

## Barnet Christadelphians

### Trustees Annual Report

For the period:

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| From | 1 July 2018  |
| To   | 30 June 2019 |

This report covers the year of operation ending 30 June 2019, the annual anniversary date for the (re)appointment of Trustees and members of our Arranging Committee (see below) being 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The financial statement/report covers the 2018 financial year (1.1.2018 to 31.12.2018).

#### Reference and administration details

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| Charity name                | Barnet Christadelphians Ecclesia                        |
| Registered charity number   | 1167057                                                 |
| Charity's principle address | 51 Station Rd<br>New Barnet<br>Hertfordshire<br>EN5 1PR |

#### Names of trustees

| Trustee name     | Office (if any)     | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| Jonathan Warwick | Secretary           |                                   |
| Roger Short      | Assistant Secretary |                                   |
| Ruth Coles       | Treasurer           |                                   |
| Janet Smith      |                     |                                   |
| Ruth Kipling     |                     |                                   |
| Maurice Green    |                     |                                   |

#### Structure, governance and management

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| Nature of charity                       | Barnet Christadelphians (also known as 'the-church-in-a-house')                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Organisational and governance structure | <p>The Church is part of a worldwide Christadelphian fellowship, which accepts as its basis of fellowship a statement of first principles.</p> <p>It is a lay church, with no full-time appointed or paid minister or leadership positions.</p> <p>The governance of the Church is through an Arranging Committee who serve, on annual election, as Trustees for the purposes of registration with the Charity Commission. All members of the Church are eligible for nomination and election to this Committee. Additionally we have appointed Trustees with responsibility for the properties owned by the Church.</p> |
| Governing document                      | We have a governing rules document which sets out our purpose, objectives, main activities and guiding principles for how we undertake these in practice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <b>Trustee selection method</b>                                                           | <p>Trustees are elected by the church members annually.</p> <p>For the purposes of holding property owned by the Church, through registration with the Land Registry, up to four Property Trustees are appointed by the Arranging Committee. The Property Trustees are responsible for reporting to the Arranging Committee on matters for property maintenance and tenancies.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Trustees consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them</b> | <p>We take our role seriously in considering the main risks of providing premises and activities related to our core purpose and objectives.</p> <p>As such we maintain a written policy, reviewed every other year for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and safety - towards church members and members of the public who visit and/or use the premises,</li> <li>• Safeguarding – we abide by the up-to-date guidelines and requirements for Safeguarding, including a nominated representative,</li> <li>• Data Protection,</li> <li>• Hire of Premises,</li> <li>• Information Technology/GDPR.</li> </ul> |

#### Objectives and activities

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| <b>Summary of the objects and activities of the charity set out in its governing document</b>                                                           | <p>The Church engages in a range of activities designed to encourage and teach the Christian gospel to members and non-members alike.</p> <p>These include regular communion and worship, Bible study, Sunday School and various public events aimed at developing links and promoting the gospel with the local community.</p> <p>In addition, we actively support local charities such as Homeless Action in Barnet, Cherry Lodge Cancer Care and others through collection appeals and donations. The premises are made available without charge to local residents and/or groups on an ad-hoc basis.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Summary of the main activities and achievements undertaken during the year in relation to these objects, and any significant plans for next year</b> | <p>The church continued with the regular pattern of activities during the year, as described above. We expect no significant new or different plans for next year.</p> <p>We welcomed many visitors to both our regular church services and ad hoc events.</p> <p>One of our core values is the welfare of those in need, both amongst our own church membership and others.</p> <p>As owners of the Church property, members donate their time towards the maintenance and upkeep of the building and gardens.</p> <p>A report is provided at the annual review meeting in July by the nominated coordinator for each of the following. A brief summary of some of the activity in key areas includes:</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b></p> <p>We maintain 3 classes and work through a programme of lessons designed to teach and discuss bible-related topics in an age-related approach. The programme is composed of a combination of lessons taken from the Christadelphian Sunday School Union (CSSU) resources</p> |

based on feedback from the students and teachers. These have been a combination of bible history and events, as well as practical application of aspects of Christian life such as prayer and living out Christ's values in a modern day context.

We aim to make lessons as interactive as possible to create space for children to question and discuss as part of an overall learning experience.

Teachers are volunteering members of the church and we value their support.

### **Property**

The objective continues to be to provide and maintain a property that is a welcoming environment, which is clean, safe and tidy. This offers homely accommodation for worship, study, teaching and public events, which last year raised funds for the charities, Macmillan (cancer care) and Homeless Action in Barnet.

The local Cherry Lodge Charity has used the premises to hold a 6 session 'Mindfulness' course. Two concerts were held in October at which voluntary collections were taken up on behalf of the Christadelphian Meal-a-Day charity.

A local group of musicians, which supports members recovering from mental illnesses, has used the church premises regularly on a Monday evening.

Maintenance work has continued on an 'as needed' basis.

#### 51a and 51b Station Road flats

No property owner maintenance has been necessary except for the annual boiler and routine servicing of fire fighting equipment.

#### 130 Crescent Road

No property owner maintenance has been necessary except for the annual boiler servicing.

In accordance with the objectives of the Church in support of members who experience difficulty in finding affordable accommodation in the London area, all 3 flats continue to have rents well below open market levels. However, a rent review was undertaken and implemented at the beginning of 2019. It has been agreed to make modest rent increases annually in line with inflation, so that large increases are avoided in future.

### **Preaching and witness**

We have continued to be active in our efforts to engage with people in the neighbourhood and elsewhere, in accordance with our stated objectives to proclaim the gospel.

Events and activities have included:

Garden Party / Open House and other events, from which we were able to make a financial donation to support local charities, including Cherry Lodge Cancer Care, Christadelphian Outreach Group, Homeless Action in Barnet (HAB) and a nationally organised project called 'Cherith' providing basic clothing items to those in need in Ukraine during the winter months.

We have established a weekly bible class specifically aimed at the increasing number of Iranian refugees/ asylum seekers that have come into contact with our church. A number of baptisms have occurred as a result. As well as spiritual needs, we have also supported practical cases of need as appropriate.

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|  | <p><b>Registrar</b><br/>Our membership comprises 20-25 regular attendees (core members), plus a number of other members who attend from time to time and/or attend other Christadelphian churches. We are supported by a number of visiting members of other Christadelphian churches and welcome other visitors from time to time – the total throughout the year is typically over 100.</p> <p>During the year we held our regular ballot to fill various voluntary duties and offices, including members of the Arranging Committee.</p> <p><b>Finance/Treasurer</b><br/>See below.</p> |
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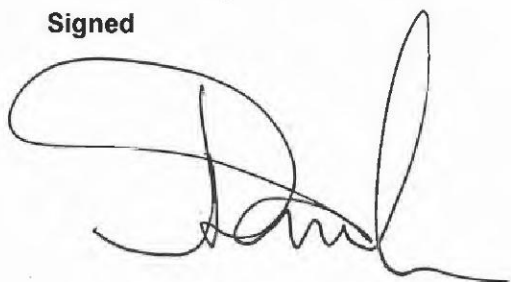
## Financial Review

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| <b>Brief statement of the charity's policy and practice</b> | <p>Our financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December. We started the 2018 financial year with £24942.61 in the bank and £329.61 in our cash box.</p> <p>We present our accounts showing income and expenditure with a separate note of the money collected for charities detailing the charities and the amount collected.</p> <p>An offering is taken up each week, stating beforehand which charitable cause the money is being collected for.</p> <p>This money is accounted for separately, counted and signed for and then additionally counted and signed for by a second signatory.</p> <p>Regular accounts are kept throughout the year, detailing all income and expenditure, and reviewed monthly by the Trustees. These statements are available to all members upon request as well as being circulated at the annual review (AGM) meeting. Our bank records show the income received from Gift Aid and rent received from the tenants in the three properties we own, and the expenditure mainly of operational expenses for the church and maintenance of the church and the three properties owned.</p> <p>Following external audit last year, Michael Till noticed a discrepancy between the receipt sent by our insurance broker dated 26th September 2017 and the actual payment made on 25th September 2017. The difference was a nominal amount of £0.07 and we had paid the correct amount on the invoice, so the error lies with the insurance broker, but no further action needed to be taken.</p> |
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|                                                                        | <p>Expenditure had increased because the outstanding balance for the loan we had from the Christadelphian Hall and Buildings Society was settled (£4000.00).</p> <p>Welfare expenditure increased this year, however, we also received a grant from the Christadelphian Benevolent Fund in order to aid us with costs.</p> <p>Rent income also increased in 2018 as referenced in the above Property report.</p> <p>The financial year 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018 finished with £26229.61 in the bank and £293.97 in the cash box.</p> |
| <b>Details of any funds materially in deficit</b>                      | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Charity's principle sources of funds</b>                            | <p>Regular voluntary cash collections and gift aid monthly donations from members.</p> <p>Rental income from the three owned properties.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity</b> | <p>The expenditure of the Church has supported our objectives in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welfare of members in need.</li> <li>• Charitable giving to external organisations.</li> <li>• Upkeep of property, the objective for which is a) provision of suitable premises for the main Church activities, and b) provision of low cost housing for three households.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Investment policy</b>                                               | None. We use funds to support current needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Any significant funding plans</b>                                   | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Signed**

**Dated**



25/09/2019

**J Warwick**

Secretary

Barnet Christadelphians

