



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st of Jan 2021 Period start date. **To:** 31st of Dec 2021 Period end date.

Charity name: Rushden Full Gospel Church

Charity registration number: 1054425

Charity's principle address:

Full Gospel Church
60, High Street South
Rushden
NN10 0QX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity.

Rev Joseph Sherwin (Minister of Religion)	Senior Leader
Deborah Bull	Leadership Team
David Rutt	Leadership Team
Cristiana Chika Obiechefu	Leadership Team

This report has been prepared by the trustees to set out the achievements of the Full Gospel Church in 2021 through the activities of its members.

The activities took place towards the fulfilment of its agreed objectives outlined within the model trust deed, church constitution, the purpose statement of the church and our united faith as set out within our conditions for church membership and the underpinning statement of faith document for Assemblies of God GB Incorporated.

Trustee Selection Methods:

Appointed by the Trustees/Leadership Team

How is the Charity Constituted?

Trust

Governing Document:

Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God

Objectives and Activities

Rushden Full Gospel Church (RFGC) is an Assemblies of God, Pentecostal church based in Rushden, Northamptonshire. The church has been active since the mid 1930's is well known within the town.

We are a Christian church committed to working with others, operating a community use building and being a key player in our local community – reaching out with God's love to all.

We strive to be a church living life to the full, restoring our hurts, becoming all we can be, with Christ at the centre.

THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:

A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;

B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;

C) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

For the main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for public benefit, the trustees have regards to Charities Commission Guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

In 2021, we continued to face the challenges presented to the world by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite these, 2021 was a good year as we continued to support our community throughout further lockdown and beyond. Some of our achievements include,

- A) RFGC is a church of 50+ people with diverse age, gender, income, culture and ethnicity.
- B) We provide regular opportunity for the public to worship, pray, receive biblical teaching, take communion, and have fellowship time within our Christian community.
- C) We have continued to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, utilising online services and tools to maintain operations during times of lockdown.
- D) We have seen new members join the Church in 2021.
- E) We continue to provide deeper pastoral care to those who require it and have seen multiple people make positive changes in their lives in 2021.
- F) We have undertaken a major refurbishment of our Main Hall facility, along with our Children's areas.
- G) We have established greater volunteer teams with more church members continually getting involved during Sunday Services and during refurbishment projects around the building.

- H) We raised over £700 towards the construction of the Open Hands Compassion Centre in Leicester, a new facility reaching out to the poorest.
- I) We continue to provide financial support to our missionaries including Mark and Marie Lees, Sophie Lees, and Jiwon Jung in their overseas work. Missionary spending accounted for 12.9% of total expenditure in 2021.

From the outset of the year, we've followed the same outlook that had worked well for us throughout 2020; focusing primarily on our response to the present needs of our church community over and above long term goals during the pandemic.

In this mindset, we made the decision to close the church physically during the 3rd major lockdown in January. Whilst unlike previous lockdowns we were given the choice to remain open as a place of worship, we felt to do this went against the spirit of the lockdown in keeping both members and the wider community safe. We subsequently returned to online services using livestreaming, and without missing a Sunday.

In the first half of the year, we said goodbye to East Northants Community Services, who were renting space in our building for their night-shelter for the homeless, food bank and social outreach projects. All of these operations are ongoing in Rushden at their new facilities. This enables us to re-purpose the space as required for our longer term goals of growing our church community and outreaches, but it also comes with the loss of the rental income. This accounts for £8875 of the £13996 loss we made in 2021. However, we have known of ENCS' plans to move to new facilities for some time, so this loss of income was expected.

Further expenditure came with increased investment into our building. This included a refurbishment of our Main Hall, Children's Room, and an investment into new technical equipment. All of these are first major steps into an essential renovation of our building and facilities, enabling us to continue operating to a high standard. Whilst this did also increase our financial losses, we see this as an important investment into the future of our church's growth and long term stability.

In 2021, we continued to see our congregation grown in size. This has brought an increase in volunteering, both in the size of our teams and the quality of service. We've also seen an increase in financial giving, going from £24,729 in 2020 to £28,251 in 2021. We expect this trend to continue as our church continues it's upwards growth trend.

Overall, we believe that our outlook is bright going into 2022 and beyond. We're glad to see that our church community and reach is growing. As we move further away from the pandemic, we will continue shifting our focus back to our steady long-term growth and outreach goals.

Financial Review

The Financial Statement below is drawn from the accounts & bank statements for the end of the year.

Rushden Full Gospel Church – Statement of Financial Activity & Summary

Barclays Bank Current (Daily transactions) Account No. 10290238 – All figures in Pounds Sterling
Figures for 1st January – 31st December 2021

INCOME	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2020	EXPENDITURE	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Voluntary Income:				Governance			
Offerings	27000	28251	27000	Utilities	8000	5990	8000
Other grants/donations	4000	0	4000	Building/Repairs	8000	4010	8000
Use of facilities	12000	1700	2500	Insurance	2400	3269	2400
				AoG affiliation	1800	770	1800
Sub Total		29951		Audit/Legal/Membership	250	0	250
				Administration	2000	1459	2000
				Training/Development	2000	0	2000
				Sub Total		15498	
Income from Charitable activities				Minister's Costs			
				Salaries/NI/Travel/Pension	23000	23350	23000
NAN – Missions	2500	2325	2500	AoG Conferences	250	0	250
				Green Pastures Loan			
				Stock	20000	20000	20000
Sub Total	2500	2325	2500	Sub Total	43250	43350	43250
				Ministry Costs			
				Missions/Mission trips	1000	3845	1000
				Local Outreach/Visitors	6000	0	6000
				Northern Areas Network	2500	2105	2500
				Other Ministries	1000	1475	1000
				Youth Work	600	0	600
				Sub Total		7425	
Church Sub Total		32276		Church Sub Total		66274	
Profit/Loss for Period						-32998	
Operational Profit/Loss for Period						-13996	
Account Balance as of 31st December 2021						10287	
Reserve (Green Pastures CBS Ltd)						20000	
				Total Assets		30287	

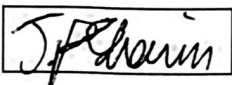
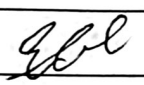
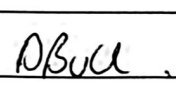
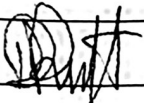

The church fully owns the 60 High Street South property: Insurance cover of £1.5M (re-sale value £0.5M)

Figures prepared for Trustees by Rev. Joseph Sherwin – Senior Leader for Full Gospel Church
Please find the Independent Examiner's Report attached at the end of this document as Appendix 1.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)				
Full name(s)	Joseph Sherwin	Chika Obeichefu	Debbie Bull	Dave Rutt
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair/ Senior Leader	Trustee/ Leadership Team	Trustee/ Leadership Team	Trustee/ Leadership Team
Date				



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Full Gospel Church

On accounts for the year
ended

Dec 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1054426

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

3-11-2022

Name:

CHRIS HARLEY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.