



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

To

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

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01

2021

Day

Month

Year

31

12

2021

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 Mr Patrick Wakeford

30 Pleasance Rd

Orpington, Kent

Postcode

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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 Patrick Wakeford	Chair of Trustees	06 th of Sept 2022 - Current	
2 Peter Cross	Co-Treasurer		
3 Arron Phillips			
4 Hannah Urbanczyk	Chair of Trustees	1 st Jan to 31 st Dec 2021	
5 Joel Perez	Co-Treasurer		
6 Samantha Howard			
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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)

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.

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 Trustees from time to time may think fit.

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 people at home and in hospitals and providing support for families of those with health problems.

The employment of two part time community support workers to provide support and reach out to those in need in our community during and after the pandemic will continue in 2021

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 board 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.

A Walking Group runs to support those who are not getting out much due to the pandemic, the primary aims include helping people in the community to improve their mental health and connect with others and the church.

Toddlers Group runs once a week to support parents and guardians and to see young toddlers enjoy themselves and gain confidence.

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.

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)

- 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 DBS Checks for volunteers involved in activities where appropriate.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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 Wednesday and 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.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church resumed meetings in person in late August and some of its original programme of activities adhering to all restrictions in order to advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public once the Covid-19 pandemic restriction were lifted. The church continued to meet together virtually on a Sunday evening for a few months in 2021 as many members took time to return to meetings in person, during the periods of lock down new members joined, 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, also the food helps those who are vulnerable and links to 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. During the July and August, we were able to resume our summer outdoor activities including boys camp girls house party and our annual churches summer conference in August after the all activities were cancelled in 2020.

The church continued virtual meetings on a Sunday using Zoom into the new year with new challenges as the pandemic continue to cause loneliness all across our communities. The leadership felt that it was important for people to be able to interact and talk with some one and so we agreed to employ 2 part time community workers, whose roles were to contact and meet where possible with those in need of emotional support.

We continued for the weeks of lockdown 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, after the "Freedom in Christ" course was run virtually via Zoom in 2020 we continued with running the Alpha Course in 2021 which had a very positive response from the local 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 but they started working in January 2021.

The church support financially 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 objective and the relief of poverty. International giving is matched in the local communities for relief of poverty and hardship.

Section F

Other optional information

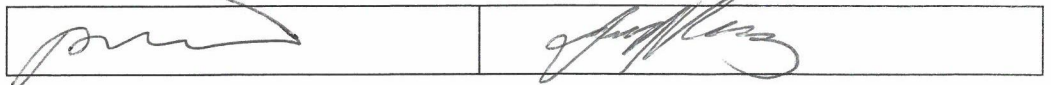
Section G

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)

Patrick Wakeford

Joel Perez

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Treasurer

Date

25-10-2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
River Church (Orpington)

No (if any)
1121675

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2021	To	Period end date 31/12/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offertory (Gift Aid Eligible & General)	65,180	-	-	65,180	69,847
Gift Aid Received	8,867	-	-	8,867	3,277
Bank Credit Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other Gifts, Events & Fundraising	508	-	-	508	5,625
Investment Income	768	-	-	768	758
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,324	-	-	75,324	79,508
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
EdenTree Investment Funds - Disposals	25,887	-	-	25,887	-
CAF Investment Account - Disposals	11,739	-	-	11,739	-
Sub total	37,626	-	-	37,626	-
Total receipts	112,950	-	-	112,950	79,508
A3 Payments					
Administration	2,887	-	-	2,887	2,129
Insurance & Child Protection	706	-	-	706	907
Community Events & Outreach	1,198	-	-	1,198	183
Kids Work, Creche & Youth	1,070	-	-	1,070	729
Group Network and Connected Events	1,200	-	-	1,200	900
Community Workers and Intern	18,694	-	-	18,694	-
Hall Hire	1,577	-	-	1,577	1,795
Support of Missionaries, Gifts & Social Need	8,405	-	-	8,405	13,198
Support of Pastor & Former Pastor	25,830	-	-	25,830	29,530
Hospitality, General Expenses & Travel	2,867	-	-	2,867	285
Worship, Speakers & Training	3,188	-	-	3,188	3,203
Other & Misc (e.g. Special Events, Moving Costs etc. and Hardship Support)	1,646	-	-	1,646	3,450
Investment Expenses	27	-	-	27	22
Sub total	69,295	-	-	69,295	56,331
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
EdenTree Investment Funds - Lump Sum Purchases and Reinvested Income	317	-	-	317	741
CAF Investment Account - Lump Sum Purchases and Reinvested Income	5,000	-	-	5,000	4,900
AJB Investment Account - Lump Sum Purchase	48,070	-	-	48,070	-
AJB Investment Account - Reinvested Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	53,387	-	-	53,387	5,641
Total payments	122,682	-	-	122,682	61,972
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,732	-	-	- 9,732	17,536
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	53,442	-	-	53,442	35,906
Cash funds this year end	43,710	-	-	43,710	53,442

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Main Bank Account	42,986	-	-
	Cash Box	137	-	-
	Reserve Account and Additional Account	510	-	-
	Investment Account	76	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,710	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK



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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	AJB Investment Account	Unrestricted	-	49,458
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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	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
	JOEL PEREZ	28/10/2022
	PATRICK WAKEFORD	28/10/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RIVER CHURCH (ORPINGTON)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

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:

TSWATSON

Date:

25.10.22

Name:

TERENCE STANLEY WATSON

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

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