

Mount Zion Apostolic Church

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year
Ended
31 December 2020**

MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1068106

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Trustees

The Trustees (all being members of the Church), who served from 1 January 2020 until the date this Report was approved are as follows:

Minister: Rev. Trevor Anderson
Elected: Robert Darby
Lorna Frederick
Andrea Williams
Charlyn Johnson (as from 24 September 2020)
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The overall objective of the Mount Zion Apostolic Church is set out in its constitution, which states that it operates for "The advancement of religion, specifically to expound the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the Apostles' Doctrine" alongside all supporting charitable activities that are for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and wider areas, as the Church shall, from time to time, determine.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE & DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

The charity is controlled by its governing document that constitutes an unincorporated charity. Appropriate staff are employed to meet the church's needs. Members' meetings are scheduled to be held four times each year. All members are encouraged to participate in these meetings when the spiritual and practical objectives of the charity are discussed and agreed.

ACTIVITIES & OUTREACH

Children and Young People (CYP)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic throughout 2020, there were no in person meetings with the Children and Young People's group (CYP) all their activities took place via Zoom. An exciting time was had during the Youth Conference which was held in July 2020 where family and friends within the community gathered on Zoom to support them as they shared during the service. The Youth Ministry used the church website to launch a competition based on the story of Joseph and his colourful coat in the book of Genesis, and the children were challenged to design a special coat of their own. The Youth Ministry worked closely with parents during this time to provide suitable biblical material and uplifting music, and videos online to share with their children – all helping to engage the children and young people in the community of the church.

Education

The Education Department sessions moved online and provided the opportunity to invite guest speakers from the UK and abroad. Moving online opened unexpected opportunities for people to join the services and sessions for those who are house bound and those living in and outside the community. Developing our provision for online sessions and services has provided the opportunity to broaden our sense of community and connection as it has made it easier for people to join us online and has addressed restrictions in terms of locality and time, i.e., people have been able to join our meetings from all over the world and time zones.

Women's Group

During the Coronavirus in 2020, there were no in person meeting with the Women's Group. However, the women continued to provide support via Zoom and WhatsApp to maintain community and connection which was helpful to those who live alone. This also allowed the group to fellowship and share thoughts that encouraged, strengthen and support for women throughout the pandemic.

Men's Group

The Men's Group continued to thrive and serve the needs of men during the year. However, as with other groups, 2020/21 was unlike any other on account of the Covid-19 pandemic. Given that it was unable to have its usual gatherings it presented a complete departure from the norm. Those activities that could be held took on an even more interpersonal nature than usual to serve and connect with men within the community.

The Group continued to meet on Zoom, to support each other, and others in the community. It also continues to develop relationships that encourage personal growth and development, and each have unique abilities and talents that can be utilised to support these endeavours.

Food Bank

In the last year, and especially due to COVID-19, the national growing demand on the food banks continued. We are thankful that Mount Zion has been able to extend helping hands to the community, especially in these unprecedented times.

Volunteers remain committed in helping with the storage, and distribution of food parcels at the Food bank. The Food Bank, with a clothes bank alongside it, continue to serve people from a diversity of ethnic and social backgrounds within the community. The Food Bank still receives donations from local supermarkets, and members of the church, schools, and community, for which we are extremely grateful. We look forward to continuing to serve the community.

The support for the operation of the Food Bank has continued unabated now for some years and will remain a key item within the Church's finances. In that connection, the Trustees have decided to treat both as Restricted Funds within the Church accounts (pages 5 & 6) where the full income and expenditure is shown.

Coffee Morning

Due to the pandemic, our Coffee Mornings, which usually run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, have been suspended. The Coffee Mornings are normally open to all age ranges and to the wider community. They encourage senior citizens, the unemployed, lonely, and vulnerable of all ages within the general community to come together and socialise. They run alongside the Food Bank. All of this enables us to sign post community members to relevant agencies for a variety of different services. As part of engaging with the community, we also offer support, and companionship to those who may feel isolated; this includes playing board games and through conversation. There are also options for anyone who may want to talk to someone in confidence. We have, however, introduced a support group for senior citizens aged 70 and above, which meets regularly via zoom.

Community Christmas Meal

Each year since 2015, the church hosts its annual Community Christmas meal, specifically for those who are vulnerable or perhaps alone during this period. This year, it was with regret that we were not able to offer this, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, for part of this period, volunteers came forward and made it possible for the Church to deliver hot meals to many people within the community. All this was done in a safe and responsible manner.

Black History

The Black History Exhibition Competition is held annually (and has done so since 2012) with the aim of raising aspirations and increasing knowledge about Black History. The competition is open to 7- to 11-year-olds and now includes local schools. Entrants have responded with a high level of enthusiasm and the schools have commented on the sense of pride that the winner and runners up have felt.

The prize is sponsored by the University of Nottingham and includes a university certificate for the winners and runners up and a celebration for the winner. Due to Covid.19, the 2020 celebration/presentation took place via a video call. This also meant that more students were able to participate.

The Black History Exhibition Competition was born out of the annual Black History month. The event includes workshops and guest speakers to educate and inspire. It also includes important community health information and discussion on topical community issues.

Due to Covid-19, the event was held remotely on Zoom for the first time in 2020 and speakers included the internationally recognised historian, writer and presenter, Dr. Onyeka Nubia and the father of "Britain's Brainiest Children," Professor Chris Imafidon. The Windrush generation were also celebrated via the Voice of Vision play, "Echoes of the Front Room" and the celebration of uniformed personnel via, "Why Are West Indians."

TRUSTEES' SUMMARY OF KEY FACTORS

Membership Involvement

The Church is heavily dependent on its membership in all aspects of its activities. Apart from their involvement in the running of all the Group activities, their financial support underpins a substantial part of the Church's objectives. The financial results for the year, together with a summary of the accounting policies adopted are set out in the accompanying financial statement.

Building Works

The building continues to be maintained and developed as required for the needs of the charity and its community. Volunteers assist with general maintenance within the church building. Substantial work was carried out on the roof and in and around the building during the year. The Income and Expenditure for all such work was met by a Grant from English Heritage.

Fundraising

The church continues to raise the funds to assist specifically with activities from within its own membership and congregation.

Risk Review

The Trustees maintain an examination of the major risks which the charity might have to face and confirm that relevant policies are in place to mitigate whatever consequences arise.

Statement on Public Benefit

The objectives/activities and the achievement/performance sections of the report clearly set out the activities which the charity undertakes for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with its duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.

Financial Review


Total Incoming Resources for the year to 31 December 2020 were £110,137 (2019: £90,009)

Total Resources Expended for the year were £107,640 (2019: £81,112)

Unrestricted Funds at 31 December 2020 were £200,509 (2019: £204,920)

Restricted Funds at 31 December 2020 were £7,168 (2019: £1,584)


..... (Minister)


..... (Church Secretary)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MOUNT ZION APOSTOLIC CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

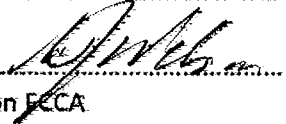
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material sense, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

The only matter worthy of comment concerns the lay-out of the Income & Expenditure for the purpose of the Annual Report. The opportunity has been taken to read and digest the Charity Commission guidance notes as appearing on the web-site. This has led to a better understanding of what the Commission wishes to learn about the charity from the charity itself. The format of this report has therefore been amended to follow the guidelines and certain sections previously reported have now been omitted. At the same time, the opportunity has been taken to put all the Income & Expenditure figures on to an "activity based" basis along with an estimated value of small value assets currently held.

No further comment is necessary as regards the Serious Incident Report referred to in 2014 and 2015 and no further comments will now need to be made as regards this incident.

Signed.....
Alan J Wilson FCCA

Date: 23/10/21

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

These accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts & Payments" Basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary Receipts & Sundry Gifts		56,324		56,324	74,755
Gift Aid		9,957		9,957	12,116
Grants & Funds for Church Repairs	5.1		41,279	41,279	-
Donations for Other causes	1		1,000	1,000	2,971
Bank Interest		253		253	167
Total Receipts		66,534	42,279	108,813	90,009
PAYMENTS					
Employment costs	2	37,102		37,102	38,999
Administration	3	9,077		9,077	16,713
Running Costs	4	15,966		15,966	24,862
Property	5.2	8,800	36,695	45,495	538
Total Payments		70,485	36,695	107,640	80,112
Surplus/Deficit for the year		(4,411)	5,584	1,173	8,897
Balances brought forward		204,920	1,584	206,504	196,023
BALANCES OF GENERAL FUNDS C/FWD		200,509	7,168	207,677	204,920
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Food Bank					
Raised by Dance Group in earlier years			684		684
Reserve for future Food Bank support			900		900
Gift received during 2020			1,000		-
Church Repairs					
Reserve plus unspent balance of Grant			4,584		-
BALANCE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS C/FWD			7,168		1,584

Approved by the Trustees of Mount Zion Apostolic Church on 18/10/2021 and signed on their behalf by



(Treasurer)

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
ASSETS			
Petty Cash balance		26	234
Bank Current Account		198,943	32,873
Bank Deposit Account		-	166,997
(Deposit A/c trf'd to Current A/c)			
Balance unspent from Grant rec'd		4,031	-
		<hr/> 203,000	<hr/> 200,104
The Church owns the premises and contents with an estimated insurance value of.....	5.	2,593,797	2,449,890

The latter is not to be regarded as any form of Market value or suchlike. Included in the amounts for each year are estimated realisable values in respect of internal fixtures & fittings with a value in both years of £20,000.

The Church holds the freehold of the property occupied. There are no outstanding loans of any nature on it.

LIABILITIES

The Trustees have always adopted a policy of paying its Creditors as quickly as possible and also, by the use of an Employment Bureau, ensuring that all staff are paid prior to each month end. In addition, the Church does not have any policy of making Loans.

For these reasons, and as will be seen from Accounts of prior years, there are no liabilities on which to comment.

NOTES ON INCOME & PAYMENT CATEGORIES

Restricted Funds. (P.6) £7,168	It should be noted that the Trustees have decided that it would be helpful for all the members to see the value and nature of amounts that have been received and are held by the Church for external charitable causes. These are now recorded in an additional column for the current year with details of all amounts available for distribution below the Total Balances held.
1. Donations for Other Causes £1,000	The Church makes regular contributions to support the work of the local Foodbank and welcomes gifts from anyone with links to the Church. One such gift of £1,000 was received during 2020.
2. Employment costs £37,102	This heading has been expanded and now records the total PAYE & NIC paid to the three employees of the Church, being the Minister, Church Secretary and Caretaker. The latter left mid-year. The Church has no other employees.
3. Administration £9,077	As there are no longer any other paid employees, this category covers all the functions carried out to enable the Church to run efficiently.
4. Running Costs £15,966	This covers all the usual facilities, Gas, Water etc that are common to all charities having regular occupancy of premises for its work.
5.1 Property Grants £32,479	As a charity that owns the building it occupies, the latter also has to be maintained. Structural repairs eventually become necessary and 2020 was such a year. The Officers were particularly grateful to Historic England for their Grant of £35,200 to which the Church was then obliged to make a contributory amount of £8,800.
5.2 Property Expenditure £36,695	The two amounts above enabled work to be started and a useful total spent on essential work.