

**ROTHBURY  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**Administrative Information**

**Church**

Rothbury United Reformed Church  
Market Place  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
NE65 7UW

**Minister**

The Revd Edward Butlin  
The Manse  
18 Benlaw Grove,  
Felton  
Northumberland  
NE65 9NG

**Secretary**

Simon Fountain  
Crow Tree House  
South Terrace  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
NE65 7QR

**Treasurer**

David Madgwick  
Fresh Fields  
Wagtail Road  
Rothbury  
Northumberland  
NE65 7PQ

**Elders (Trustees)**

Barry Chalk  
Kathleen Ramsey  
Simon Fountain  
Sylvia Crane  
Dorothy Davidson

**Bank**

Lloyds TSB  
High Street  
Rothbury  
NE65 7ED  
NE65 9QH

**Accounts Examiner**

Margaret Tully  
Secretarial Services  
6 Eshottheugh  
Morpeth

## **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

## **Financial Review of the Year**

Net receipts for the year show a deficit of £2,333.17. Assets in our current account at the end of the year are £8609.66

The trustees at their Annual Church Meeting on .....2024 approved these accounts.

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## **Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined the receipts and payments accounts and statement of assets and liabilities of Rothbury United Reformed Church set out on these pages relating to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the general direction issued by the Charity Commissioners for the independent examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connection with my examination, which gives me cause to believe otherwise, than that these accounts accord with the accounting records of the church and that such records satisfy the requirements of the charities Act 1993. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of these accounts.

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**ROTHBURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                | <b>2023</b>      | <b>2022</b>       |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Free Will Envelopes            | £5,155.10        | £6,067.00         |
| Cash collection                | £2,279.47        | £2,434.45         |
| Church Fees                    | £5,104.50        | £3,666.00         |
| Interest                       | £1,406.06        | £2,068.82         |
| Donations (Christmas card)     | £141.00          | £2,448.50         |
| Sales & Fairs                  | £1060.00         | £706.46           |
| Tax Relief                     | £1,924.70        | £2,079.73         |
| Visiting Preachers             | £483.00          | £0.00             |
| Transfer from Manse acc        | £6,119.88        | £2,399.00         |
| Grant (rose window & pointing) | £4,464.00        | £1,326.00         |
| Sundries                       | £98.30           | £0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>          | <b>£28236.01</b> | <b>£23,195.96</b> |

| <b>PAYMENTS</b>           |                   |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Insurance                 | £1,568.91         | £1,374.01         |
| Ministry & Mission        | £13,032.96        | £12,800.04        |
| Donations                 | £1,180.00         | £275.00           |
| Heat & light              | £2,014.93         | £2083.80          |
| Visiting Preachers        | £265.00           | £444.00           |
| Sundries                  | £1,087.36         | £1,397.46         |
| Repairs and refurbishment | £9,517.88         | £5,764.04         |
| Equipment                 | £1,106.98         | £0.00             |
| Broadband                 | £610.16           | £316.80           |
| Sales and Fairs (float)   | £180.00           | £0.00             |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>     | <b>£30,564.18</b> | <b>£24,455.15</b> |

**Difference between receipts and payments 2023   -£2328.17**

## ROTHBURY AND THROPTON MANSES ACCOUNT

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> 2023

| RECEIPTS   | 2023   | 2022                 |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Rothbury Manse Rent                                  | £7,200.00  | £7,006.50            |
| Refund   | £175.00  |                      |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                                | <b>£7,375.00</b>                                 | <b>£7,006.50</b>     |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>                                      |  |                      |
| Rothbury Manse Insurance                             | £000.00  | £408.53              |
| Repairs & Refurbishment                              | £77.33   | £42.90               |
| Transfer to Church acc                               | £6,119.88  | £2,399.00 new boiler |
| Pastorate Charge                                     | £2750.00   | £3,000.00            |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>                             | <b>£8,947.21</b>                                 | <b>£5,850.43</b>     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |  |                      |
| Difference between receipts and expenditure £1572.21 |  |                      |
| Monetary Assets                                      | Manses account balance Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023 | £5902.32             |

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 2023**

| <b>ASSETS</b>   |  | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|-----------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| Monetary Assets | Bank Balance   |             |             |
|                 | Current Account  | £8,609.66   | £10,973.83  |
|                 | Manses Account   | £5,902.32   | £7,474.53   |
|                 | Benevolent Fund  | £353.84     | £353.84     |
| Investments     | Northern Province Unit Trust<br>Units valued at 31.12.23   | £41,915.36  | £38,777.09  |
|                 | Henderson Global Investors<br>Units valued at 31.12.23     | £13,202.55  | £12,910.78  |
|                 | George Nichol (Thropton) Trust<br>Units valued at 31.12.23 | £18,803.87  | £17,386.60  |
| Other Assets    | Church building-freehold, valued<br>for insurance purposes | £1,906,774  | £1,702,476  |
|                 | Church contents  | £132,801    | £118,572    |
|                 | Viscount Organ<br>+ additional electronics                 | £25,932     | £23,153     |
|                 | Rothbury Manse-freehold, valued<br>for insurance purposes  |             | £443,094    |
|                 | Manse now insured through Synod                            |             |             |

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Treasurer

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