

**The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for
THE CHURCH ASSOCIATION FOR SUDAN AND SOUTH SUDAN**
formerly Sudan Church Association
Registered Charity No1180881
held on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 12.00
at St Andrew's, Waterloo (with a zoom link option)

Present: There were 26 members present (16 on ZOOM and 12 in person).

The Rev'd Ian Wallace opened the meeting with prayer.

1. Welcome and apologies – The Rev'd Ian Wallace welcomed the people attending in person and those on 'ZOOM'. He noted that it was good to be able to meet in person again. He went on to inform the meeting of the sad news of the death of Jane Shaw. She was found dead at home. She will be greatly missed.

Apologies were received from Jill Hackford, Meg Michell, Sue Parks, Claire Chaucy Mary Brookes, Peter Everington, Julie Rudebeck, Charles Raven and Julia Lettley.

2. Minutes of 2021 AGM (available on website) – These were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising: There were none

4. Chairman's report: The Rev'd Ian Wallace said that 2021 had been an interesting year. We had hoped to put COVID behind us but in fact it still dominated. CASSS had to put plans for international travel on hold. But he is pleased to inform the meeting that John Poole, Wendy Fry and John Inglis-Jones were able to travel in May this year. The Trustees continued to meet via Zoom to keep things going. Ian was pleased that the Standing Committee met through the year and this allowed ongoing discussion on key issues. This was again via 'Zoom' meetings. CASSS has again been able to support the Provincial Offices. A big grant was given to ECSS for the refurbishment of the guest house and facilities. It is hoped that this will be a significant fund raiser. The ECSS sent a full report and update on the development but it now needs more investment. John Poole has given support to ECS. There have been the ongoing scholarships. Contact with the ECS and ECSS has been constrained because of the pandemic.

5. Financial report for year ending 31 December 2021 (was available on website). Mr John Poole noted that he had written a financial report in the review. He had notified the meeting last year of the £200,000 legacy which symbolises how the interest of people linked with Sudan and South Sudan never goes away. The Trustees are looking at the best way to use the money to help the ECS and ECSS be more self-sufficient financially. This year CASSS has spent £15,000 more in grants than it received in income. He noted that the sale of mint stamps was down. He asked that the meeting receive the accounts. This was proposed by Wendy Fry and seconded by John Inglis-Jones and was passed unanimously. The Rev'd Ian Wallace thanked Mr John Poole for his hard work and expressed our gratitude for all that he does.

6. Appointment of Independent Examiner: Stephen Cutler has served CASSS (SCA) for a number of years and he now says that it is time to retire. The Trustees will look into finding a new independent examiner and in the meantime if anyone knows someone then please let John Poole know.

7. Election of Board Members: The following trustees are up for re-election, Canon Ian Woodward, Mr John Poole and Michael Paget Wilkes and all have agreed to be put forward. The chairman said that they were all valued trustees and he suggested that the members vote for them on block. They were proposed by Andrew Persson and seconded by Barbara Cottier and it was agreed unanimously.

8. Date of 2023 Annual General Meeting – Barbara Cottier asked that the CASSS AGM could be on a Saturday as this is easier and cheaper for travel. The members were asked what they would prefer and there was a 50/50split. It was decided to see if Saturday 17 June is available.

9. Any other business – There was none.