

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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REPORT & ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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Stewardship  
1 Lamb's passage  
London  
EC1Y 8AB

**SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

<b>Address for Correspondence</b>	2 Austin Road Battersea London SW11 5JP
<b>Governing Document</b>	Declaration of Trust dated 10 July 2006 Registered charity number 1116087
<b>Trustees</b>	Elizabeth Bakare (until April 2017) Paul Chapman Glen Donegan Sarah Hurt Fiona Ripley Brian Watts
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank plc
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Marie-Claire Yeo ACA Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB

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**SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

The Elders have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2017.

**Objects of the church**

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre exists to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of people in the locality.

**Government**

The policy and operating decisions rest with the Leadership Team and are supported through the guidance of the Steering Group. The Steering Group meets regularly and supports the community development initiatives.

**Review of Activities**

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre is a local faith based community provider. Situated in an area of significant social need, its local mission is to show Christian care in action.

Our remit is to develop programs, activities and outreach opportunities that are a planned response to assessed needs, and that help achieve inclusion, empowerment, security, self-worth and significance.

The Shaftesbury Christian Centre works in partnership with other local providers, mainly voluntary and community groups, to develop programmes, provide outreach, and to share resources whenever possible. We seek to serve and respect all people regardless of their faith, race, ethnic origin, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, physical or mental capability. At the heart of the Shaftesbury Christian Centre is a faith group whose expression of worship is to serve the local community in practical ways.

As reported in previous years (2015-2016) we now have a long-term rental and collaboration with a Brazilian Church (La Palavra Viva) and they now use our premises as their main place of worship. In addition they have this year delivered English Language classes for those for whom English is their second language, and also provide music lessons for young people. We remain in conversation to explore how we may work together to serve the local community.

Now in its third year, our Foodbank distribution centre continues to be a source of encouragement for our volunteers, and serves a very real need in our neighbourhood. We work in partnership with four other churches in the borough and together we form Wandsworth Foodbank. Across the borough in 2016-2017 there have been over 3,000 three-day emergency food supplies provided to people in crisis. Alongside foodbank we work with Fuel For Families to provide relief for those experiencing fuel poverty. We are also supported by Wandsworth Citizens Advice who provide a dedicated advisor to foodbank guests.

At our distribution centre we have a total of 22 volunteers. Volunteers are provided with training in benefits and advice related matters. This year we have provided additional training in Mental Health Awareness, and two of our volunteers have also received specialized training with the Citizens Advice Bureau.

We are grateful to our local volunteers who have committed themselves to the work here over many years. Their dedication has ensured that we continue to serve in our local community.

Central to our work are the opportunities for people to gather together, make friends, and form practical supportive relationships. Friends Together, is a community meal that gathers adults and their children, we reported last year that this was run bi-monthly and we are pleased to report that this year we have been able to run this monthly. It continues to be a place of friendship and support for local people. Alongside this, our program of home visits continues and provides practical help for those who have particular need. Of note is the way in which peer support has become integrated into the relationships that have developed within the community itself. This is a principle that we value and seek to foster. As well as providing a much needed listening ear, we have also provided practical support in the form of home maintenance, and providing children's clothing and toys. We are finding ways to build links between Foodbank and Friends Together so that those who find themselves in more need may benefit from supportive friendships.

In addition to Friends Together, we also run a bi-monthly meal and support group for lone parents. This is called Cheer and is run in collaboration with a local charity of that name (Cheer). The sessions have been well attended and where necessary additional support is given by way of clothing and equipment for babies and young children. At Christmas each parent was also given a family hamper of food and gifts.

We continue to host a range of fitness classes through the week including, Taekwondo, Kung Fu, Thai Chi, and Circuit Training.

We provide a small number of regular home visits to the elderly. We reported last year that we wished to develop our support for those with mental health issues, and we continue to see an increase in numbers attending our centre. Three of our volunteers have attended basic mental health awareness training, provided through foodbank. Mental Health First Aid Training which educates local people about how to preserve life where a person may be a danger to themselves or others; and to provide help that prevents the mental health problems from developing into a more serious state, including basic intervention when someone experiences suicidal tendencies.

Regarding the Church fellowship, we gather a core group of faithful and loyal members, and have a regular number of people visiting. We maintain a Pastoral Team of volunteers who meet the personal needs of individuals and coordinate support as appropriate. Within this group are trained counsellors, life coaches, and health care professionals. So a high level of professional support is offered, and is able to bridge the gap between church and non-church individuals. Our spiritual well-being is good, and all our work is driven by the faithfulness of church members and volunteers.

In May 2016 we held a church weekend at Otford Manor and approx. 60 adults and children attended. This provided an opportunity for us to build our community relations and also to consider our plans for the coming years.

Whilst we have not seen significant growth this year (in terms of church attendance), we have maintained good levels of commitment and energy. The work is in good shape, and the forecast for next year is favorable.

This year we have updated our Child Protection Policy in partnership with the Christian Child Protection Agency (CCPA). At the time of writing we can also report that our Conflict of Interest Policy, and Reserves Policy are being written.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial Review**

Receipts for the period of £61,000 (2016 £73,000) and payments of £59,000 (2016 £52,000). This resulted in a surplus for the year of £2,000 compared with £21,000 in the Thanks to the generous support of church members, we are enjoying a much healthier financial position than we have experienced for many years.

### **Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires those acting as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 29th January 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

Brian Watts

Independent Examiner's Report  
To the Trustees of  
SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shaftesbury Christian Centre (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2017 on pages 6 to 8 following.

**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.

Marie-Claire Yeo ACA

For and on behalf of:  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Dated: 30 January 2018

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted General £	Restricted Funds £	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Receipts</b>					
<i>Charitable receipts</i>					
Grants and gifts received - non Gift Aided		6,060	-	6,060	17,143
Grants and gifts received - Gift Aided		30,027	-	30,027	28,276
Gift Aid tax received		7,260	-	7,260	8,392
<i>Other receipts</i>					
Rent received		16,055	-	16,055	17,696
Other receipts		1,765	-	1,765	1,244
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>61,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,168</b>	<b>72,751</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
<i>Charitable payments in furtherance of the church's objectives</i>					
Direct costs	2	59,103	-	59,103	51,603
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>59,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,103</b>	<b>51,603</b>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>2,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>21,148</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>2,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>21,148</b>
Balances on 1 April 2016		26,911	-	26,911	6,668
<b>Balances 31 March 2017</b>		<b>28,975</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,975</b>	<b>6,668</b>

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.

SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

**1. Fixed Assets**

Approximate  
market value  
£

The value of the assets owned are:

Equipment

3,000
<u>3,000</u>

The property from which the church operates is owned by Livability and occupied rent free.

**2. Bank and cash balances**

2017	2016
£	£

Held at Bank

28,192	26,548
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Cash float

783	363
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<u>28,975</u>	<u>26,911</u>
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**3. Other Assets & Liabilities**

*Assets*

Gift Aid tax amounts due not yet received

3,369	1,706
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Other debtors

737	2,135
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<u>4,106</u>	<u>3,841</u>
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*Liabilities*

Accounts preparation & examination

720	660
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Other creditors

140	237
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<u>860</u>	<u>897</u>
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The accounts were approved by the elders and signed on their behalf on 26th January 2018 by:

Brian Watts

The notes on page 8 form part of these accounts.



**SHAFTESBURY CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

**2. Direct costs**

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2017 £	2016 £
Pastoral costs (Note 3)	33,000	-	33,000	31,750
Light, heat and water	3,200	-	3,200	5,547
Function costs	836	-	836	909
Church Conference	5,552	-	5,552	300
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	4,621	-	4,621	1,943
Printing, postage and stationery	1,012	-	1,012	1,478
Telephone and internet costs	1,370	-	1,370	1,104
Cleaning	3,598	-	3,598	2,647
Accounts preparation & examination	660	-	660	660
Insurance	1,513	-	1,513	1,073
Other costs	3,740	-	3,740	4,191
	<u>59,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,103</u>	<u>51,603</u>

There were no grants of more than £1,000 in the year.

**3. Church workers**

The church has two pastoral workers, Pastor Brian Watts (a trustee) and Pastor Joanna Watts, to whom the pastoral costs above refer.