

**ROTHBURY  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**Administrative Information**

**Church**

Rothbury United Reformed Church  
Market Place  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
NE65 7UW

**Minister**

The Revd Edward Butlin  
Madgwick  
The Manse  
18 Benlaw Grove,  
Road  
Felton  
Northumberland  
NE65 9NG  
NE65 7PQ

**Secretary**

Simon Fountain  
Crow Tree House  
South Terrace  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
NE65

**Treasurer**

David  
Fresh Fields  
Wagtail  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
7QR

**Elders (Trustees)**

**Accounts Examiner**

Barry Chalk  
Gwen Cox  
Kathleen Ramsey  
Simon Fountain  
Sylvia Crane  
Ann Madgwick  
Dorothy Davidson

**Bank**

Lloyds TSB	Margaret Tully
High Street	Secretarial Services
Rothbury	6 Eshottheugh
NE65 7ED	Morpeth
	NE65 9QH



## **Constitutional Information**

The church is constituted as a local church of the United Reformed Church. It is registered with the Charity Commission, Charity number 1073423. It is governed by its church meeting, which elects elders who meet in accordance with the structure of the United Reformed Church. Some areas of the church's work are delegated to committees.

## **Aims**

The church aims to live in Christian fellowship and bear witness to God's love and his rule over all creation. It aims to adhere to the five marks of mission:

- ☐ To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- ☐ To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- ☐ To respond to human need by loving service
- ☐ To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- ☐ To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of earth

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approved these accounts.

Signed.....Date.....2021

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Signed M. T. W. Date 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**ROTHBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
GENERAL FUND  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Free Will Envelopes £7,527.00	£10,473.90	
Cash collection	£3,650.14	£1,126.65
Church Fees	£1,316.00	£831.00
Interest	£2,991.40	£479.45
Donations	£1,745.00	£633.45
Sundries	£0.00	£0.00
Sales & Fairs	£1,802.20	£0.00
Tax Relief	£3,384.37	£4,375.15
Visiting Preachers	£879.60	£0.00
Transfer from development acc £12,013.46		£0.00
Benevolent Fund	£71.00	£0.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> <b>£26,986.16</b>	<b>£26,313.61</b>	
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Insurance	£1,186.46	£1,195.92
Ministry & Mission £11,616.00	£10,560.00	
Synod Assessment	£1,575.52	£0.00
Donations	£818.00	£332.00
Heat & light £2038.35	£1,350.68	
Visiting Preachers	£759.60	£204.00
Sundries	£1,055.15	£1,413.64
Repairs and refurbishment	£403.72	£201.64
Equipment	£70.83	£58.16
Development Project £1,210.81	£30.40	
Transfer to Development Project	£16,500.00	£0.00
Broadband	£221.94	£221.40
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£34,532.30</b>	<b>£18,491.92</b>
<b>Difference between receipts and payments 2020</b>		<b>£8494.24</b>



## **ROTHBURY AND THROPTON MANSES ACCOUNT**

### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2020**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Rothbury Manse Rent	£6,426.00	£6426.00

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£6,426.00</b>
<b>£6426.00</b>	

#### **PAYMENTS**

Rothbury Manse

Insurance	£337.19	£350.44
Repairs & Refurbishment	£1,362.27	£503.00
Underpayment of minister's fees	£150.00	£0.00
Pastorate Charge	£2475.00	£3000.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£4,324.46</b>
<b>£3853.44</b>	

#### **ASSETS**

Difference between receipts and expenditure £2572.56

Monetary Assets	Manses account balance Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020
£9386.67	



# ROTHBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2020

ASSETS	2019	2020
Monetary Assets		
Bank Balance		
Current Account	£14,289.60	£22,784.02
Deposit Account	£134.77	£134.84
Manses Account	£6,814.11	£9386.67
Benevolent Fund	£353.84	
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Investments		
Northern Province Unit Trust		£22,080
£24104.62		Units valued at 31.12.20
	Henderson Global Investors	£14,620
	£13,046.24	
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	George Nichol (Thropton) Trust	£16,342
	£17820.93	
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Other Assets		
Church building-freehold, valued		£1,429,431
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for insurance purposes		
Church contents	£102,425	£107,547
Viscount Organ	£20,000	£21,000
+ additional electronics		
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David Madgwick  
Treasurer

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## **Treasurer's Report 2020**

As a result of COVID restrictions services stopped during March and therefore receipts from offerings were down considerably on 2019, although some offerings were made directly into the church bank account or by delivering cash/cheque to the treasurer to bank. Likewise income from the groups who use the church was greatly reduced and there was zero income from church sales and fairs.

Gift Aid tax relief was up on 2019 at £4375, £1228 of which was claimed for donations made towards the development (the period for which the claim was made was 01/04/19 - 31/03/20).

£12013 was transferred into the Church Account from the Development Account and the Development Account was closed. A further £1210 was later paid towards development costs for glass shelving and vestry flooring (£495 was refunded in January 2021 for the return of faulty tables purchased for the upstairs room).

The Benevolent Fund which is now included in the Church Account remains at £353.84. Rothbury URC Fair Trade account was closed and the balance of £9.17 was paid into the Church Account.

Investment interest appears disappointing. The £479 shown in the accounts was interest from Janus Henderson. URC Northern Province Trust Ltd. interest was paid late due to COVID. The 2020 payments totalling £1718.53 were paid into our Church Account on 17/03/21.

Donations of £36 and £26 were made to Christian Aid and Crisis respectively.

On behalf of the church I would like to thank all members and friends for their continued support.

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David Madgwick  
Treasurer