



Annual Report and Accounts
1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

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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
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
Peter Durston

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

The last year has been a particularly difficult year for many within the fellowship. The loss of both Mike and David has been hard to cope with. The importance of support, care and fellowship with each other has been essential.

We look forward to James Edgell joining with us as Youth Pastor in April 2018. James, Stephanie and Levi will bring fresh input and energy to our youth and outreach work in the area. He will take responsibility for some areas run by Michelle and Steve.

During the year our church workers have once again done an excellent job. Elizabeth continues as our Church Support Worker, and Jayne as the Centre manager of Christians Against Poverty. Both have contributed to the CAP life Skills courses. Elizabeth has also worked on the Refresh magazine and coordinated the Pastoral Care team. We value and appreciate all that they do.

We continued to work as a CAP centre. Jayne has been unable to work for some of this period, but has now returned to work. CAP continues to offer advice about debt relief, management of finances, 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. Secular support agencies continue to refer clients to CAP.

James Edginton returned for a short break from the OM Logos Hope ship. This gave us an opportunity to catch up with his work and learn about the new role he will take on.

At Easter we joined with Rushmere Baptist Church on Good Friday and had our Easter Sunday Celebration service at St Alban's. The Sizewell Hall Weekend continues to be a highlight of the church year. This year it was led by Neil and Maggie Hudson. Neil is a pastor in Salford.

Financial concerns have been raised by the Treasurer and the Elders. A drop in overall funds and the appointment of James Edgell as a church worker will require monitoring and planning for the future. The Elders agreed to review this, then consider changes.

50th anniversary celebrations are due to take place on 8th July 2018.

Church membership is currently 66 members, down from 72 the previous year.

Groups

Toys and Noise for parents and toddlers continues each week at Rushmere Village Hall.

The annual Shoe Box service resulted in boxes sent to Samaritan's Purse for distribution overseas. Broke Hall Estate Craft Group makes items for shoeboxes on the first Friday morning of the month. The *Carols on the Green* in December 2017 attracted over 200 people.

CAMEO is mainly attended by senior citizens from within and outside the church community.

Home groups meet most weeks across locations in Ipswich.

The Ark continues to work with children on Sundays, providing additional events at Easter and Christmas.

The World Mission team administers financial gifts to the charities we support and keeps the church updated with their news.

The Welcome team is responsible for greeting and providing tea and coffee.

The Support Team ensures that Sunday morning services runs smoothly, also dealing with technical and equipment needs as well.

Coffee Mornings have been held on the Rushmere Estate and are set to continue during the coming year.

Marilyn read through the Safeguarding Statement at the AGM. She encouraged everyone to read the complete document, available on the RCF website.

Peter Durston has agreed to become a Trustee, taking the total number to 4.

Mission Giving

The 5 main charities which we continue to support regularly are:

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, Family First.

Members continue to serve the community through Town Pastors, Ipswich Soup Kitchen, Tools with a Mission, Family First 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	17.10.18

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FELLOWSHIP

Summary of Accounts
01-Jan-2018 to 31-Dec-2018

CHARITY NO. 1165779	Charity Account	Current Account	Account
<i>Balance Brought Forward 01-Jan-18</i>	<i>26,827.11</i>	<i>24,320.89</i>	<i>51,148.00</i>
<u>Income</u>			
Individual Offerings	37,531.31	750.00	38,281.31
Stewardship	3,200.00	-	3,200.00
CAP Offerings	430.00	-	430.00
Weekly Offerings	1,934.53	-	1,934.53
Offerings for Mission	2,084.00	-	2,084.00
Romania	159.63	-	159.63
Gift Aid	14,406.99	-	14,406.99
Sizewell Weekend Income	1,824.50	100.00	1,924.50
Cameo Income	200.00	-	200.00
Youth Event Income	19.20	-	19.20
Soul Survivor Fundraising	815.00	30.00	845.00
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL Income</u>	<i>62,605.16</i>	<i>880.00</i>	<i>63,485.16</i>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Elder Expenses	950.89	-	950.89
CAP Debt Advice Centre	17,017.64	1,000.00	18,017.64
Church Support Worker	4,816.26	-	4,816.26
Youth Pastor	19,179.14	-	19,179.14
Missionary Donations	16,924.81	-	16,924.81
Rent & Rates	10,248.25	-	10,248.25
Printing and Reproduction	220.84	-	220.84
Fees & Subscriptions	1,117.98	546.00	1,663.98
Sunday Services	2,424.79	-	2,424.79
Mission Opportunities	422.51	-	422.51
Sizewell Weekend	3,572.70	399.41	3,972.11
Flower Ministry	140.19	-	140.19
RCF50	1,818.62	-	1,818.62
Soul Survivor	1,393.00	-	1,393.00
<u>TOTAL Expenditure</u>	<i>80,247.62</i>	<i>1,945.41</i>	<i>82,193.03</i>
<i>Balance</i>	<i>9,184.65</i>	<i>23,255.48</i>	<i>32,440.13</i>
<i>Bank Transfer</i>	<i>23,000.00</i>	<i>(23,000.00)</i>	
Total Funds	<i>32,184.65</i>	<i>255.48</i>	<i>32,440.13</i>

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21st October 2019

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'J. I. F. France'.

J Ian F France MMS (Dip)