

# **OASIS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### **WE BELIEVE IN:**

**The unity of the Godhead and the divine co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Sovereignty of God in creation, providence and redemption.**

**The true and proper Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His Virgin birth, His real and perfect manhood; the authority of His teaching and the infallibility of all His utterances; His work of atonement for sinners of mankind by His vicarious sufferings, His death, His bodily resurrection, and His ascension into heaven; His present priestly intercession for His people and His second coming.**

**The full inspiration of the Holy Scriptures; their authority and sufficiency as not only containing but being themselves the Word of God; the reliability of the New Testament in its testimony to the character and authorship of the Old Testament; and the need for the teaching of the Holy Spirit to a true and spiritual understanding of the whole.**

**The reality of original sin in consequence of the fall and the necessity for regeneration.**

**The justification of the sinner solely by faith, through the atoning merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion and sanctification; also in ministry in worship and in the exercising of spiritual gifts through the body of believers.**

**OASIS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 288387**

Date registered: 9<sup>th</sup> January 1984

Governing Document: Trust Deed dated  
14<sup>th</sup> November 1983

Objects:

1. The advancement of Christianity
2. The relief of persons who are in conditions of need, hardship, or distress, or who are aged or sick.
3. The provision of Christian teaching and education

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**PASTORAL TEAM:** Stephen Larkin (Men's Ministry)  
David Scogings (Hospitality)  
Alison Scogings (Family and children's ministry, & hospitality)  
Barbara Baldwin (Ladies ministry & team leader)  
Mandy Rhodes (Ladies ministry)  
Paul Roberton (senior citizens)

**TRUSTEES:** Stephen Larkin  
David Scogings (Chairman & acting secretary)  
Barbara Baldwin  
Mandy Rhodes (appointed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2023 )  
Paul Roberton (Treasurer - appointed as a trustee 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022)

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 10:30AM

**PRAYER MEETING - Tuesday except 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month** 10:30AM

**PRAYER MEETING - Friday** 7:30PM

**MENS FELLOWSHIP - 2<sup>ND</sup> Monday each month** 7.30PM

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP - 2nd Monday each month** 2:30PM

**SENIOR CITIZENS WEEKLY VISITS TO LOCAL RESIDENTIAL HOMES**

**COFFEE MORNING** (first Tuesday each month – prayer 10am) 10:30 AM – 12 NOON

**OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY** (venues and dates as announced)

Training and teaching in basic Christianity, discipleship and evangelism takes place as announced throughout the year.

Oasis Christian Fellowship is committed to work together for unity of the church in Castle Point

## **Pastoral Team's Report**

During this year our pastor Ron Webb officially announced his retirement and stepped down from his duties at the end of November 22. In his place a pastoral team led by Barbara Baldwin has been set up to share ministry responsibilities and oversee a transition period, after which a lead elder and elders will be appointed to lead the church. The pastoral team recognize the vital part Ron Webb and his 'late wife' Jan Webb played in establishing Oasis in the 1980's and leading the church over the years. We would like to pay tribute to their work and the many lives that have been transformed and blessed through their ministry.

We now move on as a church into uncharted waters as we step out into the plans God has for Oasis in the coming days. We believe that an emphasis on 'Team Ministry' will be vital for the days ahead and will be encouraging all members of Oasis to recognize God's calling and gifting in their lives. Each member of Oasis will have a vital part to play as we move forward seeking to connect with our local community and other congregations in the area. The message of the Gospel will be central in all that we seek to accomplish as we continue to lift up the name of 'Jesus' in our community.

We believe that it is important to connect with the wider church and have therefore started to invite guest speakers for our 'Sunday Service' on a regular basis. This has proved to be a great blessing and encouragement for us. We also seek to meet with other churches and join with them as we serve God together in our community.

Our 'care homes' ministry continues and this is being extended to include coffee mornings at Oasis. A Carers Café will also be commencing in May this year. Our men's ministry and ladies ministry continue with monthly times of fellowship and teaching. We see prayer as vital to all of the work in Oasis and will be looking at ways to encourage greater involvement in our times of prayer.

We are very much at the beginning of this new venture for Oasis as we continue to adjust to our change of circumstances and would like to thank everyone for their commitment and faithfulness as we all step up to the challenge. Please continue to pray as we press on into the vision God has set before us. The Word of the Lord to Zerubbabel comes to mind as we look forward to the days ahead, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit' says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4 v 6).

Barbara Baldwin and the Pastoral Team

**Oasis Christian Fellowship, Benfleet.**  
**Trustees Report Year Ending March 2023**

**Our commitment**

The trustees recognise their legal responsibility to ensure that the charity's obligations and requirements are fulfilled and that the activities of the charity satisfy its charitable status. The trustees meet regularly (usually bi-monthly) to discuss and make decisions involving the governance of the charity. We also hold consultative meetings with others should there be need of external advice. No governance decisions are made at these meetings. We submit reports to the Charity Commission to demonstrate that we have fulfilled these requirements and responsibilities.

**Recent changes within the fellowship**

The pastor Ron Webb has now retired from being leader of the fellowship, therefore the trustees, David Scogings, Barbara Baldwin and Steve Larkin agreed to appoint Paul Robertson as a trustee and have also since appointed Amanda Rhodes as a trustee. The trustees also set up a pastoral team to lead the fellowship in its ongoing work in the community.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

- The charity of the Oasis Christian Fellowship's core activities are reported separately in these 'Report and Accounts'.
- Our Sunday church services, and weekly prayer meetings are open to the public and advertised accordingly.
- The charity of the Oasis Christian Fellowship has continued to regularly reach out into the community sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and offering support through prayer and encouragement at local community events. This work continues to develop and change.
- Our ministry to the elderly particularly in care homes in the local community continues to be significant and is much valued by the residents and the home's carers. Many lives have been enhanced and transformed by this work.

## Overview

As trustees we have continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis where possible to discuss only the practical needs of the fellowship. Significant items included:

- 1 Our charitable giving and other financial commitments
- 2 Maintenance needs of the building, grounds, and the Minibus
3. Regular and ongoing risk assessment covering all aspects of the charity.
  - i) We are committed to our obligations as a member of thirty-one-eight, formally known as, Churches Child Protection Advisory Service. Our Safeguarding policy document was reviewed during the year, as required. This covers children and vulnerable adults and is available to see on request.
  - ii) Our financial position is reported monthly to the trustees and leaders by our treasurer Paul Robertson.
  - iii) Our policy on Personal Data protection has been updated to reflect the new E.U. law which came into effect in May 2018. We now keep records of permission given, or not given, by each person of whom we hold data. The trustees are responsible for keeping records of this permission status, also of what personal data is held by the Oasis Church.

We as trustees continue to seek God for; guidance and wisdom, and to pray for provision financially, spiritually and practically for the tasks, the pastoral team believes, the fellowship should engage upon.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed.......... (Trustee - Chairman)

Dated.....10.06.2023.....

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## Men's meeting

As men we meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Church. (We occasionally move to the third Monday when need arises).

The meeting starts with refreshments and a chat. We then move on to prayer and a short time of worship. Someone will lead the meeting with some thoughts from scripture, which often leads to a lively discussion; This is followed by a time of prayer often praying about things we have discussed. We close the evening with prayer and also arrange who will share in the next meeting.

I would like to thank all the men for their participation and encouragement.

All men are welcome to join us.

Thanks  
Steve

## Ladies Meeting

The ladies now meet every second Monday in the month at 2.30pm as this was considered a more suitable time for most of the ladies.

We have had a very enjoyable time, studying together from different books of the bible and sharing a wide range of views and feelings. We continue to be blessed by Sue supplying cakes or biscuits for which we are so grateful.

We hope to continue sharing God's word with each other and praying together as led every month throughout the coming year.

Barbara Baldwin

## **Senior Citizens Report April 2023**

We were committed to visit four Care Homes in the community until the Covid 19 outbreak. These homes were Elizabeth House (both wings on an alternate basis), Goldenley, Hopes Green and Stafford Hall. Although the homes were closed to outside visitors during this time we endeavored to keep in regular contact and continue to pray for their needs. We were also able to provide a live church service on Mondays, directly into Goldenly, using Zoom technology. The service was viewed through a television in their main lounge and provided an opportunity for some live interaction with staff and residents.

All restrictions have gradually eased during the year and we have commenced regular visits to Goldenly. A great time of fellowship has been experienced with many of the residents. We hope to extend this ministry to other homes in the days to come. This depends on the number of people we have available for this work.

Over the years many of the elderly have come to a 'saving faith' shortly before they have gone home to be with the Lord. There is a great need for this ministry because of the aging population, and we will continue to serve God in this, sometimes challenging, but always rewarding way. The words that Jesus said continue to be particularly apt 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'.

## FINANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

The accounts are produced on a cash basis and are reviewed regularly by the trustees. There was a significant decrease in the amount of income during the year due mainly to a decrease in membership. This has, however, been more than compensated by a reduction in our monthly commitments due to our 'Pastor's retirement. We continue to have a weekly offering for outreach purposes which also contributes to the costs of running the minibus. The outreach fund had a negative balance at the end of the financial year which was covered by a transfer of £265.57 from general funds.

Our regular monthly giving is now as follows:

Eurovision (David Hathaway)	£120
New Life in Christ	£50
Christian Concern	£20
Sporshow (India)	£50

A retirement gift of £1,500 was given to our pastor, Ron Webb, who retired at the end of November 2022. Due to his length of service since 1983 the trustees also agreed to give a monthly gift of £242.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. This commitment will be reviewed at the end of the year.

A weekly offering is taken for 'Release International'. This year we were able to give a total of £800 (see 'note 7' of the accounts for a record of all our gifts made during the year).

We ensure that our giving (including gifts to guest speakers) is maintained to at least the level of a tithe (10% of our total income). In addition to our monthly giving we transfer £50 per month into our tithe fund. At the end of the year the balance was £480.

36.76% of the donations received during the year were made under the governments 'gift aid' scheme. We always seek to encourage tax payers to 'gift aid' their donations where possible.

No payments or other material transactions took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them during this financial period.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments

INCOME	notes	Apr-22 Mar-23	Apr-21 Mar-22
<b>Voluntary Receipts (unrestricted funds)</b>			
General	13	23232.21	27866.49
Tithe	13	3480.00	3110.00
Building	13	0.00	0.00
<b>Voluntary Receipts (restricted funds)</b>			
Mission	13	657.30	1037.00
Outreach	13	815.69	583.29
Special Funds	13	500.00	1000.00
<b>Charitable Activities (General fund)</b>			
Mother and Todler Group	13	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28685.20</b>	<b>33596.78</b>
 <b>OUTGOINGS</b>			
<b>Costs of Charitable Activities</b>			
General Expense			
Comm		197.39	196.66
Prof Fees	3	549.30	492.69
R & M	4	3745.10	1927.02
L & H	5	744.00	2481.69
Literature		0.00	0.00
Stationery	6	52.78	61.40
Water		188.57	232.24
Motor Exp	10	1394.72	1313.93
Insurance	8	1632.61	1505.04
Bank Chgs		0.00	0.00
Sundry		284.66	81.45
		<b>8789.13</b>	<b>8292.12</b>
 <b>Other Costs of Charitable Activities</b>			
Gifts	7	6356.00	5630.00
Outreach		0.00	0.00
Pastoral	9	11835.00	18455.00
Governance	11	480.00	450.00
Depreciation	12	578.18	560.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28038.31</b>	<b>33387.60</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>		<b>646.89</b>	<b>209.18</b>
Funds Brought Forward		97275.64	97066.46
<b>Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>97922.53</b>	<b>97275.64</b>

**SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**  
**April 22 to March 23**

		<b>Apr-22 Mar-23</b>	<b>Apr-21 Mar-22</b>
<b>SOURCE</b>			
Surplus		646.89	209.18
Depreciation	12	578.18	560.48
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1225.07</b>	<b>769.66</b>
 <b>APPLICATION</b>			
Fixed Assets	12		
Premises		0.00	0.00
Equipment		163.00	1043.00
Furniture & Fittings		0.00	0.00
Vehicles		0.00	0.00
Increase/Decrease Funds	13		
General		827.98	1904.82
Building		0.00	-1280.97
Tithe		150.00	-520.00
Mission		-142.70	37.00
Outreach		-273.21	-414.19
Special Funds		500.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1225.07</b>	<b>769.66</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**31/03/2023**

<b>ASSETS</b>	notes	<b>31/03/2023</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Premises	12	145472.68	145472.68
Furniture & Fittings	12	139.99	186.65
Equipment	12	854.27	1222.80
Vehicles	12	0.00	0.00
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Accounts Receivable		0.00	0.00
Cash at Bank	2	13455.54	12393.47
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>159922.48</b>	<b>159275.60</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS</b>	notes	<b>31/03/2023</b>	<b>31/03/2022</b>
General Fund	13	5748.53	4920.55
Building Fund	13	5980.54	5980.54
Mission	13	111.40	254.10
Outreach Fund	13	0.00	273.21
Tithe	13	450.00	300.00
Special Funds	13	1165.07	665.07
Accumulated Funds		84466.94	84882.13
Revaluation Reserve		62000.00	62000.00
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable		0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>159922.48</b>	<b>159275.60</b>

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

### APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023

1. Income:	Non Gift Aid Donations	16,080.92
	Gift Aid Donations	9,346.22
	Tax Recoveries	3,258.06
		<b>28,685.20</b>

2. Cash at Bank: All funds are consolidated into one bank account.

3. Professional Fees:	Thirtyoneeight	145.00
	CCLI Copyright	369.30
	Company House	13.00
	Findachurch	22.00
		<b>549.30</b>

4. Repair & Maintenance:	Skip Hire	220.00
	Tree Removal	1,530.00
	Reliable Fire Maint (inc 2 fir Ext)	782.62
	Church Cleaning	1,040.00
	Urinals	75.00
	Sundry	37.48
	Window Cleaning	60.00
		<b>3,745.10</b>

5. Light & Heat:	Electricity	744.00
	Gas*	nil
		<b>744.00</b>

**\*The gas account is in credit due to adjustments made to correct an error in Vat being charged to Oasis.**

6. Stationery:	Ink cartridges	<b>52.78</b>
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7. Gifts:	Release International	800.00
	New Life in Christ	950.00
	Sporshow	600.00
	CCFN	240.00
	Eurovision, David Hathaway	1,440.00
	Ron Webb Retirement Gifts	2,226.00
	Guest Speakers	100.00
		<b>6,356.00</b>

8. Insurance: Annual premium to Ansvar Insurance Company.

9. Pastoral Fees: Support for the Pastoral Work

10. Motor Expense: Running Costs/maintenance of minibus and insurance

11. Governance: Payment to Independent Examiners Ltd for Independent examination

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS CONT'D

12. Fixed Assets:	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Vehicles	Total
<b>Cost</b>					
31/3/22	83,472.68	16,102.17	2,262.43	8,220.00	110,057.28
Additions*	nil	163.00 *	nil	nil	163.00
Less Disposals	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>31/3/23</b>	<b>83,472.68</b>	<b>16,265.17</b>	<b>2,262.43</b>	<b>8,220.00</b>	<b>110,220.28</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
31/3/22	nil	14,879.38	2,075.78	8,220.00	25,175.16
Plus Current	nil	531.52	46.66	nil	578.18
Less Disposals	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
<b>31/3/23</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>15,410.90</b>	<b>2,122.44</b>	<b>8,220.00</b>	<b>25,753.34</b>
<b>Revaluation</b>	<b>62,000.00</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>62,000.00</b>
<b>Net Value 31/3/23</b>	<b>145,472.68</b>	<b>854.27</b>	<b>139.99</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>146,466.94</b>
Net Value 31/3/22	145,472.68	1,222.80	186.65	nil	146,882.13

\*Strimmer £163.00

13. Funds	Building** Designated	Mission**** Restricted	Outreach Restricted	General Unrestricted	Tithe* Designated	***Special Restricted
<b>Balance 31-3-22</b>	<b>5,980.54</b>	<b>254.10</b>	<b>273.21</b>	<b>4,920.55</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>665.07</b>
Funds Received	nil	657.30	815.69	23,232.21	3,480.00	500.00
Less Outgoings	nil	800.00	1,088.90	22,404.23	3,330.00	nil
<b>Balance 31/3/23</b>	<b>5,980.54</b>	<b>111.40</b>	<b>nil</b>	<b>5,748.53</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>1,165.07</b>

Restricted funds: £1,276.47 Unrestricted funds: Gen Funds £5,748.53 Designated Funds £6,430.54

\* The tithe fund consists of amounts set aside from general income for gifts to other organisations and individuals (including guest speakers) in accordance with our aims.

\*\* Building and Maintenance fund includes insurance payment received on our claim for fire damage.


\*\*\* Funds received for special designated purposes £500 radio mike, £665.07 any non general purpose

\*\*\*\* Funds received to give to Release International

14. Risk Assessment: The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the review over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined the operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. The accounts are prepared on a receipts & payments basis in accordance with section 42/3 of the charities act 1993. Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Non property assets have been depreciated. The building value is recorded at cost price (1983/4) plus cost of all subsequent improvements, plus a revaluation adjustment of £62,000.00 (based on a valuation of the property by Dedman Property Services dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2001).

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees

  
Signed: David Scogings Trustee (Chairman)

Date: 10.06.2023

**appendix to notes of the accounts**

**Allocation of costs to the activities of the charity**

The allocation of costs has been directly attributed where it is reasonable to do so. The Allocation of the remainder of each cost has been based on an estimated proportion of time costs of the individual paid member of staff, the proportion of time worked by volunteers, and the expenditure related to their activity

	<b>Evangelism</b>	<b>Teaching/ ministry</b>	<b>Senior Citizens</b>	<b>Intern'l Support</b>	<b>Local Community</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>General Exp</b>	2052.94	834.01	1924.63	769.85	3207.71	<b>8,789.13</b>
<b>Gifts</b>	2390.00	0.00	0.00	1640.00	2326.00	<b>6,356.00</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Pastoral</b>	3771.59	3641.54	260.11	2340.99	1820.77	<b>11,835.00</b>
<b>Governance</b>	112.12	45.55	105.11	42.04	175.18	<b>480.00</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	135.05	54.86	126.61	50.64	211.01	<b>578.18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8461.70</b>	<b>4575.96</b>	<b>2416.46</b>	<b>4843.53</b>	<b>7740.68</b>	<b>28,038.31</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>30.17</b>	<b>16.32</b>	<b>8.62</b>	<b>17.27</b>	<b>27.61</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oasis Christian Fellowship for the year ended 31st March 2023.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Zita Derbak

Date: 14/06/2023

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