



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name River Church (Orpington)

Other names charity is known by Ramsden Family Church (previous name)

Registered charity number (if any) 1121675

Charity's principal address C/o Mrs Hannah Urbanczyk

2 Bell Gardens

Orpington, Kent

Postcode

BR5 4DA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Hannah Urbanczyk	Chair of Trustees		
2	Joel Perez	Co-Treasurer	17 March to 31 December	
3	Peter Cross	Co-Treasurer		
4	Arron Phillips			
5	John Churcher			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

By Charitable Trust Deed

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed by a simple majority at a meeting of the Trustees. (The appointment must be confirmed by Deed where property is held)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Church are:

1. For the benefit of the public to advance the Christian Faith (in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. For education, care for the sick and relief of poverty in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Providing a place of worship for the River Church (Orpington) group to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public.

Supporting voluntary workers in the World and within the U.K. to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public. For example, the River Church (Orpington) gives gifts of money to the Ameva Farm & Bible College project in Zimbabwe. This financial support enables them to continue to operate the farm which provides food to the local community as well as help with health, education and social work, in addition to the work of the Bible college which helps train local church leaders.

Training members of River Church (Orpington) in Leadership Skills to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public. This is done regularly at midweek meetings as well as special events.

Care of sick people within the church including visiting and providing support.

Hosting Community and Outreach Events for the benefit of the Public in the Crays and Orpington. This brings local people together and fosters community spirit and cohesion. Other activities such as games and entertainment are provided for the benefit of the public. In addition, the church supports the local Foodbank and the local Christians Against Poverty group, both of which seek to alleviate poverty in the area.

Youth Club evenings to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public. This involves activities which develop interpersonal skills of teenagers and young adults as well as connecting with other youth groups from other areas around the UK.

Running a Sunday School on a Sunday morning for younger attendees of the River Church to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public, and to promote education. The Sunday School is open to all members of the public with different activities appropriate for the varying age ranges.

Activities undertaken by the church pastor have included:

- Overall leadership / providing direction for the River Church.
- Responsibility for organising regular church meetings.
- Responsibility for the overall set up and administration related to church meetings.
- Helping local people with personal needs.
- Providing community support groups within the church set up.
- Oversight for activities run for the local community such as outreach meetings.
- Providing spiritual and emotional support to those in need.

Please note that money was also spent on CRB Checks for volunteers involved in activities where appropriate.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers have contributed to the running of the Charity, particularly in practical ways on a Sunday morning in order to set up the meeting place so that it can run efficiently in order to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public. Volunteers give their time and skills in many ways to support the ongoing work of the Charity.

Some of the volunteer roles have included:

- Placing signs / directions to the meeting centre.
- Setting up the chairs / banners / tables.
- Tea / Coffee provision.
- Setting up the stage for the musicians including all the musical equipment.
- Running a Sunday School.
- Organising & running games / rewards at community events.
- Setting up of equipment for the Community Events.
- Helping at the youth group which is run on some Saturday evenings.
- Visiting, befriending and offering hospitality to people in the community, including both two-parent and single-parent families, and individuals without any family support, by different church members.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church continued with its regular programme of activities to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public though, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the doors to our physical meetings on Sundays were shut from March 2020, and we instead met online. The church continued to meet together on a Sunday morning during the first few months of 2020 and saw encouraging growth, with new members joining, which included some with a church background and others with no or limited previous experience of church. The responses during our meetings from the worship times and preaching have been positive. We successfully began hosting bi-monthly church lunches after our Sunday service, these provide interaction with others helping those who may be lonely; the food also helps those who are vulnerable and associated relief of poverty.

The charity continued its membership of the "Mission Life Grace" network of churches, which currently consists of five core churches, together with a number of associate churches. In March a large number of women from River church attended a weekend MLG Women's conference at Ashburnham Place. The network continues to be beneficial in providing long-term support and training opportunities.

We sadly had to cease meeting in person when the whole of the country was placed into Lockdown measures on 23rd March 2020. The church switched to virtual meetings on a Sunday using Zoom, which took some getting used to. The leadership felt that it was important for people to be able to interact and talk within the church meetings, so decided against "live streaming".

As well as the main Sunday service, for the first few weeks of lockdown we ran a number of "daily devotionals" via Zoom, first thing in the morning. They proved very popular in the short-term and gave people a sense of community and a good platform to keep in touch and check how everyone was coping with lockdown. In the absence of being able to run home groups, a "Freedom in Christ" course was run virtually via Zoom. This course is designed for new and seasoned Christians alike, to learn and grow in the knowledge of God's love and transformational power. The Holy Trinity Brompton marriage course was also run over Zoom, to help strengthen relationships within the church community.

The kids' work within River Church has continued to grow and prosper; the groups expand the children's education by teaching them about the Christian faith. Once lockdown started kids' work switched to an all-age "Family church" service on Zoom which was well received and enjoyed by many, including families from other churches within the MLG network. As part of the kids' work a series of fun challenges were set for families and social gatherings were also organised over zoom for the older children's group, including a Minecraft club. The youth work for teenagers and young adults has continued to develop; this provides a positive social environment for young people and helps build confidence. Zoom bible studies and socials have run every week and we are thankful for the leaders who faithfully served throughout the pandemic.

When some of the rules were relaxed in the summer months some groups of 6 were set up to be able to watch zoom church together in different homes. The church also hired another church building for a few live worship and prayer nights. Throughout the year we ran a number of online social evenings including quiz nights, crafts and Christmas baking.

The church finances increased over the year. This was due to an increase in giving from new and existing members, for which we are thankful, but also due to our decreased expenditure during the pandemic. We continued to provide some support to our former pastor, who is serving at an associated church in Worthing and continues to provide some oversight for our leaders. The stable financial position enabled the charity to propose employing two Community workers, who we hoped to start their new roles in September 2020 but this was delayed due to the pandemic. The church set up a Hardship fund in April 2020 to give the church community an opportunity to raise money which can be used to financially support local people to alleviate poverty, together with providing support for missionaries overseas. The church also arranged a hamper for a homeless shelter, and Christmas gifts for an orphanage.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust Deed states that "The Trustees will be jointly responsible with the Spiritual Leadership for the maintaining of a minimum cash balance within the church accounts of £500".

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The income received has mainly been provided through voluntary donations made by members of the public. In addition, further income was received from some of these donations through the Gift Aid scheme.

The expenditure enables the objectives to be fulfilled by sustaining the regular running costs of the charity and particularly by enabling the support of the pastor, which enables others to be trained and the core objectives to be developed. Money is given to several projects across the world to enhance our faith objectives and the relief of poverty. The international giving sits alongside our giving to local communities for relief of poverty and hardship.

Section F

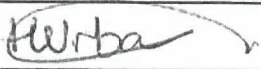

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	HANNAH URBANCZYK	Joel Perez
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Treasurer
Date	28-10-21	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

River Church (Orpington)

1121675

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01/01/2020

To

31/12/2020

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offering (Gift Aid Eligible & General)	69,847	-	-	69,847	48,051
Gift Aid Received	3,277	-	-	3,277	9,452
Bank Credit Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other Gifts, Events & Fundraising	5,625	-	-	5,625	1,225
Investment Income	758	-	-	758	921
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,508	-	-	79,508	59,649
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,508	-	-	79,508	59,649
A3 Payments					
Administration	2,129	-	-	2,129	822
Insurance & Child Protection	907	-	-	907	557
Community Events & Outreach	183	-	-	183	354
Kids Work, Crèche & Youth	729	-	-	729	1,230
Group Network and Connected Events	900	-	-	900	1,309
Hall Hire	1,795	-	-	1,795	5,339
Support of Missionaries, Gifts & Social Need	13,198	-	-	13,198	12,124
Support of Pastor & Former Pastor	29,530	-	-	29,530	26,150
Hospitality, General Expenses & Travel	285	-	-	285	1,307
Worship, Speakers & Training	3,203	-	-	3,203	5,961
Other & Misc (e.g. Special Events, Moving Costs etc. and Hardship Support)	3,450	-	-	3,450	-
Investment Expenses	22	-	-	22	-
Sub total	56,331	-	-	56,331	55,152
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
EdenTree Investment Funds - Lump Sum Purchase	-	-	-	-	2,500
EdenTree Investment Funds - Reinvested Investment Income	741	-	-	741	921
CAF Investment Account - Lump Sum Purchase	4,900	-	-	4,900	-
CAF Investment Account - Reinvested Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,641	-	-	5,641	3,421
Total payments	61,972	-	-	61,972	58,573
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,536	-	-	17,536	1,076
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	35,906	-	-	35,906	34,830
Cash funds this year end	53,442	-	-	53,442	35,906

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Account	47,699	-	-
	Cash Box	137	-	-
	Reserve Account and Additional Account	510	-	-
	Investment Account	5,095	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,442	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Category	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Claims for 1 January to 31 December 2020 will be submitted in 2021, and will therefore show in next year's accounts.	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Category	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	EdenTree Investment Funds	Unrestricted	-	23,811
	CAF Investment Account	Unrestricted	-	5,688
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Category	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment e.g. Musical Instruments, Sound Equipment, Laptop, Projector, Chairs etc.	Unrestricted	-	3,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Category	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



HANNAH URBANCZYK
Joel Perez

29-10-21
29-10-21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
RIVER CHURCH (ORPINGTON)

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER
2020

Charity no
(if any)

1121675

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you 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 section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

T. Watson

Date:

22.10.21

Name:

TERENCE STANLEY WATSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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ST LEONARDS ON SEA
EAST SUSSEX, TN38 0PA.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.