



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2024		31	12	2024

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 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 Terence Urbanczyk		13 Jun 24 – 31 Dec 24	
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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 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 and providing support.

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)

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 2024

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 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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The church continues to meet together every Sunday norming with new members joining, which included some with a church background and others with no or limited previous experience of church, we are glad to see that many new comers are from a very wide range of ethnic minorities and nationalities.

As the church activities grew, we have now moved to the Giggs Hill Church Hall, this has enabled us to hold a wide range of daily activities through the week that have greatly impacted the local community, from toddler groups, youth meetings, support groups, bible studies, men's and women's breakfast, CAP meetings, worship meetings, Gospel Meetings aimed at new believers, baptisms, picnics and other charitable events.

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.

The church continues to stream our Sunday Services on YouTube form our original Zoom meeting during the pandemic, this has a positive impact tackling loneliness all across our communities. The leadership felt that it was important for people to still be able to participate of our services from home and not missed out due to mobility or any other issues that might keep them form attending our meetings in person

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, kids' work switched to an all-age "Family church" service 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.

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, bible studies and socials have run every week and we are thankful for the leaders who faithfully served throughout the year.

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. We continued to provide some retirement support to our former pastor, who continues to provide some input to our leaders.

The stable financial position enabled the charity to continue employing two Community workers, whose roles started in September 2020 and have now become permanent employees

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". In practice, the trustees typically aim to maintain at least three months of committed expenditure in reserve (estimated as approximately c.£20,000).

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)

P Wakeford

Joel Perez

Full name(s)

Patrick Wakeford

Joel Perez

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Treasurer

Date

22/10/2025



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 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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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					
Offerory (Gift Aid Eligible & General)	128,702	-	-	128,702	108,967
Gift Aid Received	41,711	-	-	41,711	11,433
Bank Credit Interest	602	-	-	602	2
Other Gifts, Events, Fundraising & Building	1,990	-	-	1,990	-
Investment Income	142	-	-	142	179
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	173,147	-	-	173,147	120,580
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Investment Account - Disposals	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Total receipts	183,147	-	-	183,147	120,580
A3 Payments					
Administration	699	-	-	699	1,929
Insurance & Child Protection	668	-	-	668	1,062
Community Events & Outreach	2,179	-	-	2,179	347
Kids Work & Youth	3,666	-	-	3,666	1,898
Group Network and Connected Events	3,648	-	-	3,648	3,171
Salaries, Employment Expenses, and Retirement Support of Former Pastor	58,946	-	-	58,946	54,247
Rent, Hall Hire and Building Expenses	27,169	-	-	27,169	24,710
Support of Missionaries, Gifts & Social Need	17,746	-	-	17,746	16,880
IT and Technology	1,862	-	-	1,862	2,098
Hospitality, General Expenses & Travel	2,944	-	-	2,944	1,441
Worship, Equipment, Speakers & Training	7,968	-	-	7,968	572
Other & Misc (e.g. Special Events, Moving Costs etc. and Hardship Support)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Expenses	324	-	-	324	87
Sub total	127,821	-	-	127,821	108,441
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Investment Account - Purchases	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Investment Account - Reinvested Dividends	4	-	-	4	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	20,004	-	-	20,004	-
Total payments	147,824	-	-	147,824	108,441
Net of receipts/(payments)	35,323	-	-	35,323	12,139
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,585	-	-	42,585	30,446
Cash funds this year end	77,909	-	-	77,909	42,585

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

RIVER CHURCH (ORPINGTON)

On accounts for the year
ended

2024

Charity no
(if any)

112 1675

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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

Signed:

T. Stanley Watson

Date:

26.08.2025

Name:

TERENCE STANLEY WATSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Address:

40 FILSHAM ROAD
ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA
EAST SUSSEX, TN38 0PA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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