

**GODS KINGDOM SOCIETY  
(GKS) Church  
(The Church of The Living God)**

**Charity Registration Number 1056941**

**Trustees Annual Report Including  
Financial Statement**

**For the Year Ended  
31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**"Towards Gods Perfect Government"**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

The God's Kingdom Society is a purely Christian Organisation founded by the Almighty God through the instrumentality of St. Gideon Meriodere Urhobo, of the blessed memory.

Gods Kingdom Society (GKS) Church is a UK charity registered with the Charity Commission of England & Wales. The organisation is managed by the administrative committee and a board of trustees. Trustees are selected on the basis of the contribution that they will make to the governance of the organisation and the skills they can contribute. Trustees are provided with copies of the charity commission's guidance to trustees as well as other relevant information.

**Trustees**

Mr I. Ogbighele

Mr G. Obafemi

Mr C. Duru

**Financial Secretary**

Mr N. Ojeh

**Independent Examiner**

Mrs S.O George-Obuenwe

**Charity Registration Number**

1056941

**Bankers**

Barclays Bank Plc

## **GODS KINGDOM SOCIETY (GKS) CHURCH**

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### **Report of Trustees**

#### Aim and Purposes

- To declare God's Kingdom of righteousness and peace on earth and to express this doctrine in every conceivable way and form, within the bounds of law, order and human decency and to do so at any time or place, to the best of our knowledge and understanding of Bible interpretations and symbolism.
- To vindicate, admonish, preach and impart to mankind irrespective of colour, creed or race the wholesome idea of service, fear, adoration and reverence to God Almighty, the Maker of man, the Author of Life, and the Great Ruler and Architect of the Universe.
- To excite the interest of Africans and all people of the earth to study the Holy Bible, the Christian ethics and theology and to promote all means and measures conducive to the propagation of this knowledge for the eventual peace and realisation of harmony and tranquillity among all people of the human race in accordance with scriptural ideology.

#### Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the charity is to propagate the saving gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world and to educate young people in accordance with Christian principles.

The trustees have given regard to the charities commission guidance on public benefit and in particular, the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. The GKS is committed to enabling as many people as possible to join us for worship at our church and to become members and part of our Christian community. In doing so she provides a benefit to the public by:

- Providing a facility for public worship, pastoral care, spiritual, moral and intellectual development for members and anyone who wishes to benefit from what the church offers
- Promoting Christian values and service by members of the church, to one another as well as in and to their communities for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

To enable members and well-wishers to put their faith into practice, the charity is involved in numerous day-to-day church activities and other activities, which are advertised and made available freely to members of the public and the community. Activities include but not limited to:

- Sunday Church Services
- Sunday school
- Weddings
- Bible Study
- Youth Work
- Various Workshops and Seminars
- Pastoral care for people in the community
- Providing outreach work.



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### Achievements and Performance

Reaching out to all members of society, both at home and overseas, irrespective of cultural, social and ethnic backgrounds, remains a strong focus of the Church and all are welcome to attend our regular services. However, for many reasons, 2020 turned out to be a very challenging year. No one could have foreseen the extraordinary impact that Covid-19 would have upon households, families, our communities and the nation.

In March 2020, The World Health Organisation (WHO) declared Coronavirus or Covid-19 a pandemic. This turned out to be the biggest public health crisis for a generation, resulting in the first imposed national lockdown. Members of the public were instructed to stay at home to minimise person to person contact and the spread of the virus. Schools and non-essential shops were closed, public transport was to be avoided and churches were closed for public worship.

In the face of this extraordinary disruption and upheaval, the administrative committee, led by the chairman together with the trustees were able to successfully adapt and make the necessary changes to take worship online. Groups of members and families took hold of technology and helped navigate the changes enabling online services and worship to be offered on zoom, smoothly and free from technical distractions.

Various other church meeting and events also had to migrate online and as members became adept at using zoom to join meetings and online services. One unexpected benefit of all this was that for many of our members and well-wishers, particular those with mobility issues or that lived in different regions of the country and some distance from the church premises, this opened up a new world of participation in worship and events that had been previously difficult for them.

### Youth Activities

Youth Activities were successfully moved online to zoom. Opportunities were created for youth and children's bible study online sessions. Sessions were also created to train new bible readers and for them to practice. There was also opportunities to get creative with games and quizzes that were compatible with zoom. A major casualty of the pandemic however, was the very popular 4 day youth assembly, which was scheduled to be held in Manchester. This had to be cancelled as a result of the restrictions of the pandemic.

### Mental Health Seminar

To help cope with the mental health issues caused by shielding and long periods of isolation and lockdown, the church health care team, in conjunction with State of Mind, a renowned mental health charity, organised a free virtual seminar and workshop. The key objectives of the seminar and workshop was to help participants to

- Share information to improve mental fitness and wellbeing.
- Encourage looking out for and responding to members, work colleagues or general acquaintances who might be experiencing problems.
- Identify and describe the symptoms of anxiety and depressed moods.
- Discuss the issue of suicide prevention.
- Identify and list the signs of potential alcohol and drug misuse.

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The seminar was highly successful and a very comprehensive session raising awareness of mental health issues and providing strategies to help cope with this was delivered.

### Charitable Giving & Donations

In the most challenging of circumstances faced by the church, with restrictions in place and being deprived of our normal ways of gathering and operating, the church managed to maintain involvement in social and community actions. The Noble Sisters and various other charity groups within the church, provided financial support, food packages and various goodie bags which were provided and offered to local organisations for onward distribution. Some of the local organisations we worked with and supported were

- Wimbledon Food Bank
- YMCA Wimbledon Hostel
- Local Covid-19 support funds

Members of the welfare committee, sisters committee and other volunteers also prepared and delivered food packages and parcels to the vulnerable and those isolating and shielding. They also arranged for their shopping and the delivery of prescriptions and medicines.

The church also continued to provide financial support and donations, in cash and goods nationally and internationally, as helping those in need is a practical demonstration of our faith. This financial support and donations provided were of immense benefit to both individual recipients as well as receiving organizations.



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### Financial Review

#### **Income:-**

Total receipts of unrestricted funds for the year were £114,207 (£154,620 ; 2019).

The principal funding source for the church continues to be individuals who make contributions in the form of tithes, free will offerings and various donations as detailed in the financial statement. The administrative committee and the trustees are very grateful to Jehovah, The Almighty God and all those who have donated in one way or the other in what has been an extremely challenging year.

#### **Resources Expended:-**

Total expended for the year was £66,753 (£145,529 ; 2019). Of this, £51,509 was spent on charitable activities and £15,157 on general overhead expenses.

Charitable activities included £33,000 spent in support for ministry, to facilitate the launch of the online and broadcast ministry, youtube, facebook and various other channel offering daily devotional morning and evening prayer meetings and a host of other online offerings. £6,321 was spent on members welfare. This includes funds provided to support the elderly, bereaved, sick and financial assistance to members that found themselves in difficulty. £3,645 was spent on charitable donations.

#### **Balance Sheet:-**

The balance sheet has increased during the year by £92,784. Key movement in the year were due to a revaluation of the church premises, and an increase in cash and debtors.

A professional valuation was obtained for the church premises. The valuation instructions was issued on the 13th November 2020 to Commercial Surveyors Direct and they undertook their inspection of the property on the 25th November 2020. Their valuation was confirmed in writing, in their report received 11th December 2020, which confirmed a valuation for the property of £560,000 an increase of £37,508 from (2019 value).

Other movement on the balance sheet include an increase in cash of £38,363 from (2019), an increase in debtors of £5,847 from (2019) and a decrease in creditors falling due within one year of £2,094 from (2019).

The net result for the year was a net surplus of £47,454 for the year and an overall increase to the value of the balance sheet by £92,784.

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### Risk Management

As with many other organisations, the church faces a number of risks, some of which include to its reputation, its finances and operations. The principal risk identified by the trustees which the church is exposed to, continues to be dependence on voluntary income.

Although Covid-19 had a significant impact on the church's income, the various processes the trustees have implemented to manage the finances have proven effective as borne out by the fact that although Covid-19 had a significant impact on the church's income, the constant monitoring of the budgets and cash balances ensured there was always sufficient cash reserves even during these adverse conditions to continue operations.

The trustees are satisfied that robust systems are in place to manage the major risks. Trustees will continue to monitor the yearly budgets and to adjust them as necessary in light of prevailing situation and conditions. Appropriate insurance cover is also in place and procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of members and visitors.

### Future Developments

Due to the pandemic, a programme of planned maintenance works and repairs scheduled to be carried out to the roof and accommodation quarters for visiting ministers was postponed. The project to extend the existing service hall has also been postponed.

As the pandemic and other difficulties continue, the trustees have decided to provisionally restrict major building activities and projects to help preserve cash reserves and in order to enable the church to focus on continuing to provide quick and consistent charitable support as needed. There will also be a focus on upgrading audio visual equipment in order to provide improved broadcast and streaming capability that will be able to serve the church in the coming years.

The trustees and the church will continue to explore different ways and options of furthering our charitable objectives in and out of the community effectively and to engage in creating positive change in the moral and spiritual climate which reflects our Christian ethos and beliefs.



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**Trustees Responsibility Statement**

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the church. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare financial statements on an ongoing basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the finances of the church at any time and to ensure that such accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities.

**Approval**

I approve the financial statements and accounts and confirm that I have made available all records and relevant information for the preparation of these accounts. In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the activities of the church

Approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr G. Obafemi - Chairman



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**Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**  
**to the Trustees Gods Kingdom Society (GKS) Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

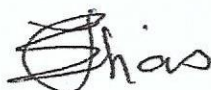
This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 under section 145 and regulations made under section 145(5)b of that Act. The work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's members those matters I am required to state to them as an independent examiner of the report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for the examination work.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that there are no material matters which have come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that
  - accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act or
  - the accounts do not accord with the accounting requirements
2. I have no concerns on 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.

Signed:



Date: 28/10/2021

Mrs Shefiat O George-Obuenwe (FCCA, MSc. Professional Accounting)

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**Receipts and Payments Account**

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b><u>Total 2020 £</u></b>	<b><u>Total 2019 £</u></b>
<b>Income:</b>					
Tithes & Offerings	3a	81,618	-	81,618	76,628
Donations & Appeals	3b	17,648	-	17,648	46,283
Other Voluntary Receipts	3c	5,391	-	5,391	22,083
Other Income	3e	9,550	-	9,550	9,626
		114,207	-	114,207	154,620
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>114,207</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,207</b>	<b>154,620</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
Charitable Activities	4a	51,509	-	51,509	114,512
Mortgage		-	-	-	15,234
General Overhead Expenses	4b	15,157	-	15,157	14,851
Miscellaneous		87	-	87	932
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>66,753</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,753</b>	<b>145,529</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Loss)</b>		<b>47,454</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,454</b>	<b>9,091</b>



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	Note	2020 £	£	2019 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Freehold Building		560,000		522,492	
Additions		-		-	
		560,000		522,492	
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	5	15,266		9,419	
Cash at bank		125,625		78,290	
		<u>140,891</u>		<u>87,709</u>	
<b>Creditors:</b>					
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		(896)		(2,990)	
<b>Creditors:</b>					
<b>Amounts falling due after one year</b>		-		-	
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		139,995		84,719	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><u>699,995</u></u>		<u><u>607,211</u></u>	
<b>Represented by</b>					
Unrestricted Fund		56,545		9,091	
Restricted Fund		-		-	
Reserve		643,450		598,120	
		<u><u>699,995</u></u>		<u><u>607,211</u></u>	

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1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the Receipts and Payment basis.
2. Fixed assets retained for church use is the building at 1B Park Avenue at cost
3. Unrestricted funds of total of £56,545 is made up of surplus from past and current year.

**Receipts:****3a. Tithes & Offerings**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
<i>Kingdom Fund</i>	60,530	45,975
<i>General Offerings</i>	15,557	16,746
<i>Special Thanks Offerings</i>	5,532	13,907
	<u>81,618</u>	<u>76,628</u>

**3b. Donations & Appeals**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
<i>Launchings</i>	8,381	23,990
<i>Feast Vote</i>	6,072	3,185
<i>Visits//Appeals//Donations</i>	3,195	19,108
	<u>17,648</u>	<u>46,283</u>

**3c. Other Voluntary Receipts**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
<i>Ministry's Contribution</i>	2,233	12,127
<i>Local Fund</i>	1,068	3,921
<i>Church Hall Fund</i>	690	1,245
<i>Vows - (Lord's Ministry)</i>	400	290
<i>Vows - (Branch &amp; Local Community)</i>	1,000	4,500
	<u>5,391</u>	<u>22,083</u>

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**3e. Other Misc Income**

	<u><b>Total</b></u>	<u><b>Total</b></u>
	<u><b>2020</b></u>	<u><b>2019</b></u>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<i>Charities Trust</i>	120	120
<i>Misc</i>	11	87
<i>Gift Aid Reclaimed</i>	<u>9,419</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u><u>9,550</u></u>	<u><u>207</u></u>



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**Expenditure:****4a. Charitable Activities**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
<b>4a. (1) Evangelism</b>		
Gospel Advancement	2,000	8,202
Feast of Tabernacles	2,400	2,769
Freedom Day	0	3,026
Youth Activity & Youth Assembly	170	3,430
<b>4a. (2) Support for Ministry</b>		
Salem City Warri	33,000	9,020
Lord's Ministry Expenses	2,973	44,168
Other Ministry Expenses	0	180
Visiting Ministers Expenses	0	1,350
<b>4a. (3) Members Welfare</b>		
Welfare Expenses	6,321	4,856
Financial Assistance to Members	1,000	2,000
<b>4a. (4) Charitable Donations</b>		
Donations	3,645	35,510
	<u>51,509</u>	<u>114,511</u>

**4b. General Overhead Expenses**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
Building Insurance	1,379	1,350
Utilities	11,327	9,343
Repairs & Maintenance	2,450	4,158
	<u>15,157</u>	<u>14,851</u>

**5. Debtors**

	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2020</u></b> £	<b><u>Total</u></b> <b><u>2019</u></b> £
Gift Aid Reclaimed	15,266	9,419
	<u>15,266</u>	<u>9,419</u>