

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
		Day 01	Month 01	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2022

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 Road		
	Orpington, Kent		
	Postcode	BR5 3AR	

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		
2	Peter Cross			
3	Arron Phillips			
4	Joel Perez	Treasurer		
5	Samantha Howard			
6	Hannah Urbanczyk			
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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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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.

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.

The employment of two part time community support workers to provide support and reach out to those in need in our community.

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 Food Bank 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.

One of the objectives of the charity is to support those in the community who are struggling financially and can't afford basic items, or are struggling to pay bills and need financial relief. This is done through our allocation to social need expenditure.

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)

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.
- Visiting people in hospital
- providing support for those who are struggling with financial debts within our local community in partnership with Christians against Poverty (CAP).

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022 has been a year of growth for River Church mainly due to the fantastic work by our community workers who have engaged the local residents via the various social activities during the week, as well as our volunteers.

Also, our youth and kids work has experienced growth both on our Sunday morning services as well as the midweek and weekend meetings, which includes bible study nights as well as social meetings, games nights and outings like ice skating and movie nights.

We have also more home groups in new locations, such as Swanley, as our congregation members come from a wider area. We have conducted multiple baptism services in 2022 as newcomers to our congregation had not yet done so, and we look forward to having more baptism services in the future, as a reflection of their heart felt desire to follow the Christ and develop a lifelong Faith.

The charity continued its membership of the "Mission Life Grace" network of churches, which currently consists of five core churches, together with several associate churches. During the July and August, we were able to continue our summer outdoor activities including boys camp girls house party and our annual churches summer conference in July/August, which helps church members to grow in their Christian Faith.

The church continues to invest and expand our online Sunday morning streaming offer on YouTube, as the leadership feels that it was important to continue to provide an alternative access to our service on Sunday from home or when travelling, and as there is also a clear demand for our church content to be available online.

The church also continued to hire another building venues for a few live worship and prayer nights. Throughout the year we ran a number of social evenings including quiz nights, games nights crafts and Christmas season activities.

The church finances continue to remain strong despite some large amounts of many spent on salaries, equipment and church activity operating expenses. This was due to an increase in cost of resources and the external economic factors however giving also increased from new and existing members, for which we are thankful.

We have also created the River Church Accounts Team to collectively operate and oversee all financial aspects of the charity to alleviate the burden of all financial activities solely on the treasurer as the charity's financial activities continues to grow and diversify. We also started the Financial Maturity Project let by Patrick Wakeford to bring our financial and operational practices under clear up to date controls procedures, better defining roles and responsibilities as well as a better governance structure.

The church remains fully committed to support financially local people to alleviate poverty, together with providing support for missionaries overseas, to this end the church has directly been involve in helping those in need of accommodation, financial struggle and those in need of income and looking for employment. The church has this year also worked with other community groups to meet needs in the local area, and participated in outreach activities.

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

30.10.2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
River Church (Orpington)

No (if any)
1121675

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2022

To

Period end date
31/12/2022


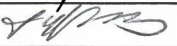
Section A Receipts and payments

	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)	77,398	-	-	77,398	65,180
Gift Aid Received	15,533	-	-	15,533	8,867
Bank Credit Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other Gifts, Events & Fundraising	-	-	-	-	508
Investment Income	97	-	-	97	768
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	93,027	-	-	93,027	75,324
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Investment Account (1) - Disposals	-	-	-	-	25,887
Investment Account (2) - Disposals	-	-	-	-	11,739
Sub total	-	-	-	-	37,626
Total receipts	93,027	-	-	93,027	112,950
A3 Payments					
Administration	5,470	-	-	5,470	2,887
Insurance & Child Protection	698	-	-	698	706
Community Events & Outreach	1,433	-	-	1,433	1,198
Kids Work, Creche & Youth	3,014	-	-	3,014	1,070
Group Network and Connected Events	1,930	-	-	1,930	1,200
Community Workers, Intern and Pastor	48,493	-	-	48,493	18,694
Rent and Hall Hire	12,536	-	-	12,536	1,577
Support of Missionaries, Gifts & Social Need	16,377	-	-	16,377	8,405
Support of Pastor & Former Pastor	9,850	-	-	9,850	25,830
Hospitality, General Expenses (IT) & Travel	5,113	-	-	5,113	2,867
Worship, Speakers & Training	1,289	-	-	1,289	3,188
Other & Misc (e.g. Special Events, Moving Costs etc. and Hardship Support)	1	-	-	1	1,646
Investment Expenses	86	-	-	86	27
Sub total	106,291	-	-	106,291	69,295
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment Account (1) - Lump Sum Purchases and Reinvested income	-	-	-	-	317
Investment Account (2) - Lump Sum Purchases and Reinvested Income	-	-	-	-	5,000
Investment Account (3) - Lump Sum Purchases	-	-	-	-	48,070
Investment Account (3) - Reinvested Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	53,387
Total payments	106,291	-	-	106,291	122,682
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 13,264	-	-	- 13,264	- 9,732
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,710	-	-	43,710	53,442
Cash funds this year end	30,446	-	-	30,446	43,710

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	29,712	-	-
	Cash Box	137	-	-
	Reserve Account and Additional Account	510	-	-
	Investment Account (3)	87	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,446	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Gift Aid Claims for 1 January to 31 December 2022 will be processed in 2023, and will therefore show in next year's accounts.	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Investment Account (3)	Unrestricted	-	42,279
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment e.g. Musical Instruments, Sound Equipment, Laptop, Projector, Chairs etc.	Unrestricted	-	3,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Patrick Wakeford	30/10/2023
	Joel Perez	30/10/2023



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 2022

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. Stanley Watson

Date:

23.10.23

Name:

TERENCE STANLEY WATSON

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