

Liberty Church UK

Report and Accounts

year ended 31 December 2020

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Mr David McPhail (chairperson) Mr Stuart Keir Mr Craig Kohler Mr Grant Small
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Martyn Burt adventus accounting solutions Ashby Acres Chapel Lane Ashby-cum-Fenby Grimsby DN37 0QT

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Aim and purpose

To reach unchurched people from a position of strength in Christ, transforming them into Christ centered believers. We want to be a Church that Loves God, Loves People and Loves Life.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

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Throughout the course of the pandemic we have been able to provide financial and material assistance to organizations and individuals in need.

The church continues to reach and serve the families in the community and surrounding villages, teaching them about the Christian faith. This has been achieved by hosting regular events and meetings promoting the Christian faith in a fun, inclusive and educational way.

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In the near future we have decided that we are looking to plant churches within Europe and the UK. At present we are working with a couple in Romania to ascertain how we will go about this.

We would like to thank our volunteers and all our donors for a great year. We are happy to report that the church is financially, emotionally and spiritually healthy and ready to take on the challenges of a new year and see many lives changed through the life-giving message of Jesus Christ.

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Impact of Covid-19

Covid-19 has impacted the church through 2020 and into 2021 as detailed above. It has caused the closure of all in-person meetings from March until September.

Church income was largely unaffected during this time as we reduced our sending, received 6 months discount on our venue rental and also saw a marked increase in giving from the congregation allowing us to financially bless some organizations and help out individuals with material needs.

In December 2020 we received a Compassion offering which went to a struggling children's care charity in rural Romania, this provided for Christmas hampers and new playground equipment.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £27,400, to £104,300, and expenditure decreased by £14,750, to £90,100. As a result, the cash held by the charity increased by £28,900, to £45,200, of which all is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £8,000 (which equates to about 1 month of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £45,200 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy. The Trustees are

aware that cash reserves have increased and are looking at ways to ensure that surplus funds are put to good use in sharing the Christian Faith.

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Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees after a majority vote.

Responsibilities of trustees Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

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

Craig Kohler
Date: 8 May 2021

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Supporting Charitable Organisations

8 July 2021

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Liberty Church UK

I report on the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on the pages 6 to 8 following.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met; or
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations and grants		88,390			88,390	64,063
Gift aid receipts		15,880			15,880	11,733
Income from charitable activities		-			-	1,056
Total Receipts		104,270	-	-	104,270	76,852
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	70,053			70,053	84,857
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	5,295			5,295	5,242
Total payments		75,348	-	-	75,348	90,099
Net of receipts/(payments) before transfers		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Net movement in funds		28,922	-	-	28,922	(13,247)
Cashfunds as at last year end		16,245	-	-	16,245	29,492
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The notes on page 8 forms part of these accounts

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