

CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2024

Charity No. 803296

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**CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

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**CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

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 - resigned
Mrs CHE Hobbs
Mr L Hobbs
Mr S H Hook - Chair
Mr C Jackson

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 Stuart Foster of Quantic Accountancy Ltd, Chartered Certified Accountants, 1 Second Avenue, Halstead, Essex CO9 2SU.

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

The Church has now been in the Trent Road premises for over 10 years and has focussed on building a strong relationship with the local community as well as with church family attending. The numbers attending have been building steadily and often over 50 people are in attendance on Sundays with several in the 'young adults' age range coming along and taking part in their own monthly Bible discussion sessions.

During this last year the church has continued to build midweek activities for the congregation and local people to attend between Sunday services. The twice a week 'Connexions' social and craft group sessions are very popular with a regular 15/20 people attending twice a week.

At the beginning of August there was a Community Fun Day which was open to anyone in the community with fun activities around the church also a BBQ. Approx. 150 local people attended during the day which was lower than in previous years. Some discussion will take place about what next year's event will look like to revitalise things.

CCC also hosts the group Chelmsford Rough Sleeper Support, and holds supplies of food, toiletries, clothing and bedding/tents to be distributed to the rough sleepers in the town one night midweek. Several members of the church work as a team, with others outside of the congregation, to go out into the town to items as needed. They are seeing anything up to 50 people in one night who need their services.

Greggs: a team of people collect excess food from Greggs bakery at the end of the shop opening hours and distribute the food to the rough sleepers around the town.

A separate JustGiving fund has been set up for public donations to purchase other needed items such as tents, shoes, etc.

The CCC Harvest Service donations were in aid of this group at the service in October, collecting requested items and money for whatever is needed.

A new Board Games event has been set up, this is taking place 5-6 times a year and is popular with about 30-40 people coming along during the afternoon. The dates have been on bank holidays and on Sunday afternoons. This event is open to anyone interested and numbers have grown with each session. From September this will be developed further to include one evening a month for playing simple games and card games for families and adults to enjoy.

The annual Craft Fayre is booked at the church on 9th November which will include local craft sellers, a tea room area and some hot lunches. This is always well attended and supported by local people. In addition to this, we hosted a Charity Craft making evening which was very popular and local charities were given the items made for use in the hospital, care homes and community support projects.

This has also developed to include Saturday Craft mornings every two months with a themed craft activity, two have taken place so far and very much enjoyed by those attending.

Successful contact has been maintained with the local school (located across the road from the Church). Our pastor, Chris Jackson, is now a school governor. The school have agreed to allow the Church to use the school car park for parking on a Sunday morning free of charge and this reduces parking in the residential area. As a 'thank you' for this the Church hosted an 'end of school' lunch for the teaching staff on the last day of term.

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We are working with Compassion, a Christian sponsorship programme in deprived countries and the church has sponsored over 20 children within the church. In addition, we also support the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal and are a drop off centre for the local area.

Local community activities have also included a Macmillan Coffee Morning and Tea Fund Quiz evening which have been a great success in the past, making contacts and friends within the community. We continually seek fund raising ideas to support our community work which is provided at low or no cost.

During the school holiday weeks we have hosted Family Craft mornings at low cost, these include craft activities, games and food.

We look forward to our forthcoming Autumn and Christmas events and services this year, particularly a Christmas Celebration with 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 £548. In arriving at this figure, restricted funds increased by £961. At 5 April 2024 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 6/11/24 and signed on its behalf by

[Signature] Trustee

LESLEY HOBBS Name

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHELMSFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024 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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Stuart Foster FCCA
Independent Examiner

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	Unrestricted Funds £ General	Restricted Funds £ (Note 2)	Total £	Total 2022/23 £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
Receipts				
Voluntary income - unrestricted funds (note 1)	58,843	-	58,843	59,088
Voluntary income - restricted funds (note 2)	-	1,730	1,730	1,270
Gift Aid tax recovered	13,095	-	13,095	14,157
Other donations	2,890	-	2,890	-
Grant received (note 2)	-	1,500	1,500	-
Hall Hire	4,375	-	4,375	3,871
Craft fayre	90	-	90	435
Quilting exhibition	-	-	-	343
Concert collection	-	-	-	272
Macmillan coffee morning	118	-	118	171
Tearfund Quiz	290	-	290	-
Member loan repayment	330	-	330	300
Interest received	-	29	29	-
Miscellaneous income	59	-	59	143
	80,090	3,259	83,349	80,050
Direct Charitable payments				
UK Donations (note 4)	3,295	-	3,295	2,898
Overseas gifts (note 5)	4,546	-	4,546	5,028
	7,841	-	7,841	7,926
Employment Costs	55,458	-	55,458	53,209
Other payments (note 6)	17,204	-	17,204	15,436
Restricted fund application (notes 2 & 3)	-	2,298	2,298	2,253
	80,503	2,298	82,801	78,824
Surplus of Receipts against Payments	(413)	961	548	1,226
Cash and bank balances at 5th April 2023	48,792	2,732	51,524	50,298
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Cash Funds

Bank current account	48,349	300	48,649	48,762
Community Fund account	-	1,314	1,314	1,494
Chelmsford Rough Sleepers Fund	-	2,079	2,079	1,238
Refreshment cash float	30	-	30	30
	<u>48,379</u>	<u>3,693</u>	<u>52,072</u>	<u>51,524</u>

Other Monetary Assets

Gift Aid Recoverable	2,316	-	2,316	1,300
Loan Receivable	804	-	804	1,134
	<u>3,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,120</u>	<u>2,434</u>

Non-monetary assets

Freehold Property	258,898	-	258,898	258,898
Demountable classrooms/ storage	15,846	-	15,846	15,846
Audio visual and other equipment	42,055	-	42,055	42,055
	<u>316,799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>316,799</u>	<u>316,799</u>

Liabilities

Payroll taxes	-	-	-	1,290
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,290</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 6-11-24 and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee Leslie Horng Name LESLIE HORNG

Trustee Christopher Jackson Name CHRISTOPHER JACKSON

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	Year 2023/24 £	Year 2022/23 £
1 Voluntary income - unrestricted funds		
Sunday collections and other gifts	6,876	13,951
Planned regular giving	51,967	45,137
	<u>58,843</u>	<u>59,088</u>
2 Restricted Funds		
Community Fund (incl Awaken):		
Opening balance at 5th April 2023	1,494	2,950
Receipts in the year	600	-
Interest received	29	4
Grants made during the year (note 3)	(509)	(1,460)
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>1,494</u>
Closing balance at 5th April 2024	1,614	1,494
Rough Sleepers Support fund:		
Opening balance at 5th April 2023	1,238	761
Grants received in the year	1,500	-
Receipts in the year	1,130	1,270
Grants made during the year	(1,789)	(793)
	<u>2,079</u>	<u>1,238</u>
Closing balance at 5th April 2024	2,079	1,238
Total Restricted Funds at 5th April 2024	3,693	2,732
3 Community Fund Grants		
Lawford Mead student trip sponsorship	-	270
Lawford Mead teachers buffet	509	450
Shop Vouchers	-	240
Chelmsford Rough Sleepers Support	-	500
Miscellaneous grants	-	-
	<u>509</u>	<u>1,460</u>

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4 UK Donations		
Ground Level	1,850	1,200
Urban Saints / Crusaders	252	252
The Moment Music (Dave Bell)	-	600
Evangelical Alliance	75	75
Churches together in Chelmsford	400	200
St Andrews	-	250
Streetfood	200	75
Dance 21	50	75
Macmillan	118	171
Visiting speakers	350	-
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5 Overseas Gifts		
Covenant Blessings, Mumbai	2,400	2,500
Cornerstone	384	384
Compassion UK	1,472	1,344
Ukraine Disaster Fund	-	300
Tear Fund (Quiz)	290	250
Samaritans Purse re earthquake	-	250
Miscellaneous	-	-
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