

MEMORIAL FREE CHURCH at OAKAMoor. (reg.CHARITY 1091555)

ANNUAL REPORT for 2020

The Covid – 19 pandemic had a major impact at the Church during 2020 as it did to all areas of society.

THERE WERE NO MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEES OR DEACONS DURING 2020 DUE TO TRAVEL & INDOOR MEETING RESTRICTIONS.THE DAY TO DAY BUSINESS BEING DONE BY DOROTHY CLOWES (SECRETARY) & JOHN REDFEARN (TREASURER) BOTH OF WHOM ARE TRUSTEES & DEACONS WITH TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE TRUSTEES AS NECESSARY.

Following Government restrictions the Church was closed for some 17 – 18 weeks from mid – March.

The Church reopened in late summer BUT only after a thorough risk assessment carried out by the Secretary & Treasurer. This meant parts of the Church and some pews were roped off out of use to be in line with social distancing regulations.Face coverings were mandatory & hand sanitizer was provided.No singing was allowed & the organ was not used during services. Only one funeral service took place in the Autumn with the maximum permitted 30 mourners.There were no weddings – those arranged being postponed. Only token services were held for the Harvest & Christmas & probably for the first time since its opening on Easter Day 1878 no Easter service could take place.

Signs were put at all entrances to the graveyard advising of currently approved group sizes & social distancing.

FINANCE

Income was reduced by having no collections during services BUT those paying by Direct Debit continued to do so.

Investments were made from the Trustees account of £10,000 each in both Blackrock & M&G Equity funds which helped offset the fall in share prices to boost our dividend payments and continue to pay for the Minister.Both of our tenants at the Manse & Bluebell cottage continued to pay rent throughout.

THERE WAS NO ADVERSE FINANCIAL ISSUES FOR THE CHURCH DESPITE THE PANDEMIC.

BUILDINGS

Repairs were carried out to the Church roof to replace broken / missing tiles in the Autumn. The Schoolroom was not used after mid-March.& there were no problems at either the Manse or Bluebell Cottage.

GROUNDS

John Redfearn used the lockdown period to further improve the area for the new graveyard by putting in pathways & keeping it well mown & strimmed throughout the year. As ever Norman Edwards kept the rest of the graveyard to an excellent standard.

John Redfearn 28.09.2021

MEMORIAL FREE CHURCH,OAKAMoor.					
2020 -TRUSTEES CURRENT ACCOUNT 75446367 - CREDIT					
			£ p	2019	Variance
Manse Rent (Hurst & Hurst)			5640.00	5640.00	
Bluebell Rent (Knapper & Carter)			5640.00	5640.00	
BLACKROCK Charishare			2057.36	1946.95	110.41
BLACKROCK Charinco (Interest)			435.81	435.81	
SCHRODER CHARITY EQUITY			3151.61	4528.18	-1376.39
SCHRODER FIXED INTEREST			363.93	424.48	-60.55
M & G CHARITIES CHARIFUND EQUITY			5777.69	6661.84	-884.15
M & G CHARITIES CHARIBOND (Fix.Int.)			497.19	464.04	33.15
Funeral fees J.Cresswell.			390.00	511.00	-121.00
Garage rent (J.Redfearn)			104.00	78.00	26.00
Garden Rent Sutton (£5 donation)			20.00	20.00	
Garden Rent Penbarthy			15.00	15.00	
Garden Rent Allen				15.00	-15.00
Garden Rent Hagger			30.00	15.00	15.00
Field Rent Bentley			25.00	25.00	
Use of SSR 1st responders			80.00		
Wall damage insurance AXA			300.00		
TOTAL			24527.59		
2020 -TRUSTEES CURRENT ACCOUNT 75446367 -DEBIT			£ p	2019	Variance
MINISTERS SALARY			12321.28	12025.50	-295.78
HMRC National Insurance			481.44	543.66	62.22
B&CE Holdings Minister pension			1166.23	919.48	-246.75
Church Insurance			2749.86	2600.00	-149.86
Manse/Bluebell cottage/study insurance			697.25	670.90	-26.35
Ministers Expenses			526.54	688.65	162.11
Treasures Expenses - J Jervis keys cut			13.96		-13.96
Treasures Expenses - N.Edwards			170.00		
Investment Blackrock Equity			10000.00		-10000.00
Investment M & G Charifund Equity			10000.00		-10000.00
Churchyard Maintenance (N.Edwards)			1100.00	1390.00	290.00
ADT security system contract			240.54	230.63	-9.91
pat/electrical tests & certs. (J,Harrison)			168.00		-168.00
Stonework repairs (P.Beardmore)			3138.50		-3138.50
Mowing/window cleaning (J.Redfearn)			380.00	280.50	-99.50
Babara Cope preaching training			621.00	480.00	-141.00
Water rates Water Plus			99.72	64.24	-35.48
Manse/Bluebell boiler service(A.Hurst)			201.00	132.00	-69.00
Leak Bluebell boiler (A.Hurst)			95.70	66.08	-29.62
Church computer Memory sticks (R.Wilson)			14.00		-14.00
Repair to Carr Bank wall (J.Redfearn)			300.00		-300.00
Building steps in graveyard (J.Redfearn)			756.40		-756.40

cleaning gutters & paths (J.Redfearn)			96.00		-96.00
voucher for J.Ford auditing (D.Clowes)			20.00		-20.00
ADT alarm repair			290.40		-290.40
Organist (funeral)			85.00		-85.00
Work on new grave area (J Redfearn)			952.50		-952.50
Christmas gifts J.Bolton/M.Shaw (D.Clowes)			40.00	42.00	2.00
TOTAL			46725.32		

Balance as 03.01.2020	£50,107.90
Credits 2020 (+)	£24,527.59
Debits 2020 (-)	£46,725.32
Balance as 05.01.2021	£27,910.17

Audited by Judy Ford FCCA 09.09.2021

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[Auditors/examiners report for 2020 accounts.](#)

These accounts were audited by Judy Ford FCCA on 09.09.2021 and were approved as a correct & accurate statement of the charities finances with no irregularities.