

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

Day 1

Apr

Year **2022**

To 31

Month Mar Year **2023**

Section	on A		Refere	nce a	and administrat	ion details		
	Charity name Other names charity is known by			Colkins Mill Church				
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	Registere	d charity numb	per (if any)	118312	23			
	Ch	arity's principa	al address	Colkins	Mill Church, Station F	Road, Mayfield, East Sussex		
			-	Postco	ode	TN20 6BT		
Nai	mes of the	charity truste	L					
· c	Trustee na	me	Office (if an	y)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)		
1	David Jul	es Steinegger	Senior Lea	ader				
2	Teresa St	teinegger	Leader					
3	Elizabeth	Keene	Leader		1st April 2022 to 30th Sep 2022			
4	Stephen	John Harland	Leader					
5	Judith An	ne Harland	Leader					
6	Kevin Phillip Wamer Lea		Leader		1 st Sept 2022 to 31 st March 2023			
7	Catherine Warner Leader		Leader		1 st Sept 2022 to 31 st March 2023			
	Names o	f the trustees	for the char	ity, if a	ny, (for example, any	custodian trustees)		
	Name				Dates acted if not for whole year			
Names a	and addres	sses of advise	rs (Optional	inform	nation)			
Type of a	ype of adviser Name			Address				
egal Edward Cor		Edward Conno	r Solicitors	rs 39 The Point, Market Harborough, LE16 7QU				

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eq. trust deed, constitution)

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How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

Appointed by the existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works:
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Mr and Mrs Warner were appointed to the Board on 1st September 2022, and Mrs Keene resigned at the end of that month.

New Trustees are provided with the constitution of the Church, and statements of financial position. Induction ensures that they are fully acquainted with the objects, organisation and key activities of the Church, and briefed on current priorities, issues and opportunities, to ensure that they can be effective in their role quickly.

The Trustees together form the Leadership Team of the Church, which meets at least monthly, to plan the activities of the Church, to make decisions on matters of general concern, and to determine how funds are spent. Leadership meetings were held in person throughout the year.

One of the Trustees attended on-line webinars organised by the Charity Commission and the Charity Community of the ICAEW.

The Church is led and run by volunteers, with no employed staff. This limits the exposure to financial risk, since the fixed costs to be covered by income are relatively small. In addition, the team approach to leadership and ministry reduces dependency on key individuals.

Section C

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Church are:

- 1. The advancement of the Christian faith, primarily, but not exclusively, within Mayfield, East Sussex and the surrounding neighbourhood; and
- Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

2. Such other charitable purposes as shall put into practice the Christian faith, including: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

The Church Leadership is committed to welcoming as many people as possible into the life and activities of the Church. In planning the activity of the Church, the Leadership Team has considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit. The main activities of Colkins Mill Church can be summarised as follows:

- Public worship has taken place each week in the Church, with a congregation of between 30 and 50 people, together with a small Sunday School for children.
- Three mid-week groups have met regularly in homes, to worship and learn together from the Bible, and to support one another in prayer and fellowship.
- During school term-times two mid-week youth clubs are run, open to all local young people of appropriate ages, providing a fun environment for games and social interaction, and including teaching from the Bible and discussion of relevant issues from a Christian perspective.
- A monthly celebration is held for people with learning difficulties from a number of care homes in the area with Bible stories, singing, craft and tea.
- The Church provided a "Warm Welcome Space" two days a week for people struggling with the cost of living through the winter months.
- The Church maintains active relationships with mission partners and Christian organisations working elsewhere in the UK and the world, and provides financial and prayer support.
- The Church building is increasingly being hired by clubs and societies in the village, as the village hall is closed for redevelopment.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Regular support and one-off grants provided by the Church to individuals and charities are determined after discussion and agreement at meetings of the Leadership Team. All grants made by the Church are reported to members of the Church.

The church relies on volunteers to run all aspects of church life and activities. All such volunteers are known to the leadership team. In the case of volunteers who are involved in the children's and vulnerable adults activities, appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures are in place.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Colkins Mill church congregation was glad to hold all Sunday services together in the building, though a legacy of the pandemic is that services continue to be live-streamed for anyone unable to attend in person. The pattern of serving breakfast before the services, initiated last year to help people reconnect after social restrictions were lifted, has been continued throughout the year.

Informal small groups have been meeting weekly in three homes as in previous years, focused on prayer, care and discipleship.

Our monthly celebrations for people with learning difficulties continue to be enjoyed by around 30 people from local care homes.

In response to perceived needs in the community, Colkins Mill Church has run a number of initiatives:

- Monthly Sunday lunches have been served at Church, primarily for people living on their own. These have been popular!
- The Church opened a 'Warm Welcome Space' for two days a week to support people with cost of living through the winter months. This was well supported by volunteers from the Church, though few people from Mayfield took advantage of the facility and it is not planned to be repeated.
- Coffee mornings continued to be run for Ukrainian refugees, until they
 were no longer needed towards the end of 2022. The Church
 provided two electronic tablets for the village Primary School to help
 support the learning of the Ukrainian children there.

The work with young people in the village has been uninterrupted this year, and has seen strong attendance of around 40 children each week across the two mid-week club nights that are offered. Another successful weekend camp was run, taking 30 young people away to a Christian outward-bound centre.

The Church organised a small number of social activities connecting with the community, including an afternoon tea party for neighbours, a barbecue for the Ukrainian community, and a sold-out quiz night.

In 2021 the Church had promised funding of child counselling at the Primary School over the three years emerging from Covid 19, and the final payment was made during the year.

During the year ending March 2023, after a review of reserves and careful consideration of a number of projects, the Church was able to make funding commitments to a number of Christian organisations and initiatives, including Wycliffe Bible Translators, People International, London City Mission, Ichthus Christian Fellowship and Youth With a Mission. Some of these grants are two or three year commitments, and the future obligations have been taken into consideration when assessing free reserves of the Church.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Church leadership reviewed its reserves policy during the year.

Assessment of the current condition of the building has indicated that the Church needs to hold £25,000 of unrestricted reserves for repair work.

The Church has made funding commitments to organisations that will be fulfilled in future years totalling £20,000 as at the financial year end.

Both of the above amounts are deducted from unrestricted cash reserves when the Trustees assess reserves that are freely available. The Trustees consider that an amount equivalent to at least six months of annual expenditure should be held in free reserves.

At the end of March 2023 there were surplus free reserves above the policy level, assuring the future solvency of the Church and giving scope for future support of people and projects at home and overseas.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All funds are held in cash.

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Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) David Jules Steinegger

Stephen John Harland

Position Senior Leader

Leader

Date

4 December 2023



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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section B Statement of	of assets and liabilities at t	he end of the	e perioa	E E THE N
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Categories	Details	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £
	Comment Assessed	66,682	2,786	-
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Current Account		2,700	-
	Barclays Saver Account	12,135	-	
	Nat West Current Account	6,394	-	-
	Total cash funds	85,211	2,786	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments		OK.	
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	Details	asset belongs	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the	Details		-	-
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	Details	liability relates	(optional)	(optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Prin	t Name	Date of approval
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Colkins Mill Church, Mayfield

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Colkins Mill Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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:

Stadder

Name:

Samantha Hadden

Address:

Hadden Hall Framfield Road

Blackboys East Sussex TN22 5LS

Date:

8/12/23