

Annual Report

1. MILTON KEYNES SOUTH CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017

Reference and Administrative Details

3. Registered Charity No. 1066206
4. The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, Langland Road, Netherfield, Milton Keynes
5. On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:
Chairman: Richard Potts **Secretary:** Paul Tagg
Other Trustees: Daniel Bergoz, Linferd Campbell, James Bailey,
Richard Durnford, Andre Doualla, Andrew Simpson, Frederic Maria
6. The Kingdom Hall in Langland Road, Netherfield, Milton Keynes is held in trust for the congregation by The Kingdom Hall Trust.

Structure, Governance and Management

7. The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 28th May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain (the Society).

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution.

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

8. The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public Christian worship.' For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bibles and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons, and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an improved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements, Performance and Financial Review

9. The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by the congregation members and others, supplemented by bank interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.
10. Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the congregation was a Gift Aid refund of £3,079 from HMRC covering gift aided donations for the 2015/16 financial year; additionally donations totalling £6,750 from Milton Keynes Central and Milton Keynes Fenny Stratford to cover Kingdom Hall Operating costs.

Also of interest was a one off donation to the World Wide Work of £8,000 from general funds. Total payments of £12,191 to cover running costs and expenditures directly relating to the maintenance and upkeep of Kingdom Hall. Other noteworthy expenses were payments to cover costs for the memorial, payments to cover expenses incurred by visiting speakers and payments toward the cost of running the market stall and trolleys, all of which totalled £1,280. Additionally, regular donations and one-off payments to Society totalling £7,900.

11. The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 6 months working expenditure.
12. These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation. There are no funds held subject to restriction on their use, or set aside for a particular purpose.
13. Approved by the trustees of the charity on 15st June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed:

Chairman

Secretary

The Milton Keynes South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended March 31, 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1066206

HMRC Tax Reference: XN42332

	Unrestricted	
	Funds	Total Funds
	2017	2016
	£	£
Receipts		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	14,798	16,985
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	3,079	577
KH Op Comm Contributions from Central & Fenny Stratford	6,750	6,900
Pioneer School Contribution	-	
Investment income		
Interest	-	
Other receipts		
New Congregation Startup Fenny Stratford	-	940
State Registrar Income	6	4
Coach	1,230	1,248
	<u>25,863</u>	<u>26,654</u>
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower	-	
Total Receipts	<u><u>25,863</u></u>	<u><u>26,654</u></u>
Payments		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	13,200	5,200
Donations to Watch Tower for Kingdom Hall Fund	1,800	1,800
Donations to Watch Tower for Branch Construction	900	
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA	-	
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA	-	
Donations to Watch Tower for GAA	-	325
Donations to Circuit Flat	-	500
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	12,191	8,817
Hire of coach for convention	1,445	481
Milton Keynes Central Startup	-	5,677
Circuit overseer expenses	800	300
Sundries (Memorial, Market Stall, Leaflet Printing, Posters, Visiting Speakers, Pioneer School)	1,280	1,103
	<u>31,616</u>	<u>24,202</u>
Total Payments	<u><u>31,616</u></u>	<u><u>24,202</u></u>
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	- 5,753	2,452
Total cash assets brought forward	<u>11,463</u>	<u>9,011</u>
Total cash assets carried forward	<u><u>5,709</u></u>	<u><u>11,463</u></u>

Signed

Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the Milton Keynes South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT (FOR A NON-COMPANY CHARITY)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Milton Keynes South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Milton Keynes South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses Trust for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust 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.

Name: Colin Bluck

Address: 24 Withycombe, Furzton, Milton Keynes, MK4 1ET

Date: 06/12/2017.