

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 2021, 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:



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Date : 8/6/22

DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31 October 2021.

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. 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	75,228
	Interest earning Account	<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. M. Cann

Mr A J McCann