

GATEWAY CHURCH MERSEYSIDE

SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Registered Company Number	5916906	
Registered Charity Number	1119581	
Trustees	Russell Kain (Chairman) Jonathan Dale (resigned 20 12 2020) Anthony Canning Kenneth Clark (Appointed 02 02 2020)	
Secretary	Anthony Canning	
Registered Office	Goodlass House Goodlass Road Hunts Cross LIVERPOOL L24 9HJ	
Solicitors	Fiona Bruce & Co	Justice House 3, Grappenhall Road Stockton Heath WARRINGTON Cheshire WA4 2AH
Independent Examiner	Ian Afflick FCA	336a Wellington Road North Heaton Chapel STOCKPORT Cheshire SK4 5DA
Bankers	HSBC Bank	23 Allerton Road Mossley Hill LIVERPOOL L18 2DA

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

DIRECTORS REPORT

The Company is limited by Guarantee, being incorporated on 25th August 2006, and with Charity Commission on 11th June 2007. Its name was changed on 21 12 2011.

The Trustees throughout the Year and to the date of this report and the advisors are set out on the accompanying Information Page.

Appointment of Trustees.

Trustees are elders, or church members with eldership experience in the church and are selected from among the members who have shown themselves to be faithful, full of integrity, and who agree wholly with our statement of beliefs and our vision and values.

Aims and Organisation

To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs. The advancement of education and the relief of hardship and distress. The geographical scope being the Merseyside, UK and the World.

The church (charity) provides a place of worship, teaching, pastoral care and fellowship for people within the Merseyside region.

Vision Statement

To be a Church in Liverpool that would truly love God and would passionately fulfil the Great Commission.

Public Benefit

The trustees are committed to enabling anyone from the community to worship at the church and become part of the church family. We regularly have people from the community visit the Sunday service as well as many of the weekly online groups. It is intended that as many people as possible have their lives impacted by the gospel of Jesus Christ and we are always seeking ways to bring this message to the wider community in the form of both relief and teaching. The biblical teaching provides people with relational/interpersonal skills and equips them to face the challenges of life. We have done this in 2020 through numerous outreaches, training events, study groups and numerous social and specific interest groups. We have also given financial help to people in need locally, nationally and internationally.

Review of Activities & Achievements

The core of the church work includes:

- 1) A Sunday morning & a Tuesday evening service.
- 2) Various weekly activities/meetings/courses. (Youth groups, Mens groups, Ladies groups, Home based groups, Training courses...)
- 3) Pastoral care of church and community members.
- 4) Training of leaders. Leadership training has been provided for local church members and other local & national churches, in the form of National Leadership Training events and visiting speakers.
- 5) Hardship relief in the form of donations/service to numerous national and international charities.

The church (charity) volunteers do outreach to the homeless, hospital & care home visitations, perform in a musical capacity at community events hosted by the church. ie. Christmas carol evenings, Care Home carols etc., are involved in various weekly activities ie. childrens groups, youth groups, bands, catering teams, welcome teams and outreaches abroad and locally. This has been limited due to COVID lockdowns.

The church (charity) provides a place of worship, teaching, pastoral support and fellowship for people within the Merseyside region. The prime purpose being that each person would be given the opportunity to know the God of the Bible and an opportunity to express their faith in real and practical ways amongst the people of Merseyside, the UK and the world. During 2020, the church (charity) was led and managed by four trustees. One elder (trustee) was employed full time by the church, and the other three trustees worked on a voluntary basis, together with a team of leaders.

The core of the church (charity) work continues to be a Sunday morning and a Tuesday evening Service, various mid-week house meetings, numerous open social events, community outreaches, support of charitable works (local and abroad) and training of church members and leaders. During 2020, as a result of COVID lockdowns and in adherence to social distancing measures, most of these functions have been carried out online via ZOOM.

There are two main meetings during the week (A Sunday Morning Service & Tuesday Evening Prayer) and various other groups that meet throughout the year. These groups include Bible Study groups, Youth groups, Young Adults groups and social events. All groups are open to anyone in the wider community. We hosted numerous online socials, in the form of Quiz and Games Nights during lockdown.

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DIRECTORS REPORT (Continued)

Through these various open groups and by motivating individuals within the church to voluntarily serve the Merseyside community (e.g. work amongst the elderly, disabled & grieving, singing in care homes, hospital visitations, outreach to the homeless, abortion awareness outreaches...), the charity has seen people from the wider community joining the church and benefiting from our members community service. In addition, we run a Childrens group (ages 4-10) on a Sunday morning, a Youth Group (ages 13-18) on a Friday evening and a Thursday evening Young Adults group (ages 18-30).

We hosted various events to serve the interests of the community e.g. A Mothers' & Fathers' Day Service, an Easter Service, a Christmas Service, and various online social events.

The church (charity) gave 9.67% of its total income received from members to:

1) Various sources of need e.g. Great Lakes Outreach (GLO) assisting children who can't afford schooling, Hope Pregnancy Centre, an initiative to assist pregnant women in need of housing, Abortion awareness projects, Work amongst AIDS orphans in South Africa, the unemployed, the elderly, the poor, the sick and the hurting in Liverpool, various people within our church community, the wider UK church community and outreach work into Burundi, Canada and South Africa.

2) The training and equipping of leaders through various means e.g. We hosted National and International church leaders before Lockdown who taught at various events. We take our Young people for training to 'Regenerate' (an annual Youth Conference in Edinburgh). However this was cancelled due to COVID

Our goal is always to concentrate on the same activities and although we always attempt to increase the scale of them, the area of emphasis may change from year to year, according to the need.

Policies

The church (charity) policy, to provide relief of need/hardship, training for leaders, pastoral care of people and to support other church ministries (local & abroad) that do the same, has been reached.

The reserves at the beginning of the year were £ 20 000. The church (charity) which receives its funding from members, did not experience significant growth in numbers, and because of extended periods of not being able to meet due to COVID lockdowns, annual income was reduced. However running costs were also reduced during lockdowns, thus the reserves account at the end of 2020 had a balance of £ 23 500. The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure the work of the organisation can continue to meet its objectives, even in times of financial shortage; or, if needed, to use reserves for any one-off special expenditure or project.

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Mr A Canning, Secretary
28th March 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

INCOME & EXPENDITURE	Notes	Year to 31st December 2020			Year to 31 12 19
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£
Offerings & Donations Received	1	76,232	652	76,884	78,341
Charitable Trading Sales		625		625	3,260
Investment Income		16	-	16	37
Other Income		-	-	-	3,050
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>76,873</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>77,525</u>	<u>84,688</u>
Less: RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>					
Trading Cost of Sales		966		966	4,353
Ministry Gifts		4,015	199	4,214	2,602
Other Ministry Expenses		31,465	-	31,465	33,557
Outreach		100		100	-
Poor Relief		-	267	267	1,721
Property Costs		7,754	-	7,754	8,526
		<u>44,300</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>44,766</u>	<u>50,759</u>
<i>Support</i>		26,681	-	26,681	32,216
<i>Administration</i>		1,850		1,850	1,711
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>72,831</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>73,297</u>	<u>84,686</u>
NET INCOMING RESOURCES For the Year		4,042	186	4,228	2
FUND BALANCES as at 1st January 2020		29,460	604	30,064	30,062
& as at 31st December 2020		<u>33,502</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>34,292</u>	<u>30,064</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020

		31 12 20		31 12 19	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	3		4,885		5,329
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments		2,490		2,443	
Cash at Bank		27,891		23,150	
Cash in Hand		100		100	
		<u>30,481</u>		<u>25,693</u>	
Less: Current Liabilities payable within one year					
Creditors & Accruals		(1,074)		(958)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			29,407		24,735
		<u>£</u>	<u>34,292</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>30,064</u>
Represented By:					
FUNDS (Per Income & Expenditure Account)					
<i>Unrestricted</i>					
General Fund			33,502		29,043
<i>Restricted</i>	5				
People Needs		436		571	
Other		354		450	
		<u>790</u>		<u>1,021</u>	
	5	<u>£</u>	<u>34,292</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>30,064</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
DIRECTORS STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY S 249B(4)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

In approving these as of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the stated above the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The Financial statements were approved by the Board on 21st April 2021 and signed on its behalf by

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R Kain

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements are prepared on a historical accounts basis, taking into account accruals and depreciation where relevant, in order to ensure consistency.

Gifts to Restricted Funds are accounted for upon receipt, though Restricted Tax Refunds are included when net donation is received.

All Restricted gifts are separately recorded when received, though expenditure is not separately analysed when made, outstanding amounts being noted at the year end.

Gifts in kind are only recorded and included if material as income in the year given.

Only reimbursements of expenditure are netted off against such and not counted as income. Unpaid voluntary services, though not measured in monetary terms, are invaluable.

Unrestricted Funds are incoming resources, which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated Funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted Funds are to be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Assets are Capitalised, irrespective of finance sources and methods, provided such are permanently intended to be used by the Trust. Only items costing more than £150 will be capitalised and then only if they have a resale value of more than £50.

Current Assets are shown at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Current Liabilities are shown at settlement value.

2. FUNDS & FUND TRANSFERS

Small amounts are given from time to time and Restricted Funds kept for such, though none are of any material amount or held for any great length of time.

3. TRUSTEE'S EMOLUMENTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Remuneration and other emoluments	<u>28,500</u>	<u>26,400</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

4. FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Property	Musical & PA Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
COST	£	£	£	£	£
Cost as at 01 01 20	2,030	17,843	16,934	5,397	42,204
Additions in Year	-	250	-	-	250
As At 31 12 20	<u>2,030</u>	<u>18,093</u>	<u>16,934</u>	<u>5,397</u>	<u>42,454</u>
DEPRECIATION					
As at 01 01 20	2,030	16,549	14,102	4,194	36,875
Charge for Year	-	282	239	173	694
As At 31 12 20	<u>2,030</u>	<u>16,831</u>	<u>9,055</u>	<u>4,367</u>	<u>37,569</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
31 12 20	<u>-</u>	<u>1,262</u>	<u>7,879</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>4,885</u>
31 12 19	<u>-</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>5,329</u>
Normal Depreciation Rates (Reducing Balance)	100%	20%	20%	33.3%	

5. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Fixed Assets	4,885		4,885
Current Assets	29,691	790	30,481
Current Liabilities	(1,074)		(1,074)
Fund Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>33,502</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>34,292</u>

6. TRUSTEES & CONNECTED PERSONS CONTRACTS

One Trustee was employed by the Charity for ministerial services. One (year to 31 12 19 - one) Trustee's spouse was employed by the Company for services rendered and paid £ 19,500 (Year to 31 12 19 - £ 21,600). Otherwise, expenses incurred in non-trustee capacities have also been claimed by Trustees and their spouses.

7. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE

The Independent Examiner received £ 180 (Year to 31 12 19 - £180) for the independent examination of the accounts. He also received £270 (Year to 31 12 19 - £270) for the preparation of Accounts and other advice.