

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1092876

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2002-07-10

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

Contact

Address Duncan Road Church
Duncan Road
Park Gate
Southampton
SO31 1BD

Phone 01489 582395

Website www.drchurch.info

Activities

Objects: (A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN SOUTHAMPTON AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT AND TO FULFIL SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND ARE CONNECTED WITH THE CHARITABLE WORK OF THE TRUST(B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID LOCATION AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: Support the Church fellowship known as Duncan Road Church.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE SOUTHAMPTON
- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£28,771	£26,972	-	-
2023-10-31	£28,794	£21,228	-	-
2022-10-31	£30,728	£21,179	-	-
2021-10-31	£27,295	£23,446	-	-
2020-10-31	£29,217	£26,689	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
PAUL RAYMOND DONAGHY		
Stuart Jeffrey Gunter		2020-06-17

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

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Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Duncan Road Church Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') (Charity Number 1092876) for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on page 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees 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 s 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s 145(5)(b) of the Act

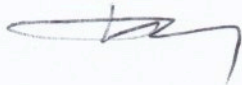
Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act or
- 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:



Name: Mrs Lucy A Parry BSc ACA

Address: Langdowns DFK, Fleming Court, Leigh Road, Eastleigh SO50 9PD

Date: 10 March 2025

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated 31 May 2002. The object of the Trust is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable activities of the church fellowship known as Duncan Road Church.

During the year the Trust has supported the church fellowship which has met at the property occupied by the church, located in Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BD.

The charitable aim of Duncan Road Church is the advancement of the Christian religion. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. With its activities the church aims to both introduce individuals to the Christian faith and to support and encourage existing believers

The church has continued to welcome new visitors attending the Sunday morning All Age Service. Many of the visitors from previous years continue to attend Sunday services, some on a fairly frequent basis. We continue to be encouraged by new visitors attending the All Age Service and hope to see some of these visitors make the decision to become formal members of the church.

Our midweek meetings continue to be well received by the local community, with many regulars attending our children's activities on a weekly basis. A variety of midweek meetings cater to the needs of children, young people, carers with young children, parents & toddlers, as well as meetings for men and women of all ages. A midweek meeting launched in the previous financial year, Welcome Wednesdays, has recently been renamed to Wednesday Drop-In and has continued to grow after an initially slow start last year.

During the year the All Age Service continued to be held each Sunday morning, with a live-stream available on YouTube. Services are also made available for on-demand viewing on YouTube after the event, to help meet the needs of those unable to join in for the livestream or those that wish to watch the service again at a later date. Our weekly house group for Bible study and prayer has also continued.

During this financial year, one of the trustees, David McNeish, unfortunately resigned from the Trust due to his family relocating to the north of England. This leaves the trust with only two trustees, and we are actively working to increase the number of trustees to ensure resilience of the trust for the future. We have identified a few candidates for this role and are currently working to change the legal structure of the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) at the same time.

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is Duncan Road Church, Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BD.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr P Donaghy

Mr S Gunter (Treasurer)

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2024 is attached on page 3. The Account shows a surplus for the year of £1,799 (2023: a surplus of £7,566) and funds' balances carried forward of £96,359 represented by amounts held on bank current and deposit accounts as well as cash.

Receipts

General receipts, such as from collections and donations, increased by £624 over the previous year's amounts. Gift Aid tax recovered decreased by £1,386 and other income increased by £731.

Payments

Overall costs have decreased by £4,495 compared to the previous year. The church building & equipment has continued to be maintained, including the replacement of the church's piano at a cost of £4,400. This piano purchase accounts for the majority of the difference in cost from the previous year.

Funds

Following the surplus for the year, funds balances have increased to £96,359 at year end. All funds are represented by a General Unrestricted Fund. There are no designated or restricted funds in place at year end.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans under Consideration

Since the Trust's income is from voluntary donations which are variable, some level of general unrestricted reserves are needed to ensure that funds are available to meet expenditure commitments. The trustees' policy is to hold an amount equivalent to no more than 6 month's typical expenditure in the General Fund.

However the trustees are considering appointing a part/full time pastor to assist the church in its ministry. Any person appointed would be an employee of the church. The church is in the process of changing the legal structure to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to prepare for this change. Such an appointment will need ongoing funding for several years to support the post, over and above the current level of income that is donated. As a result reserves are being retained to cover such potential ongoing additional costs.

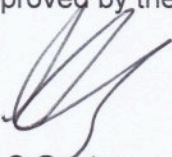
Investment Policy

The trustees' policy on investing the funds of the Trust is that funds not needed to meet day to day expenses will be held in an interest-earning deposit account. The trustees have chosen at present to hold such funds in an interest-earning account with Kingdom Bank, which is a Christian bank aligned to the purpose of the church. This choice means that the church earns interest at a slightly lower rate than similar notice accounts, as it enables us to support the provision of more affordable support to gospel ministries across the UK, which is in keeping with our charitable purpose.

Thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the church during the year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Mr S Gunter

Date : 18 Jan 2025

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2024

	Note	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Receipts			
Collections etc	1	22,272	21,640
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid		5,254	6,640
Other Income	2	1,245	514
TOTAL RECEIPTS		28,771	28,794
Payments			
Gifts to speakers	3	10,850	10,949
Premises project expenditure	4	4,400	0
Combined operating costs	5,6,7	8,738	8,544
TOTAL PAYMENTS		23,988	19,493
SURPLUS before Larger value donations		4,783	9,301
Exceptional Costs : Donations to Christian Organisations	8	2,984	1,735
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		1,799	7,566
Fund balances brought forward at start of year		94,560	86,994
Fund Balances carried forward		<u>96,359</u>	<u>94,560</u>

Assets	Monetary Assets	£
	Cash box	179
	Cash at Bank	Current Account
	Kingdom Bank	Interest earning Account
		<u>76,837</u>
		<u>96,359</u>
	Other Assets	
	Gift Aid tax recoverable	2,796

Approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2025

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Mr S J Gunter

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The church has continued to welcome new visitors attending the Sunday morning All Age Service. Many of the visitors from previous years continue to attend Sunday services, some on a fairly frequent basis. We continue to be encouraged by new visitors attending the All Age Service and hope to see some of these visitors make the decision to become formal members of the church.

Our midweek meetings continue to be well received by the local community, with many regulars attending our children's activities on a weekly basis. A variety of midweek meetings cater to the needs of children, young people, carers with young children, parents & toddlers, as well as meetings for men and women of all ages. In September 2023, a new midweek meeting was launched (Welcome Wednesdays) to provide a warm space and companionship to those in the local community. This has got off to a slow start, as news of the event takes time to filter through the community, although we are seeing fairly consistent numbers in attendance.

During the year the All Age Service continued to be held each Sunday morning, with a live-stream available on YouTube. Services are also made available for on-demand viewing on YouTube after the event, to help meet the needs of those unable to join in for the livestream or those that wish to watch the service again at a later date. Our weekly house group for Bible study and prayer has also continued, although we now meet only in person as there is no longer a need for virtual meetings.

During this financial year, one of the trustees, Alistair McCann, has resigned from the Trust due to deteriorating health. Sadly, Alistair passed away in June 2023. We are grateful for the many years that Alistair has served as a faithful trustee and treasurer of the Duncan Road Church Trust.

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is Duncan Road Church, Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BD.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr P Donaghy
Mr S Gunter (Treasurer)
Mr D McNeish

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2023 is attached on page 3. The Account shows a surplus for the year of £7,566 (2022: a surplus of £4,993) and funds' balances carried forward of £94,558 represented by amounts held on bank current and deposit accounts as well as cash.

Receipts

General receipts, such as from collections and donations, decreased by £2,953 over the previous year's amounts. Gift Aid tax recovered increased by £1,723 and other income decreased by £704.

Payments

Overall costs have decreased by £1,686 compared to the previous year. The church building & equipment has continued to be maintained, with no significant works required over the year.

Funds

Following the surplus for the year, funds balances have increased to £94,558 at year end. All funds are represented by a General Unrestricted Fund. There are no designated or restricted funds in place at year end.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans under Consideration

Since the Trust's income is from voluntary donations which are variable, some level of general unrestricted reserves are needed to ensure that funds are available to meet expenditure commitments. The trustees' policy is to hold an amount equivalent to no more than 6 month's typical expenditure in the General Fund.

However the trustees are considering appointing a part/full time pastor to assist the church in its ministry. Any person appointed would be an employee of the church. The church is considering changing to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in the near future to prepare for this change. Such an appointment will need ongoing funding for several years to support the post, over and above the current level of income that is donated. As a result reserves are being retained to cover such potential ongoing additional costs.

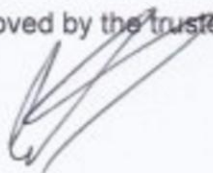
Investment Policy

The trustees' policy on investing the funds of the Trust is that funds not needed to meet day to day expenses will be held on an interest earning deposit account.

Thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the church during the year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Mr S Gunter

Date : 8 Jan 2024

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876


Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2023

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Receipts		
Collections etc	21,640	24,593
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid	6,640	4,917
Other Income	514	1,218
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,794	30,728
Payments		
Gifts to speakers	10,949	11,422
Premises project expenditure	0	1,670
Combined operating costs	8,544	8,087
TOTAL PAYMENTS	19,493	21,179
SURPLUS before Larger value donations	9,301	9,549
Exceptional Costs : Donations to Christian Organisations	1,735	4,556
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	7,566	4,993
Fund balances brought forward at start of year	86,994	82,001
Fund Balances carried forward	<u>94,560</u>	<u>86,994</u>

Assets	Monetary Assets	£
	Cash box	349
	Cash at Bank	18,620
	Kingdom Bank	75,591
	Current Account	
	Interest earning Account	
		<u>94,560</u>
	Other Assets	
	Gift Aid tax recoverable	2,722

Approved by the Trustees on 8 January 2024

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Mr S J Gunter

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Duncan Road Church Trust

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under s 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s 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 which cause me to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act or
- 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:



Name: Mrs L A Parry BSc ACA

Address: Langdowns DFK, Fleming Court, Leigh Road, Eastleigh SO50 9PD

Date :

26/02/2024

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Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Objectives and Activities

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With the lifting of restrictions introduced during Covid, the church has seen many of the midweek meetings restart with good interest from the local community. This includes many meetings for children, young people, carers with young children, parents & toddlers, as well as meetings for men and women of all ages. These meetings have been well received, with many of the activities filling the church on a regular basis. Some pre-Covid activities for senior citizens have not been restarted, largely due to the reduced number of volunteers to run these meetings.

Duncan Road Church celebrated its centenary this year with special events to mark the occasion. The church also made additional donations to Christian charities as part of the event.

The church has also seen a number of new people (including singles, couples and young families) attending the Sunday morning All Age Service on a regular basis, with some making a formal commitment to church membership. This growth is very encouraging, and will be an area of continued focus for the year ahead.

During the year the All Age Service continued to be held each Sunday morning, with a live-stream available on Youtube. Services are also made available for on-demand viewing on YouTube after the event, to help meet the needs of those unable to join in for the livestream or those that wish to watch the service again at a later date. Weekly house groups for Bible study and prayer also continued both online and in person.

In summary, this year has seen a positive return to normal, with activities now fully operating and with good attendance.

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is Duncan Road Church, Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BD.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr A McCann
Mr P Donaghy
Mr S Gunter (Treasurer)
Mr D McNeish

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2022 is attached on page 3. The Account shows a surplus for the year of £4,993 (2021: a surplus of £1,849) and funds' balances carried forward of £86,994 represented by amounts held on bank current and deposit accounts as well as cash.

Receipts

General receipts, such as from collections and donations, increased by £1,617 over the previous year's amounts. Gift Aid tax recovered increased by £958 and other income increased by £858.

Payments

Overall costs have decreased by £2,267 compared to the previous year. The church building & equipment has continued to be maintained, with one notable project completed to repair the boundary fencing. The centenary service also saw the church making a number of extraordinary donations to Christian charities, as nominated by the members of the church. Twelve donations of £100 each were made to these charities to support their work.

Funds

Following the surplus for the year, funds balances have increased to £86,994 at year end. All funds are represented by a General Unrestricted Fund. There are no designated or restricted funds in place at year end.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans under Consideration

Since the Trust's income is from voluntary donations which are variable, some level of general unrestricted reserves are needed to ensure that funds are available to meet expenditure commitments. The trustees' policy is to hold an amount equivalent to no more than 6 month's typical expenditure in the General Fund.

However the trustees are considering appointing a part/full time worker to assist the church in its ministry. Any person appointed would be an employee of the church. Such an appointment will need ongoing funding for several years to support the post, over and above the current level of income that is donated. As a result reserves are being retained to cover such potential ongoing additional costs.

Investment Policy

The trustees' policy on investing the funds of the Trust is that funds not needed to meet day to day expenses will be held on an interest earning deposit account.

Thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the church during the year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Mr S Gunter

Date : 21 Feb 2023

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is Duncan Road Church, Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BQ.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr A McCann

Mr P Donaghy

Mr S Gunter (Treasurer)

Mr D McHugh

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing trustees.

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2022

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Receipts		
Collections etc	24,593	22,976
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid	4,917	3,959
Other Income	1,218	360
TOTAL RECEIPTS	30,728	27,295
Payments		
Gifts to speakers and other Christian workers/organisations	11,422	10,652
Premises project expenditure	1,670	4,756
Combined operating costs	8,087	8,038
TOTAL PAYMENTS	21,179	23,446
SURPLUS before Larger value donations	9,549	3,849
Exceptional Costs : Donations to Christian Organisations	4,556	2,000
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR / (2021 : SURPLUS)	4,993	1,849
Fund balances brought forward at start of year	82,001	80,152
Fund Balances carried forward	<u>86,994</u>	<u>82,001</u>

Assets	Monetary Assets	£
	Cash box	147
	Cash at Bank	
	Current Account	11,540
	Deposit Account	11
	Kingdom Bank	
	Interest earning Account	75,297
		<u>86,994</u>
	Other Assets	
	Gift Aid tax recoverable	3,080
	Net credit on electricity and gas budget accounts	--553

Approved by the Trustees on 21 February 2023

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Mrs J Gunter

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Signed:



Name: Mr D J C Hancock BSc FCA

Address: Parry Hancock, Webb House, 20 Bridge Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 7GE

Date : 22/03/23

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

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Signed:



Name: Mr D J C Hancock BSc FCA

Address: Parry Hancock, Webb House, 20 Bridge Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 7GE

Date : 8/6/22

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Trustees' Annual Report

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The charitable aim of Duncan Road Church is the advancement of the Christian religion. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. With its activities the church aims to both introduce individuals to the Christian faith and to support and encourage existing believers

Pre-covid the church's activities, which are open to all, would have included a church service for worship, preaching and teaching of the Christian faith held each Sunday as an 'all-age' family oriented service. Other regular services would have included midweek meetings for children, young people, carers with young children, and senior citizens. However covid related restrictions, including the need to socially distance, have meant that most midweek meetings were cancelled for most of the current year.

During the year the All Age Service continued to be held each Sunday morning, with the service also live-streamed to the internet and available to view on Youtube. Weekly house groups for Bible study and prayer also continued both online and in person. The carers and children's activity was also delivered online via Facebook, before re-starting in the church building during the summer. The Friday night childrens' clubs re-started in the church from September.

In summary, this year has seen the activities of the church slowly getting back to normal as covid restrictions were eased.

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is 14 Southampton Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 6AF.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr A McCann (Secretary and Treasurer)

Mr P Donaghy

Mr S Gunter

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2021 is attached on page 3. The Account shows a surplus for the year of £1,849 (2020: a surplus of £2,528) and funds' balances carried forward of £82,001 represented by amounts held on bank current and deposit accounts.

Receipts

General receipts such as from collections, gift aid recovered and donations, increased by £1,830 over the previous year's amounts. However gift aid tax recovered and other income fell by £3,752.

Payments

Overall costs have decreased by £1,243 compared to the previous year. The church building has continued to be maintained and its equipment improved such as the upgrading of its PA equipment and the installation of CCTV equipment.

Funds

Following the surplus for the year, funds balances have increased to £82,001 at year end. All funds are represented by a General Unrestricted Fund. There are no designated or restricted funds in place at year end.

Reserves Policy and Future Plans under Consideration

Since the Trust's income is from voluntary donations which are variable, some level of general unrestricted reserves are needed to ensure that funds are available to meet expenditure commitments. The trustees' policy is to hold an amount equivalent to no more than 6 month's typical expenditure in the General Fund. However, with an unspent amount remaining from a legacy received in previous years, reserves are standing at a higher level.

However the trustees are considering appointing a part/full time worker to assist the church in its ministry. Any person appointed would be an employee of the church. Such an appointment will need ongoing funding for several years to support the post, over and above the current level of income that is donated. As a result reserves are being retained to cover such potential ongoing additional costs.

Prior to the covid restrictions the trustees had also been reviewing potential alternatives to alter the church building to give additional useable inside space. However such plans are on hold at present in view the uncertainty surrounding when church life might get back to normal


Investment Policy

The trustees' policy on investing the funds of the Trust is that funds not needed to meet day to day expenses will be held on an interest earning deposit account.

Thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the church during the year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

A. J. M. 

Mr A J McCann

Date : 22 February 2022

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2021

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Receipts		
Collections etc	22,976	21,146
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid	3,959	5,208
Other Income	360	2,863
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,295	29,217
Payments		
Gifts to speakers and other Christian workers/organisations	10,652	11,664
Larger value premises expenditure	4,756	3,656
Other premises costs & costs of holding services	6,830	8,357
Sundry expenses	1,208	1,012
TOTAL PAYMENTS	23,446	24,689
SURPLUS before Larger value donations	3,849	4,528
Exceptional Costs : Larger value donations	2,000	2,000
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR / (2020 : SURPLUS)	1,849	2,528
Fund balances brought forward at start of year	80,152	77,624
Fund Balances carried forward	<u>82,001</u>	<u>80,152</u>

Assets	Monetary Assets		£
	Cash at Bank	Current Account	6,762
		Deposit Account	11
	Stewardship	Interest earning Account	75,228
			<u>82,001</u>
	Other Assets		
		Gift Aid tax recoverable	2,233
		Net credit on electricity and gas budget accounts	214

Approved by the Trustees on 22 February 2022

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A. J. McCann

Mr A J McCann

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1092876

Accounts

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was constituted by a Declaration of Trust dated the 31 May 2002. The object of the Trust is the furtherance of the religious and other charitable activities of the church fellowship known as Duncan Road Church.

During the year the Trust has supported the church fellowship which has met at the property occupied by the church, located in Duncan Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 1BD.

The charitable aim of Duncan Road Church is the advancement of the Christian religion. The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, particularly the guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In normal circumstances the church's activities, which are open to all, would include church services for worship, preaching and teaching of the Christian faith held each Sunday, including an 'all-age' family oriented service. Other regular services would include meetings for children, young people, carers with young children, and senior citizens. Special events which would normally be held include a Holiday Club for children held during the Easter holiday period. With such activities the church aims to both introduce individuals to the Christian faith and to support and encourage existing believers.

In addition the church normally seeks to benefit the local community by including in its ministry, as explained above, activities for various age groups such as weekly children and young people's clubs, a popular and busy weekly session for carers and their children to get together, quarterly senior citizen teas and monthly lunches.

The Impact of Covid Restrictions

Under the covid restrictions affecting places of worship, the church had to close down all of its activities normally held in the church building from March to July 2020. These were replaced in part by providing online activities such as an All Age Service each Sunday, weekly-held house groups for Bible study and prayer, and social get-togethers.

The church re-opened in August 2020, but only to offer a weekly All Age Service on a Sunday for those who wished to attend the service in person. The service was also livestreamed and recorded. No other activities have yet re-started in the building. Communication with church members and other community contacts was maintained via phone, e-mail and online contact. The carers and children's activity is being delivered online via Facebook.

It is clear that the church's ministry has been severely impacted by the restrictions.

Administrative Information

The address of the Trust for correspondence is 14 Southampton Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 6AF.

The current trustees of the Trust are:

Mr A McCann (Secretary and Treasurer)
Mr P Donaghy
Mr S Gunter (appointed June 2020)

The following resignations of trustees have taken place since November 2019:

Mr D New (resigned November 2019)
Mr M Fielder (resigned March 2020)

Under the Declaration of Trust, new trustees are appointed by a resolution of the existing Trustees.

Financial Review

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 October 2020 is attached on page 3. The Account shows a surplus for the year of £2,528 (2019: a surplus of £1,845) and funds' balances carried forward of £80,152 represented by amounts held on bank current and deposit accounts.

Receipts

General receipts such as from collections, gift aid recovered and donations, reduced by £3,455 over the previous year's amounts. There were no significant one-off receipts in this year. Receipts from collections were impacted by the closure of the church building during lockdown, for example the resulting fall in Sunday cash collections from congregational giving.

Payments

Overall costs have decreased by £4,138 compared to the previous year, of which £4,905 is represented by reduced donations from surplus funds to christian based charities. The trustees had agreed a policy to increase the Trust's charitable donations towards the furtherance of the Christian faith. However this policy was suspended in view of the financial uncertainty caused by the covid restrictions.

Funds

Following the surplus for the year, funds balances have increased to £80,152 at year end. All funds are represented by a General Unrestricted Fund. There are no designated or restricted funds in place at year end.

Reserves Policy

Since the Trust's income is from voluntary donations which are variable, some level of general unrestricted reserves are needed to ensure that funds are available to meet expenditure commitments. The trustees' policy is to hold an amount equivalent to no more than 6 month's typical expenditure in the General Fund. However, with an unspent amount remaining from a legacy received in previous years, reserves are standing at a higher level. The trustees have an open vacancy for a 'community link worker' to assist the church in its ministry and any person appointed would be an employee of the Trust. It is considered that such a position would advance the work of the church, but will need ongoing funding for several years to support the post, over and above the normal level of funding that might be available. As a result reserves are being retained to cover potential ongoing costs.

Investment Policy

The trustees' policy on investing the funds of the Trust is that funds not needed to meet day to day expenses will be held on an interest earning deposit account.

Future Plans and Issues

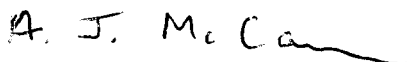
The trustees had been considering potential alterations to the church building to give additional useable inside space. However such plans are on hold at present in view the uncertainty surrounding when church life might get back to normal.

The covid restrictions have seriously affected the church's activities and mission in the year to October 2020 and continue to do so in the current year. To date the financial impact has been limited because some church members have continued to make donations to church funds via bank transfers, but donations via Sunday collections have effectively ceased. It is not yet clear how the church's finances will be affected in the 2021 financial year.

Thanks

The trustees would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of the church during the year.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



Mr A J McCann

Date : 11 February 2021

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2020

	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Receipts		
Collections etc	21,146	25,094
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid	5,208	5,721
Legacy	0	55
Other Income	2,863	1,802
TOTAL RECEIPTS	29,217	32,672
Payments		
Gifts to speakers and other Christian workers/organisations	11,664	10,143
Larger value premises expenditure	3,656	4,563
Other premises costs & costs of holding services	8,357	8,726
Sundry expenses	1,012	490
TOTAL PAYMENTS	24,689	23,922
SURPLUS before Larger value donations	4,528	8,750
Exceptional Costs : Larger value donations	2,000	6,905
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR / (2019 : SURPLUS)	2,528	1,845
Fund balances brought forward at start of year	77,624	75,779
Fund Balances carried forward	<u>80,152</u>	<u>77,624</u>

Assets	Monetary Assets	£
	Cash at Bank	5,063
	Current Account	11
	Deposit Account	75,078
	Stewardship	<u>80,152</u>
	Interest earning Account	
	Other Assets	
	Gift Aid tax recoverable	1,867
	Net credit on electricity and gas budget accounts	131

Approved by the Trustees on 11 February 2021

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A. J. M. C.

Mr A J McCann

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Duncan Road Church Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') (Charity Number 1092876) for the year ended 31 October 2020, which are set out on page 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees 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 s 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s 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 which cause me to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act or
- 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:



Name: Mr D J C Hancock BSc FCA

Address: Parry Hancock, Webb House, 20 Bridge Road, Park Gate, Southampton, SO31 7GE

Date: 29/7/21