



Annual Report and Accounts  
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## **Annual Report for the period April 2016 to March 2017**

We are a church based in the east of Ipswich. The Church also supports charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Other names the charity is known by:	RCF
Registered Charity Number	1165779
Bank Account	Cooperative Bank, 9-11 Queen St, Ipswich IP1 1SW

### **Church Employees**

Jayne Green	CAP worker
Elizabeth Hitchcock	Administration and church support worker

### **Elders**

Stephen French  
Stephen Carr  
Andy Mortlock

### **Trustees**

David Yaroslaw  
Richard Jolley  
Colin Rushbrook  
Nigel Cox

### **Treasurer**

Steve Jones

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is governed by the church constitution adopted on May 2002.

### **Membership**

Members are admitted in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution by vote of the church meeting on the basis of their profession of Christian faith and recommendation by the Eldership.

### **Trustees**

The trustees meet during the year to review operations, consider financial performance and discuss developments to ensure the church's objectives are being fulfilled.

### **Church Meeting**

Regular meetings of church members are held bi-monthly. One of these meetings incorporates the annual church member's meeting to receive annual accounts, and to ask questions about them.

The church meeting has responsibility for the overall policy of the church, in accordance with the constitution. Relevant matters may be submitted to the church meeting or raised by members in church meeting for further consideration by the Elders.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal purpose of the church is the advancement of the Christian faith, to include the advancement of education and such other charitable purposes within Suffolk, in the UK and other parts of the world.

When planning the activities for the year, we have considered the Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular we try to enable people to find and live out their faith as part of our church community through:

Worship and prayer

Learning about the Gospel

Developing knowledge of and trust in Jesus

Provision of pastoral care

Missionary and outreach work.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During the year Elders, Trustees and Members have sought to examine their lives and church activities to live in a way which enables others to encounter the love of Christ, grow in their faith and understanding of others.

On our website we described ourselves as:

“A welcoming church in Ipswich committed to loving God, each other and the community”

Services of Worship with age appropriate classes for children and young people have been held on Sunday mornings. During this period we studied a series entitled *Transformed Life* and used this in home groups and for daily readings. People are encouraged to speak of their spiritual experience and to pray for one another. This has included baptisms, commitments to Christianity and support for those on a journey in their discipleship. Weekly activities for children and young people involved learning about the Christian faith with craft, games, outings and the opportunity to make friends.

Church membership has remained at 72 members.

Easter celebrations were shared with Colchester Road Baptist Church and Rushmere Baptist Church.

A general invitation to attend a day at The Hut in Felixstowe was made to our contacts within the wider community.

Jonathan Conrathe led a weekend of mission in June.

Graham Jack was the speaker at our church weekend at Sizewell.

Weekly Toys and Noise for parents and toddlers continues to be popular with local parents on the Rushmere estate.

Family fun events were held at a local park in the summer, and a community carol singing event at Christmas.

The Shoe Box service resulted in around 100 boxes sent to Samaritan's purse for distribution overseas.

## **Christians Against Poverty (CAP)**

We continued to work as a CAP centre, with Jayne Green as our church worker. At the end of March 2017 there were 30 active clients. 17 people have become debt free since CAP started at RCF.

This service continues to offer advice about debt relief, management of finances (via head office), practical help, food hampers, friendship and support to clients. Meetings for clients at local Costa cafes have also been running. An annual CAP service and lunch is offered to all related parties. Jayne's work with CAP has been featured in the local media and other secular support agencies have referred clients to CAP.

CAMEO continued to invite speakers to events, mainly attended by senior citizens from within and outside the church community.

## **Mission Giving**

The 5 main charities supported regularly have been:

A Little Bit of Hope	Uganda
Chateau Blanc	France
CYM	Ipswich UK
IM Cares	India
OM	Worldwide

Information about these charities is offered on the church website.

Other charities which have received funds after church collections have been:

ELAM, Open Doors, Scripture Union Beach Missions, Samaritan's Purse, Tear Fund.

Some members continue to serve the community through Town Pastors, Ipswich Soup Kitchen, Tools with a Mission and other charities.

## Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.  
Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature



Full Names

David Andrew Yaroslaw

Colin Rushbrook

Position

Chairman of Trustees

Trustee

Date

17.10.18

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# **RUSHMERE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

## **Summary of Accounts -**

**01-Jan-2017 to date @ 31-December-2017**

	Charity Account
<b><i>Balance Brought Forward 01-Jan-17</i></b>	-
<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Individual Offerings	23,818.00
CAP Offerings	225.00
Donation from RCF Members	5,000.00
Weekly Offerings	675.92
CAP Life Skills Cookbook	6.00
Offerings for Mission	1,355.00
Romania	63.65
Sizewell Weekend Income	1,140.00
Esafety Ticket sales	138.18
Youth Event Income	18.00
<b><u>TOTAL Income</u></b>	<b>32,439.75</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
Elder Expenses	200.00
CAP Debt Advice Centre	484.50
Church Support Worker	122.40
Sunday Services	1,225.00
Mission Opportunities	282.04
Sizewell Weekend	3,298.70
<b><u>TOTAL Expenditure</u></b>	<b>5,612.64</b>
<b><i>Balance</i></b>	<b>26,827.11</b>



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29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Rushmere Christian Fellowship**

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I have examined the above accounts and found them to be a correct record of income and expenditure.

J Ian F France MMS (Dip)