

# DUNCAN ROAD CHURCH TRUST

Charity Registration Number : 1092876

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

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

### **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

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

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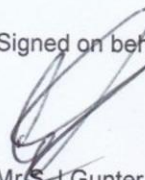
## Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31 October 2022

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Collections etc	24,593	22,976
Tax reclaimed under Gift Aid	4,917	3,959
Other Income	1,218	360
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>30,728</b>	<b>27,295</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
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
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>21,179</b>	<b>23,446</b>
<b>SURPLUS before Larger value donations</b>	<b>9,549</b>	<b>3,849</b>
Exceptional Costs : Donations to Christian Organisations	4,556	2,000
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR / (2021 : SURPLUS)</b>	<b>4,993</b>	<b>1,849</b>
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 S J Gunter



## 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 2022, 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

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Date : 22/03/23