

CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2022

Charity No. 803296

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**CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

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**CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

Reference and administrative details

Chelmsford Community Church is a charity formed by a trust deed on 24 March 1990 and governed by a supplemental deed dated 14 December 2005. The trust is an unincorporated association, charity registration number 803296.

The Trustees during the year were as follows: -

Mr P H Lewellen - Chair
Mrs CHE Hobbs
Mr L Hobbs
Mr S H Hook
Mr C Jackson
Mrs L M Balls until 27th July 2021
Mr P J Balls until 27th July 2021

The principal office is situated at Trent Road Centre, Trent Road, Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 2LQ.

The Charity's bankers are The Co-operative Bank Plc, 11 Market Road, Chelmsford, Essex. CM1 1XW.

The independent examiner is Colin Barker of Edmund Carr LLP, Chartered Accountants, 146 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0AW.

Objectives and Activities

The objects for which the church is established are to promote the Christian religion by such legally charitable means as the Trustees shall in their discretion think fit, the advancement of education and the relief of poverty and such other charitable objects as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

The church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance and shares the statement of faith of that organisation. It is a central pillar of the church that the message of Jesus goes hand in hand with reaching out to help those in need. The church employs full time pastors and they are responsible for the direction of the church and for pastoral oversight.

The Trustees act to ensure that the purposes laid down in the trust document are observed; to ensure the trust acts in accordance with the law of the land and to oversee the financial standing of the church. A finance team does this. Throughout the year, the trust has tightened its controls in order to demonstrate financial integrity. We continue to hold meetings for all members of the church to explain the financial and pastoral state of the church, with a view to increasing transparency.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit in carrying out the Charity's activities during the year. The Trustees have received copies of the Trust Deed and the policies of the Charity and are given appropriate training to fulfil their duties. Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees following consultation with the Pastor.

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Review of progress and achievements

After having acted as Pastor of the Church for over fifteen years, and joint Pastor with Chris Jackson for the past five years, Peter Balls decided to step down as Pastor in July 2021. In addition he, and his wife Linda, also stood down as Trustees – their guidance, leadership and dedication to the Church over many years is acknowledged.

Chris Jackson now acts as sole Pastor of Chelmsford Community Church.

Since arriving in 2014 the Church has focussed on building strong relationships within the Trent Road community of Chelmsford ... as well as seeking to increase attendance at regular services and functions for its church family.

This has proved a challenge over the last couple of years due to the national Covid lockdowns. But since those restrictions were lifted earlier this year the operation of the church has almost returned to normality. The church now conducts regular Sunday services – which are also broadcast online. We hold regular bible study / prayer groups around the area and have monthly prayer meeting at the church.

The Photography Group has developed into a walking group and we visit local scenic spots to offer photographic opportunities. This meets with church members and non-members and is a form of non-pressured outreach.

The Craft Connexions is proving very popular with 20+ attending weekly. A second Connexions coffee morning is held weekly with the emphasis simply on conversation.

A Craft Fayre is booked at the church on 13th November which will include local craft sellers, a tea room area and some hot lunches.

At the beginning of August we held a Community Fun Day which was open to anyone in the community with a petting zoo, barbeque and other activities. Helped by the beautiful weather it was extremely well attended and 300 people attended.

The Church continues to offer support with the Lifeline Larder and holds the produce on site for donating to families in need as required. This is a short-term emergency larder for those in the community with financial difficulties where the usual Food Bank is unable to assist and has been used many times during the last year. Citizens Advice also refer people for emergency food as needed and local city councillors acknowledge it as a valuable local facility.

Chelmsford Community Church continues to facilitate the Chelmsford Rough Sleeper Support (CRSS) group by holding supplies of food, toiletries, clothing and bedding/tents to be distributed to Chelmsford's rough sleepers on a weekly basis. Several members of the church work as a team, with others outside of the congregation, go into the town and, in an average night, some 50 people will receive assistance. It was decided that donations at the October Harvest Service donations would be passed to CRSS for further supplies of food and essentials.

We continue to provide support for both a children's programme in India and for a number of pastors in India. This is through our sister church in India via Basil and Cathy D'Souza. We have also extended this through working with Compassion, a Christian programme in deprived countries: members of the congregation sponsor over 20 children.

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Review of progress and achievements (continued)

Local community activities have also included a Macmillan Coffee Morning and a Quiz evening which have been a great success in making contacts and friends within the community. We continually seek fund raising ideas to support our community work.

We look forward to our forthcoming Christmas events and services this year, particularly a Christmas Celebration with the nativity story, carols and a Father Christmas grotto for families to visit.

Review of the financial position of the charity

The results for the year are set out on the receipts and payments account on page 5. A statement of assets and liabilities of the charity are set out on page 6.

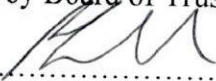
The Trustees' aim is to distribute the income that they received in accordance with the objects of the Church. A proportion of the Church's income has necessarily been spent on refurbishing and fitting out the Trent Road premises and the contracted payments to our pastors. Although the Church wishes to give as much as it can for charitable purposes, this expenditure is considered essential in providing a suitable environment and the drive for the Church to grow. Gift aid has continued to provide a significant contribution to Church income.

In this twelve month period, the expenditure of the charity exceeded income by £7,805. In arriving at this figure, restricted funds decreased by £2,333. At 5 April 2022 the trustees had sufficient assets available to fulfil the obligations of the charity.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain reserve unrestricted funds sufficient to fund 6 months of resources expended.

Approved by Board of Trustees on 21 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by


.....Trustee

P. H. LEWELLEN
.....Name

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Colin Barker FCA
Independent Examiner

Edmund Carr LLP
146 New London Road
Chelmsford
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14th November.....2022

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	Unrestricted Funds £ General	Restricted Funds £ (Note 2)	Total £	Total 2020/21 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
Receipts				
Voluntary income - unrestricted funds (note 1)	58,617	0	58,617	62,618
Voluntary income - restricted funds (note 2)	0	1,110	1,110	2,506
Gift Aid tax recovered	13,947	0	13,947	18,548
Hall Hire	2,650	0	2,650	1,360
Grant receipts	827	0	827	875
Craft Fayre	312	0	312	0
Loan receipt (note 3)	90	0	90	0
Collection for medical procedure	0	0	0	368
Miscellaneous income	0	1	1	150
	76,443	1,111	77,554	86,425
Direct Charitable payments				
UK Donations (note 4)	1,777	0	1,777	4,452
Overseas gifts (note 5)	6,853	0	6,853	4,153
	8,630	0	8,630	8,605
Employment Costs	57,537	0	57,537	66,344
Loan to member (note 3)	1,524	0	1,524	0
Other payments (note 6)	14,224	0	14,224	13,475
Restricted fund application	0	3,444	3,444	2,155
	81,915	3,444	85,359	90,579
Deficit of Receipts against Payments	(5,472)	(2,333)	(7,805)	(4,154)
Cash and bank balances at 5th April 2021	52,059	6,044	58,103	62,257
Cash and bank balances at 5th April 2022	46,587	3,711	50,298	58,103

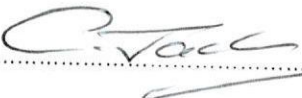
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
Cash Funds				
Bank current account	46,557	0	46,557	52,916
Community Fund	0	2,950	2,950	4,237
Chelmsford Rough Sleepers Fund	0	761	761	920
Refreshment cash float	30	0	30	30
	<u>46,587</u>	<u>3,711</u>	<u>50,298</u>	<u>58,103</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Gift Aid Recoverable	1,068	0	1,068	1,028
Loan Receivable	1,434	0	1,434	0
	<u>2,502</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,502</u>	<u>1,028</u>
Non-monetary assets				
Freehold Property	258,898	0	258,898	258,898
Demountable classrooms/ storage	15,846	0	15,846	15,846
Audio visual and other equipment	41,257	0	41,257	41,257
	<u>316,001</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>316,001</u>	<u>316,001</u>
Liabilities				
Payroll taxes	1,520	0	1,520	1,837
	<u>1,520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,837</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 November 2022, and signed on its behalf by:

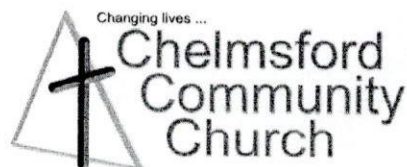
Trustee 

Name P.H. VESTEREN

Trustee 

Name C.M. JACKSON

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	Year 2021/22	Year 2020/21
1 Voluntary income - unrestricted funds		
Sunday collections and other gifts	10,779	13,053
Planned regular giving	47,838	49,565
	<u>58,617</u>	<u>62,618</u>
2 Restricted Funds		
The Hope Choir fund		
Opening balance at 5th April 2021	887	887
Transfer to Community Fund	(887)	0
Closing balance at 5th April 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>887</u>
Community Fund		
Opening balance at 5th April 2021	4,237	3,495
Receipts in the year	0	1,204
Transfer from Hope Choir Fund	887	0
Interest received	1	4
Grants made during the year (note 3)	(2,175)	(466)
Closing balance at 5th April 2022	<u>2,950</u>	<u>4,237</u>
Rough Sleepers Support fund		
Opening balance at 5th April 2021	920	1,307
Receipts in the year	1,110	1,301
Grants made during the year	(1,269)	(1,688)
Closing balance at 5th April 2022	<u>761</u>	<u>920</u>
Total Restricted Funds at 5th April 2022	<u><u>3,711</u></u>	<u><u>6,044</u></u>
3 Community Fund Grants		
Mobility gift	750	0
Shop Vouchers	175	80
Rehousing gift	0	200
Chelmsford Rough Sleepers Support	1,000	0
Miscellaneous grants	250	186
	<u>2,175</u>	<u>466</u>

In addition to these grants, a loan of £1,524 was made to a church member. It is interest-free and repayable by monthly instalments over a 36 month period.

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4 UK Donations		
Ground Level	1,200	2,700
Urban Saints / Crusaders	252	252
Alive Church, Norwich	250	-
Breast Cancer Research	0	275
Evangelical Alliance	75	75
Sanctus	0	500
Churches together in Chelmsford	0	150
Medical procedure	0	500
	<u>1,777</u>	<u>4,452</u>
5 Overseas Gifts		
Covenant Blessings, Mumbai	5,000	3,000
Smile International	125	300
Cornerstone	384	384
Davao, Phillipines	0	245
Compassion UK	1,344	224
Miscellaneous	0	0
	<u>6,853</u>	<u>4,153</u>

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6 Other Payments		
Major cap.ex (>£250)	0	929
Minor cap.ex (<£250) and maintenance	2,651	2,290
Trent Road running and cleaning cost	2,383	2,480
Service consumables	42	10
Travel costs	0	0
Printing stationery and publicity	498	276
Telephone	2,041	2,040
Training courses and conferences	100	0
Teaching aids	267	129
Fire Safety inspection and service	77	173
Childrens work (including 31:8 registration)	604	555
St Marks - gross payments	0	0
St Marks - recoveries	0	0
Illuminate and Christmas Nativity walkthrough	54	546
Christmas Hampers	0	392
Childrens Christmas Party	0	0
Community Fun Day	945	0
Lawford Mead School buffet	504	0
Entertaining	0	0
Refreshments	368	80
Refreshments - recoveries	(83)	0
Insurance	844	826
Accountancy	810	780
Website Hosting	789	674
"Zoom" subscription	144	144
Performing, Music and TV licences	878	688
Sundry expenses	307	463
	<u>14,224</u>	<u>13,475</u>