

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

(1st APRIL 2018 TO 31st MARCH 2019)

FESTIVAL CHURCH CHESTER

About Us

Festival Church Chester (FCC) is a Christian church situated in the centre of the city of Chester, committed to serving its local community and giving people the opportunity to explore the Christian faith. FCC is a member of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and a member of the Evangelical Alliance UK.

In addition to regular weekly (Sunday) church services, the church runs a number of midweek activities for all ages, maintaining a Christian presence in the community.

The church is involved with and supports several local and international Christian ministries.

Review of 2018 / 2019

The church continues to experience growth across all age groups. This is beginning to present challenges in terms of space, but is something the church actively seeking to remedy through a variety of solutions.

The Community Hall and Festival Coffee are in regular use by local voluntary organisations and members of the public. Festival Coffee continues to develop and regularly receives excellent reviews for its standard of coffee and service. During this period, a comprehensive review of the coffee shop has been completed, which demonstrated that the coffee shop is meeting a particular need, but that to maintain this some aspects of the staffing structure and opening hours need to be adjusted.

Our Festival Grants project received a positive number of applications. Working in partnership with Chester Voluntary Association (CVA), the church was able to assist a good number of small charitable organisations in their work to alleviate social isolation within Chester.

In the September of 2018, we launched an internship programme offering both weekday and weekend placements for people interested in serving in church ministry. With three participants, this has proved to be a worthwhile venture, and something to be considered further for the future.

At the beginning of 2019, we invited Mr John Finkelde of Grow a Healthy Church to conduct a consultation in order to highlight good practice and suggest areas for improvement. This was a beneficial exercise in terms of receiving an objective outside opinion, together with pointers for future practice.

During the review period, Mr Richard Tavernor stepped down from his role as Trustee. The board of Trustees placed on record their thanks for the service and expertise he brought to the board.

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The Year Ahead (2019 / 2020)

Meetings

The charity trustees and the Senior Leadership Team will continue to meet throughout the year to carry out their respective responsibilities.

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees will continue to ensure good governance of the charity and will make the necessary arrangements for the proper control and administration of its financial affairs and ensure that the resources for the administration of those affairs are available.

Responsible People

Mr M L Meynell	- Trustee
Mr T J Rowlands	- Chair of Trustees
Mr R D M Stewart	- Trustee
Mr S J Rowlands	- Trustee
Mr L Gratton	- Trustee
Mrs L J Vale	- Finance Administrator
Mr M Johnston	- Independent Financial Examiner

Signature of Chair of Trustees:



Date: 27th January 2020

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ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Status	Charity established by trust deed on 26 November 1993. Registered with Charity Commission on 8 January 1996 number 1051792.
Principal address	Queen Street Chester Cheshire CH1 3LG
Charity Objects	The charity is established for the advancement of the Christian religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the gospel of God.
Charity Trustees	T J Rowlands (Chairman) M L Meynell R D M Stewart S Rowlands L Gratton R Tavernor (resigned January 2019)
Bankers	Co-operative Bank PO Box 101 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP Kingdom Bank Ruddington Fields Business Park Mere Way Ruddington Nottingham NG11 6JS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FESTIVAL CHURCH CHESTER

I have examined the attached account and statement which have been prepared on the receipts and payment basis.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The trustees of the charity consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

**M Johnston
31 Cobham Road
Moreton
CH46 0QZ**

25-Jan-20

FESTIVAL CHURCH CHESTER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Offerings	109,087	107,529
Income Tax Recovered	43,231	26,070
Central Fund	27,561	
Miscellaneous Income	14,146	20,180
Interest Received	28	0
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>194,053</u>	<u>153,779</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
<u>Ministry Costs</u>		
Pastoral Fees and Expenses	48,812	20,890
Student Internship	6,494	0
Speakers	4,303	6,327
Ministry Gifts	0	263
	<u>59,609</u>	<u>27,480</u>
<u>Outreach Costs</u>		
Evangelism	3,315	13,637
Missions	3,100	1,781
Youth and Young Adults	32,733	24,271
Kingsway Initiative	5,786	0
Coffee Shop (net of receipts)	13,893	6,648
Special	7,212	6,439
	<u>66,039</u>	<u>52,776</u>
<u>Conferences, Events and Training</u>	<u>2,910</u>	<u>5,376</u>
<u>Premises Costs</u>		
Utilities	8,117	6,454
Repairs and Maintenance	4,014	4,349
Insurances	2,579	2,236
Caretaker and Cleaning	2,641	2,538
Mortgage Interest	6,131	5,995
Mortgage Capital Repayments	4,063	14,199
	<u>27,545</u>	<u>35,771</u>
<u>Administration Costs</u>		
Photocopier	1,391	1,300
Stationery	248	1,347
Administrator	19,882	13,652
Website and Software	2,275	0
Housekeeping	1,079	949
Accountancy	300	0
Professional Fees	5,370	0
Advertising	1,914	773
Miscellaneous	1,403	992
	<u>33,862</u>	<u>19,013</u>
<u>Music Team and Licence</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,717</u>
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>189,965</u>	<u>112,294</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER RECEIPTS	0	0
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE	4,088	11,646
Cash and Bank Deposits Brought Forward	60,139	48,493
<u>Cash and Bank Deposits Carried Forward</u>	<u>64,227</u>	<u>60,139</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 25 January 2020
and signed on their behalf by :

M L Meynell
Trustee

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M.L. Meynell

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

GENERAL FUND

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>CASH AND BANK</u>		
Cash	1,733	59
Bank Deposit Account	41,243	32,566
Bank Current Accounts	<u>21,251</u>	<u>27,514</u>
	<u>64,227</u>	<u>60,139</u>
 <u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Freehold Land and Buildings (note 4)	360,000	360,000
Equipment	1,707	2,008
Church Contents	<u>4,580</u>	<u>5,388</u>
<u>Total Insured Value</u>	<u>366,287</u>	<u>367,396</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u> - Mortgage From Kingdom Bank	<u>143,072</u>	<u>147,136</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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