

# Pastor's Report

## I will Rejoice

Habakkuk 3:17-18

*'Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour.'*

I think we will all agree that since March 2020 we have all had an incredibly difficult journey and we have all been affected by the events surrounding Covid 19. We have seen those who have been taken home to the Lord, those who now have long term illnesses they did not have before and our world has changed forever. Despite all that Pastor Angela and I want to put on record that we have seen the goodness of God in difficult times and today we choose to say thank you to God and to continue to pray for all the needs that are currently challenging us as a church.

2019 was a fairly normal year with the usual things taking place. Youth and children's activities included Family Fun Day, Soul Survivor, Holiday Club, Fireworks Night and our Christmas Services. Not to mention our Life Ladies, Men of Life and Bright Hour with their usual meetings and outings. However 2020 was to see all of that changed.

It all started out a fairly normal year with our 3 week Daniel Fast in January however little did we know that by the end of March the government was going to be asking all of us to stay home for 3 weeks. The problem was that it did not end within 3 weeks, it went on and on, month, after month, after month.

We started to do Online Services initially from our home and then as restrictions eased pre-recorded from the church. We discovered zoom and soon a new way of interacting had begun. We transitioned to Online Services at the weekend and zoom during the week. During this time many of our congregation started and have continued to give online and for that we are very grateful.

By September we were thinking of gathering together again but with the restrictions the layout of the church had to be significantly altered and what is a 300 seater hall suddenly became only able to house around 65 people socially distanced.

In October we opened up the church for our Bright Hour and anyone who was available on Wednesday Afternoons to come and view the Sunday Online Service.

We were aware that the majority of them did not have access to the online viewing. Later that month we opened up Sundays to watch together our Pre-recorded video. We were just about to start our Services live when the 2nd lockdown came. After this was over we did start our live services and had our socially distanced shorter Carol Service.

During the year we did try to keep in contact with everyone, with phone calls and doorstep visits throughout the year. We want to put on record the amazing work that Dorcas has and continues to do not just in the office but in a very practical way of helping those who were unable to get out, getting their shopping and so much more.

As in previous years at Christmas we were able to pass on hampers to the Women's Refuge and collect for the shoebox appeal although we were unable to fill them ourselves.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us in any way through this difficult time. We would finally like to thank all of our retiring stewards who have served us faithfully over the years. Trevor Parker the longest serving, John Harper, Tony Harmer and Errol Mason, may God bless them for their faithful service.

2 Corinthians 4:15

*'All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.'*

Stay blessed

Lead Pastor

Associate Pastor

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**407 LODGE ROAD**

**HOCKLEY**

**BIRMINGHAM**

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**Registered Charity: 1075866**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Set out on the following pages**

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**Luke Silver**

**Date: 19 February 2021**

**LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**ACTIVITIES REVIEW**

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

The principal activity throughout the year under review was that of the advancement of the Christian faith and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

**TRUSTEES AND CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The trustees and church council during the year were as follows:

**John W Butcher**

30 Warrington Drive, New Oscott, Birmingham. B23 5YP Tel: 0121 350 5159

**Angela Butcher**

30 Warrington Drive, New Oscott, Birmingham. B23 5YP Tel: 0121 350 5159

**Patsie Joan Loretta Maynard**

77 Maxwell Avenue, Handsworth, Birmingham. B20 3TX

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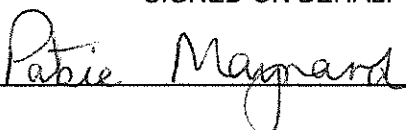
**Simbai Lydia Kafesu**

15 Batfield Close, Birmingham, B42 1EL

**STATEMENT**

We certify that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

  
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Please print name: PATIE MAYNARD

Date: 22-03-2021.

## **Independent Examiners Report to the Church Council**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and follow the recommendations in Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities (SORP) issued October 2000.
- b) There has been no change to the valuation rules since last year. The accounts are presented in an accruals format.
- c) No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

### **2. Trustees**

John W Butcher received £1,969 remuneration. Angela Butcher received £20,840 remuneration. This is in accordance with the Trust Deed under which the charity is constituted. The remuneration is expenditure incurred in fulfilling the objects of the charity.

### **3. Expenditure**

Independent Examiner's fee for the year is £825.

### **4. Endowment and Restricted Funds**

During the year a Building Fund continued as a restricted fund.

### **5. Investment Assets**

The charity does not have any investment assets.

### **6. Paid Employees**

The charity had four paid employees. They are paid salaries to support the further development of the objects of the charity.

### **7. Charity Management and Administration**

The total administrative costs during the year were £1,482.

### **8. Fixed Assets – Land & Premises**

No additional land or buildings were purchased during the year.

### **9. Fixed Assets – Contents of Premises**

The value of the contents is for insurance purposes and is a provisional figure.

### **10. Debtors & Prepayments**

There are no debtors for this financial year. The prepayments in the accounts are for the Building and Contents Insurance, Mini Bus Insurance and Car Park Rent.

### **11. Creditors & Accruals**

There are no accruals.

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	78,147	4,619	—	82,766	80,102
Activities for generating funds	117	2,376	—	2,493	9,290
Investment income	18	—	—	18	41
Other incoming resources	14,894	2,103	—	16,998	15,314
<b>Total income</b>	<b>93,177</b>	<b>9,099</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>102,276</b>	<b>104,748</b>
<b>Resources used</b>					
Cost of generating funds	11,647	—	—	11,647	12,405
Cost of generating voluntary income	50,038	10,374	—	60,413	65,958
Charitable activities	22	8,732	—	8,754	21,387
Governance costs	5,798	—	—	5,798	5,144
Other resources used	713	1,050	—	1,763	3,451
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>68,220</b>	<b>20,158</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>88,378</b>	<b>108,347</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer</b>	<b>24,957</b>	<b>(11,059)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13,898</b>	<b>(3,598)</b>
<b>Transfers</b>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	11,788	—	11,788	19,394
Gross transfers between funds - out	(11,428)	(360)	—	(11,788)	(19,394)
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	1,118,313
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>13,529</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>13,898</b>	<b>1,114,714</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>2,649,219</b>	<b>5,719</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,654,938</b>	<b>1,540,224</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>2,662,748</b>	<b>6,088</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,668,837</b>	<b>2,654,938</b>

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Analysis of income and expenditure  
Selected period: 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>						
IN01 - Gift Aid	51,601	—	575	—	52,177	45,855
IN02 - Tithes Offerings	26,315	—	—	—	26,315	29,679
IN03 - Other Offerings	230	—	4,044	—	4,274	4,567
IN05 - Payments	117	—	576	—	693	3,190
IN07 - Premises Hire	—	—	1,800	—	1,800	6,100
IN08 - Interest	18	—	—	—	18	41
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds Totals</i>	78,283	—	6,995	—	85,278	89,434
<i>Other incoming resources</i>						
IN04 - Tax Recovered	13,813	—	153	—	13,967	13,667
IN06 - Grants	775	—	—	—	775	1,000
IN09 - Refunds	304	—	—	—	304	646
IN10 - Charity Donations	—	—	1,950	—	1,950	—
<i>Other incoming resources Totals</i>	14,894	—	2,103	—	16,998	15,314
<b>Incoming resources Grand totals</b>	93,177	—	9,099	—	102,276	104,748
<b>Resources used</b>						
<i>Cost of generating funds</i>						
EX21 - Pension	11,647	—	—	—	11,647	12,405
EX01 - Salaries	35,555	—	—	—	35,555	35,789
EX02 - HMRC	4,968	—	—	—	4,968	5,167
EX03 - Ministry Expenses	1,447	—	40	—	1,487	2,004
EX04 - Additional Ministry Fees	150	—	50	—	200	1,085
EX05 - Working Expenses	1,138	—	2,125	—	3,263	2,478
EX06 - Office Supplies	1,482	—	—	—	1,482	2,899
EX08 - Church Utilities	5,176	—	8,159	—	13,336	14,749
EX09 - Caretakers House	—	—	—	—	—	—
EX10 - Training	120	—	—	—	120	1,785
<i>Cost of generating funds Totals</i>	61,686	—	10,374	—	72,061	78,363
<i>Charitable activities</i>						
EX07 - Capital Expenditure	(40)	—	15	—	(24)	3,191
EX12 - Missionary Support	—	—	6,338	—	6,338	10,195
EX15 - Social Activities Outings	—	—	352	—	352	4,207
EX16 - Transport	53	—	1,723	—	1,776	2,196
EX17 - Special Events Publicity	9	—	302	—	311	1,594
<i>Charitable activities Totals</i>	22	—	8,732	—	8,754	21,387

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<b><i>Governance costs</i></b>						
EX18 - Bank Legal	3,221	—	—	—	3,221	2,572
EX20 - AoG Subs	2,576	—	—	—	2,576	2,571
<b><i>Governance costs Totals</i></b>	5,798	—	—	—	5,798	5,144
<b><i>Other resources used</i></b>						
EX11 - Resources	195	—	120	—	315	182
EX13 - Catering Supplies	78	—	128	—	207	1,110
EX14 - Gifts	439	—	801	—	1,241	2,098
EX19 - Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	60
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**Balance Sheet detailed**

		As at 31/12/2020	As at 31/12/2019
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
	AS01: Building	2,483,313.00	2,483,313.00
	AS02: Electrical	30,000.00	30,000.00
	AS03: Musical Instruments	5,000.00	5,000.00
	AS04: Soft Furnishings	20,000.00	20,000.00
	AS05: Furniture	20,000.00	20,000.00
	AS06: Mini Bus	7,000.00	7,000.00
	AS07: Gas boilers	30,000.00	30,000.00
	AS08: Miscellaneous	10,000.00	10,000.00
	AS09: P.A. Equipment	20,000.00	20,000.00
	<b>Total Fixed assets</b>	<b>2,625,313.00</b>	<b>2,625,313.00</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
	CA01: HSBC 72881195	20,417.23	6,550.49
	CA02: HSBC Savings 92881209	21,114.56	21,095.75
	CA03: KBL Savings	244.20	244.20
	Z05: Accounts Receivable	1,748.25	1,735.44
	<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>43,524.24</b>	<b>29,625.88</b>
	<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>2,668,837.24</b>	<b>2,654,938.88</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	13,898.36	(27,085.92)
	Z01: Starting balances	2,654,938.88	1,563,711.80
	Z02: Gains/(losses) on investment assets	—	1,118,313.00
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>2,668,837.24</b>	<b>2,654,938.88</b>

<b>Represented by Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	2,662,748.87	2,649,219.55
Designated	—	—
Restricted	6,088.37	5,719.33
Endowment	—	—
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