

# QUEENS ROAD UNITARIAN FREE CHURCH URMSTON

England & Wales · Charity number 1082910

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2000-10-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRACTICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE UNITARIAN CHURCH AND FOR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES THAT THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE

**Activities:** Normal religious services. Engagement with the Manchester District Association of Unitarian Churches. Raising funds for humanitarian charities, in particular, our Romania Link activities with fellow Unitarians in Sighisoara, Romania and elsewhere in the country.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Manchester City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£32,302	£29,601	-	-
2023-12-31	£16,293	£27,648	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,843	£23,493	-	-
2021-12-31	£15,752	£16,815	-	-
2020-12-31	£27,663	£25,570	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>DEREK BROWN</b>	Chair	
Arthur Barrow		2017-01-01
Barbara Jones		2017-01-01
Colette Burton		2017-01-01
<b>FRANCES TEAGLE</b>		
Graham Harrison		2013-10-30
Hugh Pitcher		2017-01-01
John Poskitt		2017-01-01
<b>STELLA PRITCHARD</b>		

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# Accounts

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## **Treasurer's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The 2024 financial year has been similar to 2023. Lettings are the main source of the chapel's income as in prior years. The rent from the parsonage was £31,500. Room lettings have increased by £2,502 in the year to £21,024(2023 £18,522). An average of £1,752 per month is received from lettings of the school rooms. Brass Band Concert for Xmas made a profit of £781.

The donations received were higher than last year, this year £2,043 (2023 was £1,379.) No grant was received from Manchester District Association this year, last year £2000 was received.

Legacy received in the year was £15,000 which really helped the finances of the chapel.

Maintenance costs for the chapel were lower than the previous year at £2,544. Other maintenance costs for the school rooms were also lower than the previous year at £780.(£3,543 2023)

I would like to thank Frank Draine for all his support and all the extra help he continues to give in the role of honorary treasurer.

Asama Jabeen Treasurer

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Incoming Resources for the year ending 31st December 2024

Incoming resources	2024	2023
Sunday Collections	1405	1713
Sunday envelopes	13620	13182
Donations	2043	1379
MDA Grants	0	2000
Queens Road Church ministerial contribution	9298	8386
G A Quota Payments	698	1088
Social Events	1281	852
Coffee contributions	446	407
Parsonage lettings	31500	30050
Schoolroom lettings	21024	18522
ASA lease	4175	4050
ASA heat & light receipts	997	913
Weddings	250	0
Money raised for charity	629	354
Dividends and interest	4123	3562
Gift aid reclaim	0	4657
Inquirer fees	728	331
100 Club	0	1000
Smarties window collections	59	139
Danny's Group donations	168	146
Other	248	425
Legacy	15000	0
	<u>107690</u>	<u>93154</u>

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Resources Expended for the year ending 31 December 2024

Resources expended	2024	2023
Minister's Salary	33343	31499
Minister's expenses	556	380
Minister's pension	4084	3791
Ministers national insurance	0	0
Minister's telephone	705	567
Minister's conference fees	530	510
Council tax on parsonage	1144	1040
Consultancy	0	130
Water rates	1084	1000
Gas and electricity	10549	8970
Stationery and Photocopying	1594	2700
Postage	149	0
Cleaner's wages and materials	2111	1598
Organist and organ maintenance	3343	2081
Maintenance- Chapel	2544	3173
Maintenance -small school room	780	1324

Maintenance - large schoolroom	0	2219
Parsonage repairs	1347	657
Parsonage letting fees and commission	3098	2520
Investment fee	468	0
Gardening	4190	3981
MDA and GA subscriptions	1015	1260
Donations	556	859
Inquirer subsidy	592	592
Insurance and chief rent	6303	5641
GA delegate's expenses	799	1087
Sundry expenses	486	245
Accountancy	2400	2169
Website and computer expenses	479	59
Preaching fee	110	220
Advertising	0	76
Bank charges	62	68
Memorials	282	0
Coronation expenses	0	40
Band Cost expenses	500	0
	<u>85200</u>	<u>80456</u>

### Dunham Road Unitarian Chapel

#### Balance Sheet 31 December 2024

	Notes	31.12.24	31.12.24	31.12.23	31.12.23
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Cost of developing the Cottage			59,371		59,371
Appliances			1,146		1,146
Investments of the General Fund	1	142,898		133,393	
			<u>142,898</u>		<u>133,393</u>
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>			<u>203,415</u>		<u>193,910</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors and prepayments	2	12,676		11,957	
Cash at bank					
Current account with CafCash		33,827		13,045	
Deposit account with CafCash		41,535		40,526	
		<u>75,362</u>		<u>53,571</u>	
<u>Total Current Assets</u>		<u>88,038</u>		<u>65,528</u>	
<u>Less Current liabilities</u>					
Creditors and accruals	3	463		443	
			<u>87,575</u>		<u>65,085</u>
			<u>£ 290,990</u>		<u>£ 258,995</u>

Funds carried forward per SOFA

£ 290,990

£ 258,995

Dunham Road Unitarian Chapel

Statement of Financial Activities

12 Months to 31.12.24

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>12 Months to 31.12.24</u>	<u>12 mths to 31.12.23</u>
Incoming resources		107,690	93,154
Resources expended		<u>85,200</u>	<u>80,456</u>
<u>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) resources</u>		22,490	12,698
Unrealised(loss) gain on general investment	4	9,505	7,431
<u>Net movement of funds in the period</u>		<u>31,995</u>	<u>20,129</u>
Funds brought forward 1st January 2024		<u>258,995</u>	<u>238,866</u>
Funds carried forward 31 December 2024		<u>290,990</u>	<u>258,995</u>

## Independent Examiner's Report to

### The Trustees of Dunham Road Unitarian Chapel, Altrincham

I report on the Financial Statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024.

#### **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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charities 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 the 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:

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

Peter George Shaw FCA  
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2nd April, 2025

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# Accounts

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Queens Road Unitarian Free Church Urmston  
Year ended 31.3.23

Bank Account

Balance b/f	17743.8		
Bank Receipts	10702.11		
Bank Payments		16056.95	
Balance c/f		12294.7	
	28445.91	28351.65	-94.26

Queens Road Unitarian Free Church Urmston  
Year ended 31.12.23  
Bank Receipts  
Date

		Total	
		Receipts	Interest
9.1.23	Ballet school Rent	2200	
9.1.23	Ballet school heating	300	
16.1.23	G Harrison	FP	22
16.1.23	F Teagle	FP	40
16.1.23	M Harrison	FP	22
27.1.23	Offertory	25.1	1299 47.4
27.1.23	Offertory	17.1	1302 106.3
27.1.23	Offertory	8.1	1301 84.95
27.1.23	Offertory	1.1	1300 74.2
15.2.23	M Harrison	FP	22
16.2.23	G Harrison	FP	22
16.2.23	F Teagle	FP	40
27.2.23	Offertory	29.1	1304 66.4
27.2.23	Offertory(E Bloor)	22.2	1303 90.4
27.2.23	Offertory	12.2	1306 102.2
27.2.23	Offertory	5.2	1305 87.1
27.2.23	Offertory	19.2	1307 100
15.3.23	M Harrison	FP	22
16.3.23	G Harrison	FP	22
16.3.23	F Teagle	FP	40
27.3.23	Interest to date		8.25 8.25
27.3.23	Ballet school Rent		2200
27.3.23	Ballet school heating		300
17.4.23	Offertory	26.2	1308 79.2
17.4.23	Offertory	5.3	1309 126.87
17.4.23	Offertory	12.3	1310 73.35
17.4.23	Offertory	19.3	1311 83.6
17.4.23	Offertory	26.3	1312 51.4
17.4.23	Offertory	2.4	1313 89.66
17.4.23	G Harrison	FP	22
17.4.23	F Teagle	FP	40
17.4.23	M Harrison	FP	22
15.5.23	M Harrison	FP	22
15.5.23	Offertory		1317 91.5
15.5.23	Offertory		1316 83
15.5.23	Offertory		1315 94.25
15.5.23	Offertory		1314 138.6
16.5.23	G Harrison	FP	22
16.5.23	F Teagle	FP	40
15.6.23	M Harrison	FP	22
16.6.23	G Harrison	FP	22
16.6.23	F Teagle	FP	40
26.6.23	Interest to date		6.61 6.61
27.6.23	Ballet school Rent		2200
27.6.23	Ballet school heating		300

7.7.23	Offertory	18.6	1324	73.3
7.7.23	Offertory	4.6	1322	123.8
7.7.23	Offertory	25.6	1325	66.75
7.7.23	Offertory	11.6	1323	92.9
7.7.23	Offertory	4.6	1320	87.42
7.7.23	Offertory	29.5	1321	83.2
7.7.23	Offertory		1318	69.5
7.7.23	Offertory		1319	82
17.7.23	G Harrison			22
17.7.23	F Teagle			40
17.7.23	M Harrison			22
21.7.23	Trafford MBC room hire			250

10702.11

Open Envelopes	Offerties	Refreshments	Organist	Donations s/o membership	Grants	Gift Aid refund
					22	
					40	
					22	
	44	3.4				
58	42	6.3				
35	43.8	6.15				
22	32.2				20	
					22	
					22	
					40	
30	32.4	4				
32	43	5.4			10	
47	47	8.2				
42	38.6	6.5				
33	61	6				
					22	
					22	
					40	
32	42.2	5				
27	93.37	6.5				
27	42.35	4				
32	45.4	6.2				
35	11.2	5.2				
32	42	6.6			9.06	
					22	
					40	
					22	
					22	
27	61	3.5				
32	46	5				
25	65	4.25				
40	72.6	5			21	
					22	
					40	
					22	
					22	
					40	

30	37.5	5.8	
30	87	6.8	
42	20	4.75	
37	48.6	7.3	
35	48	4.42	
35	41.2	2	5
42	20	7.5	
27	51	4	
			22
			40
			22







Queens Road Unitarian Free Church Urmston  
Year ended 31.12.2023  
Bank Payments

Date			Total Payments	Bank Charges	Caretaking supplies
11.1.23	Water plus	DD	25.52		
16.1.23	Bank Charges	DD	5	5	
16.1.23	EON next	DD	100		
20.1.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD	103.62		103.62
14.1.23	DRUC stipend		1270	4175.04	
23.1.23	D Crosby supplement		1271	500	
24.1.23	Cheque fee		0.75	0.75	
25.1.23	Water plus	DD	11.8		
28.1.23	Treasured Ware printing		1272	32	
31.1.23	Integra claims	DD		164.8	
1.2.23	M Kelly		1274	125	125
3.2.23	Cheque fee		0.75	0.75	
5.2.23	Stretford food bank			100	
7.2.23	D Brown postage		1275	39.6	
7.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
8.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
9.2.23	EON next gas		1277	1040.92	
14.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
15.2.23	Eon next electricity			100	
15.2.23	Bank Charges			5	
17.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
20.2.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD		93.22	93.22
25.2.23	M Kelly		1278	100	100
25.2.23	Treasured Ware printing		1279	32	
28.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
27.2.23	Water plus	DD		11.8	
28.2.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
1.3.23	Integra claims	DD		164.8	
1.3.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
1.3.23	MDA subscription	SO		30	
14.3.23	Water plus	DD		26.19	
15.3.23	Bank Charges			5	
15.3.23	Eon next electricity	DD		100	
18.3.23	General Assembly quota		1280	630	
20.3.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD		43.22	43.22
25.3.23	M Kelly		1281	125	125
29.3.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
29.3.23	Cheque fee			0.75	
30.3.23	Integra claims	DD		164.8	
13.4.23	Water plus			24.2	
17.4.23	Bank Charges			5	
17.4.23	Eon next electricity			100	
18.4.23	Renown roofing specialists		1282	2400	
20.4.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD		116.52	116.52

25.4.23	Water plus	DD		17.1		
26.4.23	Diggery gardener		1283	225		225
1.5.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
3.5.23	Integra claims			164.8		
3.5.23	M Kelly		1286	100		100
3.5.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
4.5.23	Printing		1284	32		
4.5.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
12.5.23	Water plus			28.77		
15.5.23	Bank Charges			5	5	
15.5.23	Eon next electricity	dd		100		
22.5.23	Bagnell & Morris	dd		96.38		96.38
25.5.23	Water plus			17.1		
26.5.23	Amalgamated Ltd fire ext			391		
26.5.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
31.5.23	Integra claims			164.8		
31.5.23	M Kelly cleaner			125		125
31.5.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
1.6.23	MDA subscription	SO		30		
8.6.23	Eon next			2109.81		
12.6.23	Water plus	DD		28.67		
12.6.23	Manchester electrical			480		
12.6.23	Bank Charges			5	5	
13.6.23	Treasured Ware printing		1288	32		
13.6.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
15.6.23	Bank Charges			5	5	
15.6.23	eon next	DD		100		
16.6.23	eon next	DD		10.67		
20.6.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD		93.22		93.22
26.6.23	eon next	DD		10.98		
26.6.23	Water plus	DD		17.1		
27.6.23	M Kelly cleaner		1290	125		125
27.6.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
30.6.23	Integra claims	DD		164.8		
30.6.23	A Jabeen accounts		1289	280		
30.6.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
12.7.23	Water plus	DD		32.61		
17.7.23	Bank Charges			5	5	
17.7.23	eon next	DD		100		
18.7.23	eon next	DD		12.72		
20.7.23	Bagnell & Morris	DD		116.52		116.52
25.7.23	Water plus	dd		17.1		
25.7.23	D Brown postage		1293	48		
25.7.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
27.7.23	Preacher		1294	50		
27.7.23	Cheque fee			0.75	0.75	
				16056.95		

Repairs & maintenance	Utilities	Insurance	Organ	Stripend Pulpit	Subscriptions & publications	Printing, Stat
	25.52					
	100					
				4175.04		
				500		
	11.8					32
		164.8				
						39.6
	1040.92					
	100					
						32
	11.8					
		164.8				
					30	
	26.19					
	100					
					630	
		164.8				
	24.2					
	100					
2400						

	17.1			
		164.8		
				32
	28.77			
	100			
391	17.1			
		164.8		
			30	
	2109.81			
480	28.67			
				32
	100			
	10.67			
	10.98			
	17.1			
		164.8		
	32.61			
	100			
	12.72			
	17.1			
				48
			50	

Miscellaneous Donations  
charities Accounts



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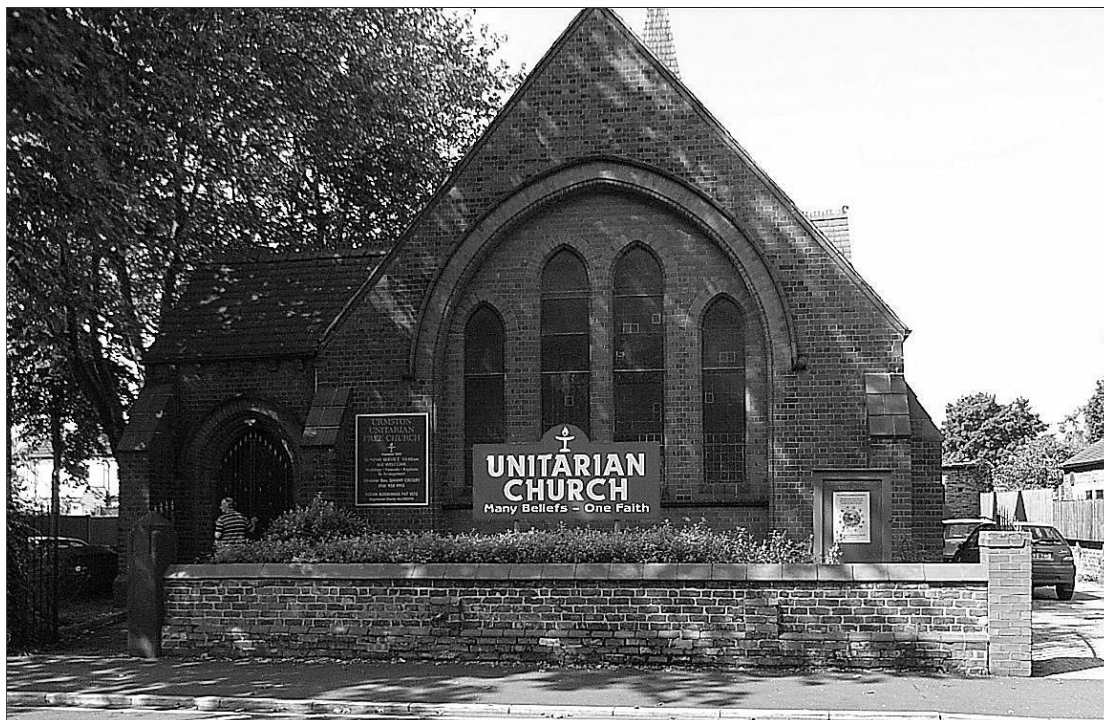
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# Accounts

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# **Queens Road Unitarian Free Church, Urmston**



**Founded 1884**

**Built 1900**

**Minister: Rev Danny Crosby**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

### **Queens Road Unitarian Free Church**

“Unprecedented” has been the word of the last year. No one could have predicted the circumstances that we have had to face since the last Annual Report was published. The pandemic has affected all of us terribly. It is something that has affected the whole world and not just our free religious community. This has made ministry particularly challenging for me personally and for all of us as a community. The first thing I want to say to you all is thank you for doing all that you can to support one another. It is not over yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel with the continual roll out of the various vaccines. So let us continue to hold and support one another. There is much work to be done as we heal as a community, society and world. As a free religious community, I believe that we have much to offer and this will certainly be my focus this next twelve months. Yes, healing and supporting we as a community, but ministering to a wider world too.

Sadly, we lost both Alan and Margaret Darbyshire last year. There have also been other challenges for many of us healthwise. We have stuck together through it all. I have been unable to offer my usual presence and I thank those that have helped out and offered support.

Worship has been different this year. We have been on Zoom, broadcasting live. Thankfully for periods we have been able to offer live worship, if under strict and challenging conditions, I know that this has meant a lot to those who have been able to attend. I have also offered a broadcasted services on Zoom from Dunham Road. I also offered a variety of other online activities through the week, all on Zoom such as “Living the Questions? Our Common Search for Meaning”, “The Colours of Grief”, “Consolation, Sorrow and Joy: Together in Poetry and Prose”, a weekly quiz and coffee morning. We have also ensured that worship material has gone out to all connected to the community by post and email in order to take care of our spiritual needs. During the first lockdown I recorded many devotional videos and well as stories through the character “Cap’N Dan”. This did come to an end in the summer, but I know it helped people through that very challenging time that was the first lockdown.

So what about the future. We will need to find ways to connect with the wider Urmston community. This is a real challenge. I feel confident that our free religious tradition has much to offer the wider community as it attempts to heal following ravages of the pandemic. Let us endeavour to do so whilst also taking care of our personal needs.

Love and respect  
Rev Danny

### **FROM THE CHAIR**

The difficulties faced by the congregation for the last 12 months or more is well documented by fellow officers and so I am not going to repeat them.

The Sunday zoom services were critical to keeping us as a congregation together, for these I thank both Danny Crosby and Caroline Jones of Dunham Road for the organisation and ability to make them available to us.

During this whole period of uncertainty it has been heartening to hear many members of Queens Road keeping in touch with each other, mainly by telephone, checking on wellbeing and offering help if and when needed, thank you all for this .

Church life had to carry on and for this I thank our minister Danny Crosby, treasurer Frances Teagle, secretary John Poskitt , building manager Graham Harrison , and calendar editor Eric Jackson .

Although on resuming socially distanced services our numbers are somewhat reduced that Queens Road spirit still abounds, for this I thank all who sometimes in very difficult circumstances attend and support these services.

I think that more than ever this year it has been my privilege to be your Chair.

Derek A Brown

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The first Covid lockdown began in April 2019 and obviously since then our church life has been severely disrupted. For many months Danny presented services from Dunham Chapel which both congregations accessed via zoom. This was a learning experience for us all but it did mean that we were able to stay connected. An added benefit was that people who weren't able to attend services in person could join in and still feel part of the church community.

Services in church began again in April 2021, although to begin with the congregation was not allowed to sing. We were also not allowed to use our pipe organ and so CD's of the hymns were used. More recently we have been able to use the organ and sing and we can serve tea and coffee after services.

Since we returned for services the average attendance has been ten, although in recent weeks it has been a bit lower. Zoom activities have now generally stopped and we look forward to church life returning to normal.

John Poskitt

### **PREMISES REPORT**

Looking back at the report I did last year, I realise that I had included much that occurred in the early part of 2020. This included the work carried out by DJ Roofing in March 2020 to install higher capacity guttering and replace the leadwork round the chimney stack.

I also reported on the work carried out by my nephew Max to re-plaster the water damaged areas in the schoolroom, the difficulties we had procuring finishing plaster, and later the redecoration of these areas.

I mentioned that Maurice Blake, the gas engineer, had found that one of the seams of the cast iron central heating boiler was leaking when he visited to re-light the pilot light, and that the boiler would need to be replaced.

The cast iron boiler originally installed in the early 1990s was eventually replaced by a Potterton Paramount 60Kw wall hung condensing boiler between late November and early December 2020. The original boiler was gravity fed from a header tank in the loft. The new boiler is directly fed from the water supply, so the header tank is no longer required. A low loss header has been installed, the purpose of which is to separate the dirty water circulating round the radiators from the clean water in the boiler itself.

The one downside of the new boiler is the complexity of its controls. Although after careful study of the instructions, I was able to set the appropriate on and off

times for each day, getting the boiler to achieve a target temperature that we want rather than it wants is as yet an unresolved issue.

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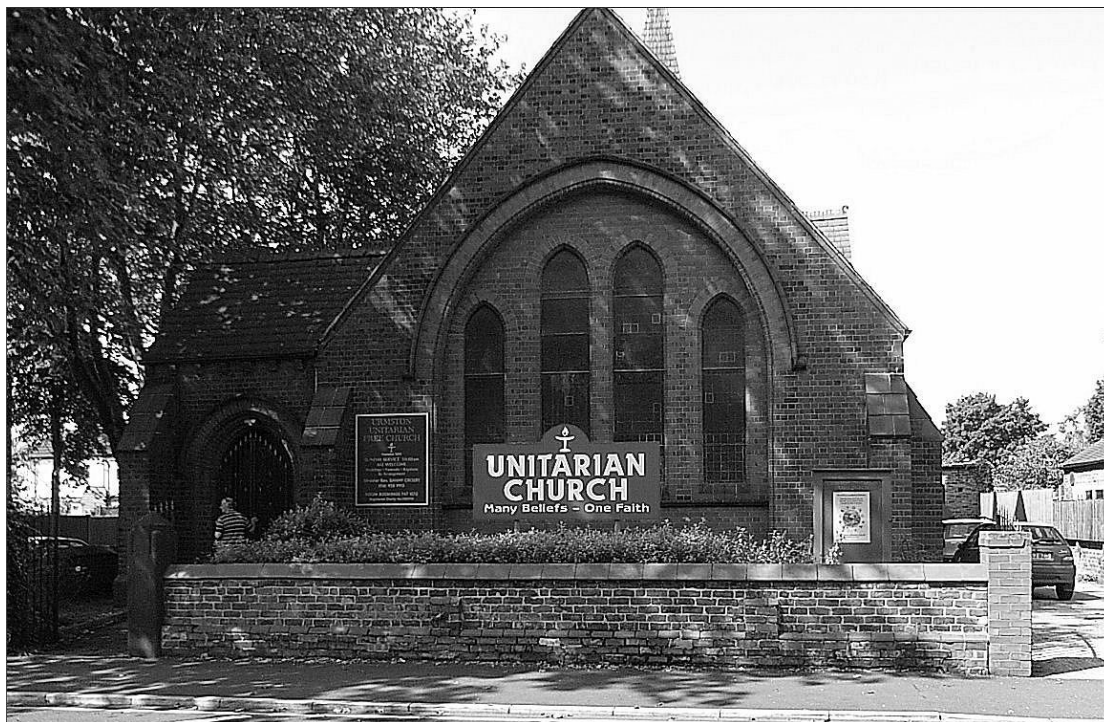
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“Unprecedented” has been the word of the last year. No one could have predicted the circumstances that we have had to face since the last Annual Report was published. The pandemic has affected all of us terribly. It is something that has affected the whole world and not just our free religious community. This has made ministry particularly challenging for me personally and for all of us as a community. The first thing I want to say to you all is thank you for doing all that you can to support one another. It is not over yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel with the continual roll out of the various vaccines. So let us continue to hold and support one another. There is much work to be done as we heal as a community, society and world. As a free religious community, I believe that we have much to offer and this will certainly be my focus this next twelve months. Yes, healing and supporting we as a community, but ministering to a wider world too.

Sadly, we lost both Alan and Margaret Darbyshire last year. There have also been other challenges for many of us healthwise. We have stuck together through it all. I have been unable to offer my usual presence and I thank those that have helped out and offered support.

Worship has been different this year. We have been on Zoom, broadcasting live. Thankfully for periods we have been able to offer live worship, if under strict and challenging conditions, I know that this has meant a lot to those who have been able to attend. I have also offered a broadcasted services on Zoom from Dunham Road. I also offered a variety of other online activities through the week, all on Zoom such as “Living the Questions? Our Common Search for Meaning”, “The Colours of Grief”, “Consolation, Sorrow and Joy: Together in Poetry and Prose”, a weekly quiz and coffee morning. We have also ensured that worship material has gone out to all connected to the community by post and email in order to take care of our spiritual needs. During the first lockdown I recorded many devotional videos and well as stories through the character “Cap’N Dan”. This did come to an end in the summer, but I know it helped people through that very challenging time that was the first lockdown.

So what about the future. We will need to find ways to connect with the wider Urmston community. This is a real challenge. I feel confident that our free religious tradition has much to offer the wider community as it attempts to heal following ravages of the pandemic. Let us endeavour to do so whilst also taking care of our personal needs.

Love and respect  
Rev Danny

### **FROM THE CHAIR**

The difficulties faced by the congregation for the last 12 months or more is well documented by fellow officers and so I am not going to repeat them.

The Sunday zoom services were critical to keeping us as a congregation together, for these I thank both Danny Crosby and Caroline Jones of Dunham Road for the organisation and ability to make them available to us.

During this whole period of uncertainty it has been heartening to hear many members of Queens Road keeping in touch with each other, mainly by telephone, checking on wellbeing and offering help if and when needed, thank you all for this .

Church life had to carry on and for this I thank our minister Danny Crosby, treasurer Frances Teagle, secretary John Poskitt , building manager Graham Harrison , and calendar editor Eric Jackson .

Although on resuming socially distanced services our numbers are somewhat reduced that Queens Road spirit still abounds, for this I thank all who sometimes in very difficult circumstances attend and support these services.

I think that more than ever this year it has been my privilege to be your Chair.

Derek A Brown

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The first Covid lockdown began in April 2019 and obviously since then our church life has been severely disrupted. For many months Danny presented services from Dunham Chapel which both congregations accessed via zoom. This was a learning experience for us all but it did mean that we were able to stay connected. An added benefit was that people who weren't able to attend services in person could join in and still feel part of the church community.

Services in church began again in April 2021, although to begin with the congregation was not allowed to sing. We were also not allowed to use our pipe organ and so CD's of the hymns were used. More recently we have been able to use the organ and sing and we can serve tea and coffee after services.

Since we returned for services the average attendance has been ten, although in recent weeks it has been a bit lower. Zoom activities have now generally stopped and we look forward to church life returning to normal.

John Poskitt

### **PREMISES REPORT**

Looking back at the report I did last year, I realise that I had included much that occurred in the early part of 2020. This included the work carried out by DJ Roofing in March 2020 to install higher capacity guttering and replace the leadwork round the chimney stack.

I also reported on the work carried out by my nephew Max to re-plaster the water damaged areas in the schoolroom, the difficulties we had procuring finishing plaster, and later the redecoration of these areas.

I mentioned that Maurice Blake, the gas engineer, had found that one of the seams of the cast iron central heating boiler was leaking when he visited to re-light the pilot light, and that the boiler would need to be replaced.

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Queens Road Unitarian Free Church, Urmston for the year ended 31st December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report:**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement:**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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