



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 20:00

Held online via Zoom

**Present:** 11 members were present and were able to vote.

**Apologies had been received from:** P Devos

1 Proxy voting form had been received

**1 Welcome by the President**

The President, F Coester, welcomed those present and then the Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

**2 Minutes of the AGM 2022**

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

**2a Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**3 Committee**

The committee remains unchanged, as follows:

President	Frances Coester
Secretary	Rosemary Ulyett
Treasurer	Constantin Thieffry
Chaplain	Reverend Canon Debbie Flach
	Peter Hawkins
	Suzanne Bray
	David Bolton
	Maggie Devos

**3 Report on the previous year: grants awarded**

The President described those organisations which had received grants in 2022 (based on income for 2021). These included small and large, national, international and local organisations.

Name of organisation	2019	2020	2021	2022
Discretionary Fund	1000 €	1000 €	1000 €	750 €
ICS	750 €	750 €	500 €	500 €
Beth Abi	750 €	750 €	750 €	750 €
Cap Santé	500 €	- €	- €	- €
ABEJ	500 €	500 €	500 €	500 €
Les Petits Frères des Pauvres	500 €	500 €	250 €	250 €
Médecins Sans Frontières	- €	- €	- €	250 €
USPG	500 €	500 €	- €	- €
Maria Skobtsova House (refugees in Calais)	500 €	500 €	- €	- €
British Charitable Fund	500 €	500 €	- €	- €
Bishop's Lent appeal (refugees in Greece)	500 €	500 €	- €	- €
Save the Children (children in Yemen)	500 €	- €	- €	- €
Armée du Salut	- €	500 €	- €	- €
Native American Lifelines	- €	500 €	- €	- €
Water Aid	200 €	- €	- €	- €
DEC (cyclone Idai appeal)	200 €	- €	- €	- €
Diocesan Hardship Fund	- €	150 €	- €	- €
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 900 €</b>	<b>6 650 €</b>	<b>3 000 €</b>	<b>3 000 €</b>

In response to a question, M Devos explained that we are currently highlighting the organisations we support both via posters at the back of the church and in the newsletter every week. We will also prepare a slide for the notices.

#### 4 Financial report

C Thieffry presented the accounts.

He reminded everyone that Christ Church Lille and La Solidarité Anglicane de Lille were one and the same; however, French law requires us to present separate accounts.

During 2022, activities resumed but new rules for the Lille Braderie mean that we are not allowed to sell food and drink, so the income (from bric-à-brac sales) was much lower than in previous pre-covid years. Ideas for new fund-raising events would be welcome. A small repayment is due to the Pentecostal church.

Income	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Braderie	3 636,98 €	4 956,67 €	3 741,40 €	- €	- €	1 615,63 €
Christmas market	1 104,80 €	1 146,83 €	1 154,00 €	746,00 €	1 011,00 €	1 159,83 €
Virtual Tea Room	- €	- €	- €	121,81 €	- €	- €
Pentecostal Church	2 600,00 €	2 587,50 €	2 476,87 €	1 428,13 €	2 550,00 €	2 337,50 €
Other fund-raising	200,00 €	100,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Other donations received	315,00 €	50,00 €	164,00 €	120,07 €	166,85 €	- €
Donations "in-transit"	- €	- €	- €	43,37 €	- €	- €
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7 856,78 €</b>	<b>8 841,00 €</b>	<b>7 536,27 €</b>	<b>2 459,38 €</b>	<b>3 727,85 €</b>	<b>5 112,96 €</b>
Expenditure	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Donations	4 950,00 €	6 100,00 €	6 900,00 €	6 650,00 €	3 000,00 €	3 000,53 €
Other Donations Granted	- €	- €	- €	- €	144,65 €	- €
ChristChurch	- €	- €	- €	2 000,00 €	- €	- €
Insurance	- €	275,27 €	96,75 €	215,87 €	223,53 €	231,51 €
Costs linked to events	384,54 €	330,87 €	- €	63,09 €	- €	- €
Bank charges	32,96 €	40,00 €	66,03 €	79,08 €	84,05 €	95,74 €
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5 367,50 €</b>	<b>6 746,14 €</b>	<b>7 062,78 €</b>	<b>9 008,04 €</b>	<b>3 452,23 €</b>	<b>3 327,78 €</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>2 489,28 €</b>	<b>2 094,86 €</b>	<b>473,49 €</b>	<b>- 6 548,66 €</b>	<b>275,62 €</b>	<b>1 785,18 €</b>
<i>Pentecostal Church overdue/overpaid</i>		- 20,00 €	285,63 €	- 528,13 €	- 100,00 €	162,50 €
Balance in hand	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bank account on January 1st	4 676,74 €	7 166,02 €	9 260,88 €	9 734,37 €	3 185,71 €	3 461,33 €
Bank account on December 31st	7 166,02 €	9 260,88 €	9 734,37 €	3 185,71 €	3 461,33 €	5 246,51 €
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The President added that next year we would, as in the past, request suggestions from the congregation for organisations to support. The suggestions have to be approved by the Grants committee, taking into account the money available and the nature of the organisation.

The accounts were approved unanimously, with thanks to the Treasurer for his work.

#### 5 Closing remarks

F Coester proposed that Ann Beckwith join the committee, and this was agreed without dissent.

The Chaplain thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and said that we aspire to being able to fulfil the full 10% tithe that we have promised, but that this needs additional fund-raising activities. We are pleased to support those charities that we are able to help, and we also support them in prayer.

*"Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ."*

R Ulyett, Secretary, 22 March 2023