



Trustees' Annual Report for the period



Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 1 2023	To	31 12 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

OASIS Christian Fellowship

Other names charity is known by

OASIS Church

Registered charity number (if any)

1017350

Charity's principal address

Oasis Church Centre

Lee Crescent

Birmingham

Postcode

B15 2BJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jennifer Court			Rob Hooper
2	Joy Copling			Margaret Hooper
3	Ken Mackenzie			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent examiner	Anthony Ball;	23 High Heath Close, Birmingham B30 1HU

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rob Hooper

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment by settlors

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

We are an associate church with 'Welcome Churches Network' and will be receiving data from them

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.
2. RELIEF OF POOR AND NEEDY.
3. RELIEF OF SICK AND ELDERLY.
4. ADVANCEMENT OF (CHRISTIAN) EDUCATION.

The main activities undertaken by Oasis Church for the public benefit are weekly Sunday services. These advance the Christian faith by worshipping God, Bible teaching, preaching and sharing in times of ministry of prayer and healing. In addition, each Thursday The Oasis House of Prayer meets where people can come to worship God and pray together. Each Thursday before the House of Prayer a Bible study is held which gives an opportunity for learning about the Christian faith.

Several informal discipleship groups run. These vary in size and frequency but all aim to give teaching and guidance in how to live as a Christian and to answer any questions which arise.

Under the 'Advancement of the Christian Faith' the aims of Oasis Church are first to worship God and then to bring people to wholeness and a transformed life by following the teachings in the Bible. We also encourage people to share this faith with those they come into contact with.

The secondary aims of Oasis Church are

1. mending lives (many people who come to us have damaged/broken lives from past experiences and hurts)
2. sending them out to influence society for good as they themselves experience healing
3. opening doors of opportunity for Godly activities wherever they live, work or are being educated

Public benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by:


- Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for individuals
- Providing regular public worship open to all
- Conducting pastoral work, including caring for those with damaged lives
- Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- Supporting refugees seeking asylum in the UK.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the year weekly Sunday services have been held. These services included worship, Bible teaching and prayer. Each Sunday the service is recorded and distributed via WhatsApp to a group of people who have registered to receive these messages.

The Oasis House of Prayer continued to meet regularly each Thursday. This provided an opportunity for people to meet together to worship God and to pray for individuals, communities and other countries.

There are many stories of lives being changed and of people being healed. Healing includes physical healing, such as for specific pain or illness, but also mental and emotional healing, especially healing for anxiety and stress. There have been many stories of people feeling a special sense of peace and calm when attending the church.

Several informal small groups meet together either in person or via Zoom. These provide Bible teaching, prayer and support. The support will include both spiritual and practical support.

As a public declaration of faith in Jesus, and following attendance at a baptism class, baptisms are held on a regular basis.

We offer financial and prayer support for a Christian family and working with an immigrant population from east Africa in Leicester..

We support asylum seekers and refugees from many nations offering prayer and support to them as they seek asylum in the UK. We support and network with other refugee organisations in the city, like 'Restore'. Many of these asylum seekers often offer to help Oasis Church by giving practical help such as assisting with serving refreshments, setting out chairs, decorating and cleaning. In this way they become an integral and very important part of the church family. As many of the asylum seekers are Farsi speakers, whenever possible we provide a translation of the main services. Farsi and Kurdish Bibles are offered, free of charge, to Asylum seekers.

Many people attend Oasis Church for the first time because they are invited to do so by a friend, often a fellow asylum seeker. This low key way is one example of how the objective of advancing the Christian faith is achieved.

Oasis Church is multi-cultural, with a mix of African, Caribbean, Asian, other Asian, white and mixed-race members.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our reserves policy is to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, (which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments), at present set at £15,000, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Oasis Church principal source of funds is by regular giving from people attending the church. This enables Oasis to continue to hold the regular Sunday and Thursday services each week.

Oasis Church distributes at least 10% of church income to other individuals and organisations. The decision about who to support is made by the Trustees.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)


RMMarley

J. Coates

Full name(s)

Date

9. 4. 24

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	
1										CC16a	
2		Oasis Christian Fellowship									2023
3		Receipts and payments accounts									
4		For the period from	01/01/2023		to		31/12/2023				
5											
6	Section A Receipts and payments										
7		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year					
8		to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £					
9	A1 Receipts										
10	Gift Aid giving	16,054		0	16,054	14,940					
11	Church collections	1,663		0	1,663	870					
12	Sundry donations	4,311		0	4,311	4,608					
13	Hall lettings	0		0	0	0					
14	Interest received	602		0	602	50					
15	Grants received	0		0	0	0					
16	Gift Aid tax refund	3,892		0	3,892	4,754					
17	Extension	0		0	0	0					
18	Sub total	26,522	0	0	26,522	25,221					
19											
20	A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.			0							
21											
22	Total receipts	26,522	0	0	26,522	25,221					
23											
24	A3 Payments										
25	Salaries & Admin	0	0		0	0					
26	Building maintenance	447	0		447	1,734					
27	Gifts to organisations	3,400	0		3,400	3,021					
28	Gifts to individuals	3,100	0		3,100	5,300					
29	Support costs	3,161	0		3,161	1,854					
30	Other expenses	3,831	0		3,831	6,704					
31	Extension	0	0		0	0					
32	Bus fares	6,026	0		6,026	0					
33	Sub total	19,965	0	0	19,965	18,613					
34											
35	A4 Asset & investment purchases, etc.	0	0	0	0	0					
36											
37	Total payments	19,965	0	0	0	18,613					
38											
39	Net of receipts/(payments)	6,557	0	0							
40	A5 Transfers between funds		0	0	0						
41	A6 Cash funds last year end		0	0	0						
42	Cash funds this year end	77,625	0	0		71,068					
43											

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
44	Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period									
45	Categories	Details				Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowmen t funds		
46						to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
47	B1 Cash funds	CAF accounts					0	0		
48		Barclays Community Acct				12,552	0	0		
49		Barclays Business Bonus Acct				65,073	0	0		
50		Total cash funds				77,625	0	0		
51		(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				OK	OK	OK		
52						Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowmen t funds		
53		Details				to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
54	B2 Other monetary assets	n/a				0	0	0		
55						0	0	0		
56										
57		Details				Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
58	B3 Investment assets	n/a					0	0		
59							0	0		
60										
61		Details				Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
62	B4 Assets retained for the charitys own use	n/a					0	0		
63							0	0		
64							0	0		
65										
66		Details				Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)		
67	B5 Liabilities	n/a					0			
68							0			
69										
70	Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature				Print Name		Date of approval		
71		J. M. Copling				Joy Copling		9/4/24		



Independent examiner's report on the accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Oasis Christian Fellowship

31.12.2023

Charity no
(if any)

1017350

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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.

Independent
examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*)

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Anthony Ball

Date:

26.7.24

Name:

Antony Ball

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered secretary

Address:

23 High Heath Close, Birmingham B30 1HV