

Anglican Asian Living Church

Registered Charity No: 1188895

Annual Report

1 January to 31 December 2022

Governance Statement

The Purpose of the Charity is:

The dissemination and support of the Christian faith, for the public benefit amongst Asian communities and those closely associated with them in Cowley and Oxfordshire, and when appropriate elsewhere in the United Kingdom and globally, by the provision of worship, Christian education, social and community support and other recognised needs within the community.

The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

As at 31.12.21 the members of the board of trustees were:

Mr. Robin Ajit

Miss Jasmine Masih

Mr. Arun Mattu

Revd. Canon Geoffrey

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The charity currently has no employees.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring the trustees' report and the financial statements are prepared for each financial year, in accordance with English law and regulations, and UK accounting standards. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies, as described in the Statement of Accounts and then apply them consistently;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant law and regulations.

The trustees 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. During the year trustees have reviewed all AALC policies including their Safeguarding policy.

Bankers

The charity's bankers are: Lloyds Bank PLC, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN

Charity Address

The charity's registered address is:

St. James Church Centre, 13 Beauchamp Lane, Oxford, OX3 3LF
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Public Benefit Statement

Anglican Asian Living Church is a Christian Church, functioning under a Bishop's Mission Order within the Diocese of Oxford of the Church of England. We seek to equip our members and those with whom we work in the wider community to live in a way that reflects the Christian faith and its focus on generous love. We seek to work in a positive way alongside and with communities of different faiths and philosophies whilst sharing openly the faith in God which guides our work. We believe our work transforms communities in ways that enhance human life and build a society of respect, tolerance, peace and spiritual health.

Statement of Activities

The year started well with our usual services lead by our four worship leaders Sunita, Krishna, Robin and Salina. The sermon and communion has been lead by our ministers Revd Geoff, Revd Mark, Revd Liam and Alison. We celebrated with a service on New Years Day for the AALC to

progress further in its structure, growth both spiritually and numerically. The AALC has successfully been approved for the BMO (Bishops' Mission Order).

The AALC continues as a registered charity with four Trustees at the moment (including the present Rector of Cowley Parish). We all get together quarterly to review how the AALC is running, the accounts and Congregation suggestions to improve and develop the AALC. The Trustees of the AALC charity are in charge of the decision making and a Church committee looks after the day to day running of the church. There is a strong choir and music team, an active Sunday School and Youth group. There are presently four trained Worship Leaders and a Secretary of the AALC. There are various other teams in the AALC which do valuable duties as well.

The AALC Services are every Sunday at 1:30pm in the St James Church and every last Sunday of the month we have a youth service which is led by our youth in the AALC and the youth leaders. We have done this for many years now and it's a great opportunity to encourage the next generation to grow spiritually.

The AALC also went back to having face to face Wednesday meetings at congregation members' houses since COVID and these were reintroduced this year. There were many church members in the AALC which missed the personal worship together and this was brought back in. The rota for this is done by Sunita Masih (AALC Secretary) who liaises with all the families and ensures everyone's well-being is positive.

In January we had Bishop Steven join us for a special confirmation service for Henna, Matthew and Ethan. During this service Sunita Masih was also welcome into the Church of England which is a great achievement to develop our church further.

A huge thanks to Parish of Cowley Team Ministry for providing valuable ordained spiritual, pastoral and sacramental support for the AALC. The Parish and the Archdeacon of Oxford were quite happy to guide the AALC in gaining BMO status in the Parish of Cowley. All the congregation appreciate the ministers' efforts and as a thank you every Sunday, we donate them £40 which is given to them from the AALC donations from that Sunday.

This year we have also gone back to pre-Covid practices and reintroduced refreshments in the St James Church Centre after the service which was an aspect the trustees decided would be good in improving well-being of our congregation members. The AALC youth team have also organised fundraising events this year most recently the Syria/Turkey Earthquake appeal whereby we did a charity lunch for all the members to donate money for Christian Aid Appeal. Alongside this we have also organised special events for Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Youth Services etc.

coming back to the St James Church centre after the service has been very positive for everyone.

We have also ensured that Safeguarding courses are completed for all our church members and Lesley Williams has been supportive in ensuring this training is all up to date for our members and Jasmine Masih has been appointed as our Assistant Safeguarding Office for the AALC and supports Lesley Williams.

Going forward we will continue to work together as one congregation and with the Cowley team parish ministers. We are hoping to organise a seaside trip for the AALC. We also hope to look for a permanent minister for our church as we continue to build our church fund for this opportunity for the future and are hoping to be in a much better position now that we have gained a BMO status.

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The Anglican Asian Living Church

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Annual Accounts

1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022

Balance Sheet

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	£25,100	£14,932
Debtors	£0	£0
Current Total Assets	£25,100	£14,932
Creditors	£0	£0
Nett Current Assets (Liabilities)	£25,100	£14,932
Capital and Reserves		
Restricted Funds	£0	£0
Designated Funds	£0	£0
General Fund	£25,100	£14,932
Total Capital and Reserves	£25,100	£14,932
Represented by		
Cash at bank (Lloyds bank)	£25,100	£14,932
Profit and Loss Account		
Opening Balance	£14,932	
Current year earnings(loss)	£10,168	
Closing Balance	£25,100	

Statement of Income and Expenditure

INCOME

Planned giving: Standing order	£895
Planned giving: Envelope Collections: Special Services	£2,024
	£564
Collections: Sunday services	£7,095
Collections: Wednesday meetings	£2,713
Other Income (Christmas)	£44
Mini-bus sale	£500
Tax reclaimed (Gift Aid)	£0
Prepayments	£0
Total incoming resources	£13,835

EXPENDITURE

Payment to ministers	£1,840
Rental of premises	£555
Church catering	£420
Insurance	£237
Stationary supplies	£10
Deanery Share	£120
Minibus expenses	£0
Gratuities to visiting pastors	£25
Charity donations	£0
Sundry payments (cash payments)	£460
Total outgoing resources	£3,667
Operating profit(deficit)	£10.168



Chair of Trustees