain with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the 2011 Act. 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 and to ensure that:

- The Charity is operating effectively and efficiently
- Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
- Proper records are maintained
- Financial information used within the Charity or for publication complies with relevant laws and regulations

As far as the Trustees are aware, there are no relevant examination information (information needed by the Charity's independent examiner ("Examiner") in connection with preparing this report) of which the Examiner is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant examination information and to establish that the Examiner is aware of that information.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHRIST CHURCH, FAREHAM**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ Church Fareham for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

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

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do 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.



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**Date:** 14 October 2022



## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the twelve months ended 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	Total £	2020 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Voluntary receipts				
Planned giving	34,719	0	34,719	23,834
Collections/One-off giving	151	0	151	4,910
Gift aid recovered	4,700	0	4,700	0
	39,570	0	39,570	28,744
Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0
Investment income	0	0	0	0
Grant received	0	0	0	35,369
Total receipts	39,570	0	39,570	64,113
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Church activities				
Staffing costs	(26,315)	0	(26,315)	(12,435)
Church running expenses	(4,296)	0	(4,296)	(6,911)
Mission giving and donations	(843)	0	(843)	0
	(31,454)	0	(31,454)	(19,346)
Cost of generating funds	0	0	0	0
Total payments	(31,454)	0	(31,454)	(19,346)
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>8,116</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,116</b>	<b>44,767</b>
Transfers between funds	0		0	0
	8,116	0	8,116	44,767
<b>CASH AT BANK</b>				
1 January	44,767	0	44,767	0
<b>31 December</b>	<b>52,883</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52,883</b>	<b>44,767</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Bank current account	52,883	0	52,883	44,767
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Gift Aid recoverable	7,651	0	7,651	4,700
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Global Giving	5,919	0	5,919	3,290
Independent examiner	1,080	0	1,080	540
Other costs	0	0	0	743
	<b>6,999</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,999</b>	<b>4,573</b>

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 17 October 2022

Jonathan Simmonds (Chair of Trustees)



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Charities Act 2011 using the Receipts and Payments basis.

- Staff costs

	2021
	£
Wages and salaries	26,315
Average no of employees	1

- Further analysis of Receipts and Payments Account

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
a) Church running expenses				
Venues and gathering costs	840	0	840	(3,911)
Operating costs	(5,076)	0	(5,076)	(2,122)
Publicity	(60)	0	(60)	(279)
New equipment	0	0	0	(599)
	(4,296)	0	(4,296)	(6,911)
b) Mission Giving and Donations				
Commission tithe	0	0	0	0
Other giving	(843)	0	(843)	0
	(843)	0	(843)	0

The credit on venue costs above reflects a rebate received for overpayment in 2020.

- Liabilities

At year-end £5,919 had been set aside to give away in 2022. Of this £3,472 is based on the donations received in 2021, with the balance relating to 2020 (£3,290 originally provided less £843 given).

£1,080 liability for independent examination includes £540 which relates to the examination of 2020 accounts which was not paid until 2022.

- Related Parties

One trustee, Duncan Sill, received remuneration and benefits totalling £25,227 during this year.



