

# GREENSTONES CHRISTIAN TRUST

Registered Charity No 513862

Working as

**Missions to Prisons**

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**Friends of Prison Fellowship Ethiopia**

## ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**



### Summary of the objects of the Charity

The Trust exists for the charitable purpose of the furthering of the preaching of the Christian gospel including the publication of gospel tracts the provision of places for the preaching of the gospel the worship of God and other activities for the advancement of Christianity including the outdoor preaching of the gospel

*Clause 1 of the Trust Deed dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 1974.*

### Trust address

PO Box 37 KENDAL Cumbria LA9 6GF England

### Trustees

Mr J W Allen, Rev C D F Crombie, Mr M E Ducker, Rev R Ducker, Dr D Gilmore Rev R P Spratt MBE

### Bankers

Barclays Bank 9 Highgate Kendal LA9 4DF and NatWest Bank 10 Elephant Yard Kendal LA9 4LZ

### Independent Examiner

D McSharry BSc Hons, 3 Carrock Close, KENDAL LA9 7HW

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### INTRODUCTION

Greenstones Christian Trust which is non denominational has continued to pursue its charitable purpose of furthering the preaching of the Christian gospel and to demonstrate the holistic nature of this Christian good news by supporting practical projects. It is not the purpose of the Trust to do all the preaching. The aim is to further this by encouraging others – of whatever denomination – to join in sharing good news and a message of hope with all kinds of people in ways that are relevant to their needs. This is essentially more than just words! Although the main focus of the Trust is amongst people affected by imprisonment, this is not exclusive.

### TRUST MANAGEMENT

#### Trustees

The Trust is managed by Trustees and according to paragraph 10 of the Trust Deed dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 1974 “The number of trustees of this deed shall not be less than three”.

The policy and practice of the Trust is to invite persons with relevant experience/ qualifications/vision to consider taking on this responsibility and currently the number of trustees is six.

#### Reserves and the application of funds

The current policy and practice of the Trust is not to build up large financial reserves but to apply money received to furthering the varied work of the Trust at the earliest opportunity. All work continues to be undertaken on a voluntary basis, with volunteers responsible for meeting their own expenses – including those involved in visiting Ethiopia.

Funds for the work in Ethiopia undertaken in partnership with Justice for All-Prison Fellowship Ethiopia are held in a separate dedicated account – Friends of Prison Fellowship Ethiopia - and are applied in full in Ethiopia.

#### Reporting Serious Incidents

As required by the Charity Commission, it is confirmed that there are no serious incidents or other matters that need to be reported.

### SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### In the UK

The UK prisons related work of this Trust is generally undertaken in co-operation with others, especially Christian prison chaplains and those concerned with the care and resettlement of offenders.

Opportunities to further the preaching of the Christian gospel in accordance with the purpose of this Trust as declared in our Trust Deed quite often appear to be related to an interest in the Trust's Ethiopian prisons ministry activities. However this year due to the restrictions associated with the covid19 pandemic there have not been opportunities to give informative talks in churches, to take part in conferences and conventions or speak about the work among both Christian and secular groups as in more "normal" times.

There were however opportunities to share God's good news via the internet and to offer some limited pastoral support, Bible study and prayer via telephone calls from prisons.

## In Ethiopia

Due to the covid pandemic and other issues with the consequent travel restrictions it has not been possible for a team to visit Ethiopia during this year, visit prisons and host the usual annual chaplains' conference.

However, in spite of the restrictions caused by the pandemic and other emergencies, the Trust has been privileged to be able to continue to partner in the holistic Christian prisons ministry of Ethiopian NGO Justice for All-Prison Fellowship Ethiopia (JFA-PFE).

This partnership has included continuing regular financial and prayer support for the **Twinkle of Hope** and **REFUGE** projects caring for children of prisoners as well as for members of the nationwide **Chaplaincy Team**. The Trust also contributed to the construction of a much needed sewage treatment plant in Addis Alem Prison which was commissioned on 7 September 2020 - see illustration on front page. For context it was in this same prison that in 2019 two Trustees - Rev Bob Spratt MBE and Dr Diane Gilmore took part in the official opening of new accommodation for the women prisoners some of whom also had their young children with them. Construction and furnishing of that accommodation was funded by this Trust.



*Unveiling the plaque at the women's accommodation opening ceremony*

To ensure that all money raised for the work in Ethiopia is actually applied to specific purpose in Ethiopia, careful records are kept and none of it is used for admin or any other purpose in the UK.

## LOOK BACK – LOOK AHEAD

This has been another year when in spite of some of the difficulties caused by events leading up to the state of emergency in Ethiopia much has been achieved. Good news has been shared in places which are more accustomed to bad news and hope has been brought into situations that may previously have appeared hopeless.

We go forward into 2021 with a desire to build on the experience gained over the years and a fresh determination to demonstrate God's love in ways that can be understood.

Signed:



Rev Robert P Spratt MBE,  
Founding Trustee

Date: 17 May 2021



## Greenstones Christian Trust

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2020

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	1,370	45,191	46,561	64,520
Gift Aid		6,336	6,336	9,405
Other income			0	222
Bank interest	1	9	10	22
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>1,371</u>	<u>51,536</u>	<u>52,907</u>	<u>74,169</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Mission giving (Note 2)		58,705	58,705	71,544
Printing and stationery	212		212	262
Subscription	100		100	0
Postage	328		328	811
PO Box fee	278		278	270
Insurance	330		330	330
Sundry expenses	0		0	53
Bank transfer charges	0	390	390	294
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>1,248</u>	<u>59,095</u>	<u>60,343</u>	<u>73,564</u>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	123	-7,559	-7,437	605
<b>Balances brought forward 1st January 2020</b>	1,318	55,420	56,738	56,133
<b>Balances carried forward 31st December 2020</b>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>47,860</u>	<u>49,301</u>	<u>56,738</u>

### Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Barclays Bank Premium Account	649		649	648
Barclays Bank Community Account	792		792	670
Natwest Bank Current Account		37,575	37,575	45,144
Natwest Bank Reserve Account		10,285	10,285	10,276
Cash in hand	0	0	0	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>47,860</u>	<u>49,301</u>	<u>56,738</u>
<b>Represented by</b>				
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## Notes on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

### 1 Funds

The General Fund meets the running costs of the Charity and is funded by donations made exclusively to cover those costs. No expenses are paid to Trustees and no Trustee receives any remuneration.

The Restricted Fund receives donations and related Gift Aid (where applicable) which is remitted to Justice for All-PF Ethiopia, a Non Government Organisation based in Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. Monies received are applied to a variety of projects as detailed in Note 2.

### 2 Mission Giving

The following projects operated by Justice for All-PF Ethiopia received financial support during the year.

PFE Chapel/Chaplaincy/Bible Study etc support	£5,275.00
PFE Ethiopian chaplain/workers' support	£24,340.00
PFE Twinkle of Hope + Refuge children support	£18,360.00
PFE Dormitory for women/capital projects	£8,730.00
PFE Prison ministry general/practical support	<u>£2,000.00</u>
	<b>£58,705.00</b>

### 3 Note re Justice for All-PF Ethiopia

This organisation has an observer status in the African Commission on human rights and special consultative status in UN-ECOSOC.

Further information about their work can be found on their website [jfapfe.org](http://jfapfe.org)

Signed *R P Spratt*

by Rev Robert P Spratt MBE

Date 17 May 2021



# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Greenstones Christian Trust.

I report on the accounts of The Greenstones Christian Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the following pages.

## **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent 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 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;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give 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 these accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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

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

*D McSharry*

**Diane McSharry** BScHons  
3 Carrock Close  
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Date: 17 May 2021