



**River Church (St Neots) Ltd**  
**Report and Accounts**  
**Year Ended 31st December 2022**

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# INFORMATION

Directors/Trustees:	Trevor Single Rob McFarlane Mark Crawford Colin Makin Gregg Donaldson
Governing Documents:	Memorandum & Articles of Incorporation dated 7th November 2008
Company Registration Number	06744133
Charity Registration Number	1127383
Registered Office	33 Staploe, St Neots, PE19 5JA
Independent Examiner	K. Webb 20 Staploe St Neots PE19 5JA
Bankers	NatWest plc

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS / TRUSTEES

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **Objects of the Charity**

The primary aims of the Trust are to fulfil the role of a Christian church, to promote the Christian faith and to demonstrate God's love to the local community and throughout the world through education and the relief of suffering and poverty.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7th November 2008. The Charity was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charity and it is governed under its articles of association. The policy and operating decisions of the charity rest with the Directors who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the company.

## **Review of Activities**

During the year ended 31st December 2022 despite the disruption to normal activities as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the main ways the Charity sought to achieve its objects were as follows:

- By conducting weekly public services for Christian worship, teaching and pastoral care open to the whole community. These took place both online and in-person. Our in-person meetings were hosted a COVID-19 safe environment following government guidance and regulations.
- By providing and hosting activities for children and young people through our groups on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings. These took place both online and in-person.
- By producing and making available for free Christian teaching resources. This included video and audio recordings and the distribution of the Bible and Christian books.
- By the delivery of a Christmas Day lunch to those on their own and distributing toys to children in need in COVID-19 safe way.
- By supporting people suffering from bereavement or loss through the provision of counselling or support as part of our pastoral care for the community.
- By involvement in local community projects with advice, human resources and financial support.
- By supporting Christian missionary work with advice, human resources and financial support.
- By making Rob McFarlane available to strengthen local churches in the United Kingdom.
- By hosting a radio show on Sundays on our local community radio station, Black Cat Radio.
- By promoting positive community relationships and good citizenship through partnership with other local organisations, including partnership with other local churches, local government and community organisations.



### Financial Review

The company has now completed its thirteenth year of trading and income for the 12 months of trading amounted to £124,273, (2021 - £115,419), of which £19,990, (2021 - £19,334) relates to tax recoverable from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of donations received under Gift Aid.

Total expenses amounted to £112,210, (2021 - £85,154).

### Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby free reserves held by the charity should be maintained at 3 month's expenditure, subject to any need for abnormal urgent expenditure.

### Risk Statement

The Directors have reviewed the risks to which a small charity operating with few employees is exposed. Appropriate procedures are in place to identify, monitor and review these risks on a regular basis.

### Public Benefit Statement

In planning the activities of the charity the Directors have regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in September 2013.

### Director's Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Directors to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which give a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of its income and expenditure for the year.

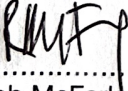
- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, and comply with regulations made under the Charities act.

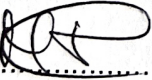
We also have the responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities. The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

### Approval

This report was approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Rob McFarlane  
Trustee

02/04/2023  
.....  
Date

  
.....  
Mark Crawford  
Trustee

02/04/2022  
.....  
Date



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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

RIVER CHURCH (ST NEOTS) LTD

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1127383

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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.

Signed:

K Webb

Date:

11/4/2023

Name:

KIM WEBB

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

Address:

20 STAPLOE, ST NEOTS, CAMBS, PE19 5JA

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior Year
<b>Income</b>				
Donations and Legacies	£ 108,396		£ 108,396	£ 112,381
Other Trading Activities	£ 15,877		£ 15,877	£ 3,038
Incoming resources from charitable activities	£ 177		£ 177	
Other incoming resources	£ 121		£ 121	£ 831
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 124,571</b>		<b>£ 124,571</b>	<b>£ 116,250</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Cost of generating funds	£ 311		£ 311	£ 226
Charitable activities	£ 111,899		£ 111,899	£ 84,927
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 112,210</b>		<b>£ 112,210</b>	<b>£ 85,154</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) before transfer</b>	<b>£ 12,361</b>		<b>£ 12,361</b>	<b>£ 31,096</b>
<b>Transfers</b>				
Gross transfers between funds - in		£ 9,543		
Gross transfers between funds - out	-£9543			
<b>Other recognised gains / losses</b>				
Gains / losses on investment assets				
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	£ 0		£ 0	£ 0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>£ 2,818</b>	<b>£ 9,543</b>	<b>£ 12,361</b>	<b>£ 31,096</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>£ 82,169</b>		<b>£ 82,169</b>	<b>£ 51,073</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>	<b>£ 84,987</b>	<b>£ 9,543</b>	<b>£ 94,530</b>	<b>£ 82,169</b>

# BALANCE SHEET

	As at 31st December 2022	As at 31st December 2021
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	£ 1,103	£ 2,459
	£ 1,103	£ 2,459
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	£ 3,136	£ 5,159
Cash at bank and in hand	£ 91,213	£ 75,278
	£ 94,349	£ 80,437
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year	£ 922	£ 728
Net current assets less current liabilities	£ 93,427	£ 79,709
Total assets less current liabilities	£ 94,530	£ 82,168
Total net assets less liabilities	£ 94,530	£ 82,168
<b>Represented by</b>		
Unrestricted - General Fund	£ 84,987	£ 82,168
Restricted - Building Fund	£ 5,643	
Restricted - Relaunch Fund	£ 2,000	
Restricted - People Needs	£ 1,900	
<b>Funds of the church</b>	£ 94,530	£ 82,168



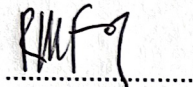
## BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

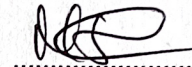
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 and 387 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a fair and true view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act, and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:

  
.....  
Rob McFarlane  
Trustee

02/04/2023  
.....  
Date

  
.....  
Mark Crawford  
Trustee

02/04/2023  
.....  
Date

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2022	2021
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)	£ 12,241	£ 30,264
Depreciation and loss on sale of assets	£ 1,356	£ 1,640
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	£ 2,023	£ (406)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	£ 194	£ 30
Interest from investments	£ 0	£ 0
	£ 15,814	£ 31,528
Cash flow from other sources		
Sale proceeds from fixed assets	£ 0	£ 828
Interest from investments	£ 121	£ 3
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	£ 0	£ (1,064)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	£ 15,935	£ 31,295
Cash at bank and in hand at beginning of the year	£ 75,278	£ 43,983
Cash at bank and in hand at end of the year	£ 91,213	£ 75,278

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

## (1) Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006, and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

In preparing the accounts the trustees have considered whether in applying accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required. The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to accounting policies adopted in note 1.

**Donated and grant income:** Donated income and grants receivable are taken into account when received by the charity. Income received in circumstances where a claim for repayment of tax has been or will be made to HM Revenue & Customs is grossed up for the tax recoverable. Any amount of tax reclaimed from HM Revenue & Customs but not yet received is shown within the charity's debtors.

**Expenditure:** Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT is taken into account when incurred by the Charity, regardless of when payment is made.

**Funds:** Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available for purposes as directed by the trustees. Restricted funds are amounts received where the donor has specified the purpose for which it should be used.

**Fixed assets and depreciation:** Fixed assets acquired for use by the charity are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life unless they cost less than £100 when they are written off on purchase. Depreciation periods on Equipment is between 3 and 5 years.

**Taxation:** The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation under the Income & Corporation Taxes Acts.

## (2) Donations and Legacies

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
General Donations	£ 78,863	£ 9,543	£ 88,406	£ 93,047
Tax Recovered	£ 19,990		£ 19,990	£ 19,334
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 98,853</b>	<b>£ 9,543</b>	<b>£ 108,396</b>	<b>£ 112,381</b>

## (3) Cost of Raising Funds

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Advertising and Marketing	£ 311		£ 311	£ 226

#### (4) Expenditure on Charitable Activities

##### Direct Charitable Costs

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Employment Costs (Note 5)	£ 48,534		£ 48,534	£ 42,827
Property Costs	£ 19,014		£ 19,014	£ 18,437
Meeting Costs	£ 7,835		£ 7,835	£ 3,309
Conference and Training	£ -		£ -	£ 249
Event Costs	£ 16,744		£ 16,744	£ 2,463
Teaching Materials	£ 1,226		£ 1,226	£ 492
Travel and Subsistence Costs	£ 2,570		£ 2,570	£ 1,195
Legal and Professional	£ 528		£ 528	£ 362
Grants and Donations	£ 8,904		£ 8,904	£ 8,266
Finance Costs	£ 557		£ 557	£ 731
Depreciation	£ 1,356		£ 1,356	£ 1,640
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 107,268</b>		<b>£ 107,268</b>	<b>£ 79,971</b>

Legal and Professional Fees include Governance Costs of £300 (2021: £300), being the independent examiner's fees.

##### Support and Administration

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
Office Costs	£ 4,631		£ 4,631	£ 4,958
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 4,631</b>		<b>£ 4,631</b>	<b>£ 4,958</b>

##### Combined Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 111,899</b>		<b>£ 111,899</b>	<b>£ 84,929</b>



#### (5) Staff and Trustees

The charity has 1 full time and 3 part time employed staff. No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum. Rob McFarlane, a trustee received remuneration of £27,163. No remuneration was paid to any other trustee during the period. Trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,816 in conference, training, travel, subsistence and miscellaneous expenses all of which was directly relevant to their role as leaders or trustees of the church. Pension contributions of £5,027 (2021: £4,497) were made on behalf of the trustee, Mr R McFarlane.

#### (6) Tangible Fixed Assets

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
At 1st January 2022	£ 18,958	£ 18,958
Additions	£ 0	£ 0
Disposals	£ 0	£ 0
At 31st December 2022	£ 18,958	£ 18,958

<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
At 1st January 2022	£ 16,499	£ 16,499
Charge for the Year	£ 1,356	£ 1,356
Adjustment on Disposals	£ 0	£ 0
At 31st December 2022	£ 17,855	£ 17,855

<b>Net Book Value</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
At 31st December 2022	£ 1,103	£ 1,103
At 31st December 2021	£ 2,459	£ 2,459

#### (7) Debtors and Prepayments

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Tax Recoverable	£ 1,579	£ 1,912
Bond	£ 1,557	£ 1,557
Other Debtors	£ 0	£ 1,690
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 3,136</b>	<b>£ 5,159</b>

(8) Cash at Bank and in Hand

	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
Bank Current Account	£	91,213	£	75,278
<b>TOTAL</b>	£	91,213	£	75,278

(9) Creditors - Liabilities Falling Due within One Year

	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
Income Tax and National Insurance	£	532	£	361
Accruals	£	390	£	367
<b>Total</b>	£	922	£	728

(10) Funds as at 31st December 2022

<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Balance at 31st December 2022</b>
£84,987	£0	£9,543	£94,530

(11) Members

Each member commits to contribute, if the charity is wound up, an amount of £1.

(12) Related Party Transactions

Remuneration of £7,843 was paid to Mrs Gillian McFarlane during the year, Rob McFarlane's wife. There have been no other related party transactions in the reporting period.