

Charity registration number: 1130242

Taunton United Reformed Church

Unaudited Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021



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**Taunton United Reformed Church
Reference and Administrative Details**

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	Ms Sue Ingham
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Taunton United Reformed Church Trustees (Elders) Annual Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

Is in accordance with the URC Acts of 1972, 1981 and 2000 and 'The Manual' of The United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom (dated 2000) which sets out the Basis of Union and the Structure of the United Reformed Church.

Governance

The Church is governed by the members on its roll, which is reviewed annually. Members are drawn from the congregation, and membership may follow affirmation (or re-affirmation) of faith and a period of training usually under the guidance of the minister, or may involve a transfer of membership from another congregation. The Church Meeting is the decision making body of the church and is open to the entire congregation. Although only members are permitted to vote when there is a formal vote, the congregation usually works with a consensus model of decision making, so that the views of all may be heard and taken into account. Elders are elected from the membership and are ordained into office. The function of the Elder is much wider than that of a Trustee and includes: -

- Fostering concern in the congregation
- Ensuring public worship is regularly offered
- Pastoral care of the congregation
- Nominating a church secretary from its members
- Arranging pulpit supply in a vacancy
- Maintaining standards of membership
- Responsibility for youth and children's work and other church organizations
- Advising on the election of Elders
- Suitability of candidates for the ministry
- Proper maintenance of buildings and oversight of financial responsibilities
- Act as the link between the local church and wider councils of the URC
- Responsibility of the common life of the church
- To monitor the budget at least on a quarterly basis
- To continue the everyday maintenance of the Church buildings and the Manse.
- To properly discharge the responsibilities of maintenance of the Memorial Hall and Chapel House
- To review Rents, Lettings and Fees

Management

Church Meetings are normally held quarterly, with extraordinary meetings held as needed, and their organisation is the responsibility of the Church Secretary and the Minister. The Agenda is set by the Minister and Secretary and is available to members and congregation at least one Sunday in advance of the meeting. Elders' Meetings are normally held monthly with organisation the responsibility of the Church Secretary.

All major risks to which the Charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage these risks.

Training

Elders have initial training before ordination and this is followed by training locally at Elders Meetings and training days and at more formal Synod training days.

**Taunton United Reformed Church
Trustees (Elders) Annual Report (continued)**

Objectives and Activities

Brief statement of the objectives of the Church

The Vision Statement of the church was approved by a church meeting in 2014 and reflects the current thinking of the Elders and congregation.

Our Vision

For the sake of the Gospel, we will be:-

- **A church that welcomes, whoever you are**
- **A church that cares and responds with action**
- **A church that works with others and plays its part in the community**
- **A church that knows and shares the love of God**
- **A church that is growing in faith and knowledge of God**
- **A church full of hope and joy**

Activities

During 2021, the range and style of church activities has been greatly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. During periods of 'lockdown' the congregation has met on the video platform 'Zoom' for worship and conversation in small groups. During periods when limited restrictions have been in place, the congregation has been able to gather for public worship (socially distanced and wearing masks) with some of the congregation also joining by Zoom. The church has also, on occasion, been open for private, individual, prayer. Public worship is held on Sundays and also, in a more informal style and setting, on Tuesdays, though in different forms according to government and church guidelines. The Tuesday worship has been put on hold since the minister resigned, though it is hoped to restart, possibly in a different format, in 2022. The congregation has also sustained, in what ways it could, its relationship, and work with, neighbouring churches.

Pastoral care, offering prayer and support to church members and friends, has continued, using a variety of means – more by phone and Zoom and talking on doorsteps – with visiting to homes severely limited. However, the congregation has remained very much in touch and with a sense of solidarity and fellowship through a very challenging year. During the summer the congregation were invited to form small groups, called Pastoral Bubbles, where people would keep in touch with those within their group, and if anyone needed more help it would be directed to one of the Elders or the overseeing Pastoral Team.

The social life of the church has gradually increased since the lockdown was eased in the summer, though with the onset of the new variant omicron this is now affecting activities once again. The fortnightly lunch and activity (Pop-In) operated until the first lockdown, but has since ceased, with hopes of resuming in 2022 in some form. The Church Social and Arts group restarted after the summer with a monthly lunch followed by a speaker. Planning is going forward for events in 2022.

The weekly job club, Work-Wise, re-opened during the summer in line with government and church guidelines

The church has continued to fundraise for international charities, including Christian Aid and Water Aid, and for local charities such as Open Door (supporting the homeless).

The hosting concerts and events in our newly re-furnished building has started in a small way with further events booked for 2022.

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The congregation has continued to be part of Citizens Somerset, a chapter of Citizens UK (working largely on Zoom), and is engaged through this in partnership with other local organizations (churches, schools, charitable bodies) to work for the common good in the Taunton area. Members have participated in the Real Living Wage Campaign.

Public Benefit

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Taunton United Reformed Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its buildings, and described more specifically in its Vision Statement.

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church as set out below: -

Providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.

Promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Offering through community programmes opportunities for social interaction, active living, quiet space, hospitality and discussion opportunities on a variety of issues.

Achievements and Performance

Aims

In addition to the Vision Statement the aims of the church are:

- **Membership**
To encourage growth in understanding of membership - to deepen faith in existing members and to draw new people into the life of the church.
- **Worship**
To make God's presence come alive to each worshipper and to provide worship that connects with and sustains daily life.
- **Leadership**
To develop leadership skills in as many as possible and particularly in the Elders
- **Community Activity**
To raise awareness of the spiritual and social needs of the community and to develop appropriate activities
- **Communication**
To improve communication within the church and promote Taunton United Reformed Church in the community
- **Buildings**
To maintain and develop our buildings well and to make them available for community use (when that is possible)
- **Finance**
To manage our finances in the best possible manner to achieve the aims of the Vision Statement

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Trustees (Elders) Annual Report (continued)**

Church Annual Report

The report is structured under the headings of the Church Vision Statement.

A church that welcomes whoever you are

The church, since its major redevelopment, is now fully accessible to those with physical disabilities, providing for wheelchair access throughout, including the provision of a lift.

The church provides support to those in residential homes or those who cannot often leave home, taking communion (when possible) and offering regular visits, phone calls and letters, to those who might otherwise be largely alone. Isolation has continued to be particularly challenging for much of 2021 and the church community has worked to help people be connected and in touch, and be listened to.

The church continues to work on displays and posters that convey that all people are welcome in the church, whatever their gender, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation.

The church continues to be involved in the coalition of Citizens Somerset, joining with all people of good will to campaign and speak up for a better life for all in Taunton.

The Job Club, Work-Wise, based at the church continues to welcome those who need more time and attention than Job-Centre staff can provide and who often feel excluded from opportunities and access to employment. Through Work-Wise the church engages with those who feel 'left-out' of life and society and offers a welcome and support.

A church that cares and responds with action

During the summer, the congregation were invited to form small groups, 'Pastoral Bubbles', where people would keep in regular contact with each other within the Bubble. They would contact one of the Elders or one of the over-seeing Pastoral Team if help was required.

The church has held special collections for international and local charities.

The church was glad to host groups supporting those with mental illness and those in recovery from addictions though due to restrictions they could not operate for the first part of the year in person but since the summer they are now up and running again.

Members of the church encourage one another in participating in voluntary and charitable work, and respond generously to the needs of the world. Several members of the congregation are actively involved in Citizens UK and in volunteering at Work-Wise, as well as in many other charities and voluntary activities in and around Taunton, including Taunton Foodbank, Open Door, Taunton Rotary, Oxfam and U3A.

A church that works with others and plays its part in the community

The church works in partnership particularly with Temple Methodist Church and St John's Parish Church. That work has been somewhat curtailed because of Covid restrictions, but since the lockdown restrictions have been lifted, activities have begun to restart. A joint meeting of the three churches met with the local MP to discuss various local issues that had been raised by COP26. The church hopes that the church building during 2022, can become again a place offering space to the community and will expand its use for many groups, including choirs which was severely restricted up until the lifting of restrictions. Some organizations are now using the buildings once again.

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A church that knows and shares the love of God

The church has held some sessions for reflection and learning in faith; for example an ecumenical Lent course on worship in our different traditions. This was done online. The Sunday services online or in person encouraged members to deepen and to share faith where possible. A session on how to lead prayer was held with a small group of people.

A church that is growing in faith and knowledge of God

The church continues to seek ways of enabling members of the church to deepen faith, and to engage in prayer and reflection. The church magazine is a highly valued resource for developing faith, for finding prayers to pray each day and to explore Christian ideas and themes, particularly as they relate to the needs of the wider world. There has been a renewed emphasis in 2021 on helping church members to live and express faith in their home context.

A church full of hope and joy

This year has again been more challenging to find joy together, though the weekly 'Zoom' or physical gatherings of the congregation have perhaps seemed more precious than usual, since the joy of meeting together for worship was a great lift for many who had been isolated for so long. Many of the people of the congregation have demonstrated extraordinary resilience and hope.

Membership

In 2021, we have lost some members by death and we have mourned them and celebrated their lives. A number of new people have either joined or become much more fully a part of the congregation and, once church meetings resume, we are hopeful of admitting some new members in 2022.

The Elders

The Elders meet once a month to pray, reflect and to carry out their responsibilities. They each have held responsibility for the pastoral care of a group of members. They also each have particular roles and responsibilities; dealing with correspondence, caring for finance and property, organizing events, representing the church to other organisations and liaising with outside bodies. The Elders continually reflect together as they lead the church in its mission and service, as outlined by the Church Vision statement.

The building

Following the completion of the outside re-development work lighting has now also been added at the front of the church in line with our initial intention to make the building more hospitable, more striking in its street presence and more obviously a church building

Work was paused for a while to let the brickwork in the Vestry Lobby to dry out before being repainted, which has now been completed. With the building the age it is there is always on-going maintenance work.

Number of Members, average attendance.

The number of members on the church roll at December 2021 is 42. There are a further 6 friends who regularly support church activities and others who attend occasionally. Average attendance at Sunday morning services (in Paul Street and on Zoom) is 33 adults.

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Financial Review

Bankers and Insurance Company

NatWest Bank, 26 - 27 Fore Street, Taunton. TA1 1JQ
National Savings Bank, Glasgow, G58 1SB
Congregational and General Insurance Plc, Currer House, Currer Street, Bradford BD1 5BA
(Agent David Edwards, Stonebridge House, Kenilworth Road, Meriden, CV7 7LJ)

Reserves Policy

The policy adopted by the Elders is to keep money readily available for the repair and maintenance of the various properties in the control of the church. Much of the church property is of considerable age requiring constant maintenance and occasionally unscheduled work becomes necessary requiring funding well beyond that set in the budget for the year. Part of these funds are set-aside for this purpose. In addition to this to ensure that we are able to continue our everyday running of the church we feel that £20,000 - £30,000 should be available to cover a three month period of running costs.

The church has Investments that are held by The United Reformed Church (South Western Synod) Incorporated. This body of Trustees and Trust Officers administer the Investments on behalf of Taunton United Reformed Church. Interest and Investment income are very important sources of income necessary to help meet the costs of the everyday running of the church and the vision costs.

Mission Council had asked all churches to look at where their investments were held and encouraged churches to invest in funds that are more climate aware. The COIF Ethical Investment Fund met the Mission Council criteria but our other funds did not. In the church meeting held in January it was agreed to move all the money held in our M&G funds to the Epworth Climate Stewardship Fund. Church meeting agreed to review this after twelve months and then look at remaining money invested in funds that do not meet the Mission Council criteria. Before doing this we released £30,000 of investments in one of our M&G funds. This was agreed in previous years as part payment of the work being done on the front of our church buildings. We had asked for this to be done in mid 2020 but it was not actually actioned until January 2021.

This year has continued to be a quiet one in the life of the church because of the Covid pandemic. We have been fortunate that most of our income streams have held up well and we received a generous legacy from one of our late members. (A small part of this was spent on equipment to enable us to continue using Zoom for our services from the church to help our housebound members). Our expenditure has been lower than in recent years although we have maintained a programme of ongoing repair of the church buildings and our other properties. But we have been planning for the future and have commissioned a report on work that will be needed on the organ. The suggests repair/restoration work costing about £50,000 that can be staged over time. The next church quinquennial report is also due which will undoubtedly suggest work to be done on the church buildings and we are aware of the need to keep a substantial sum to modernise one of our properties within the next few years.

At 31 December 2021 the Charity had unrestricted reserves amounting to £623,998 (2020: £564,794). Included in this sum are £442,634 (2020: £426,586) of fixed asset investments held for income generation purposes leaving £181,364 (2020: £138,208) regarded as free reserves. Actual free reserves of £181,364 exceed the reserves policy for everyday running costs, but it is considered prudent in light of the ongoing pandemic and potential unforeseen problems.

Purpose of designated funds

The designated fund is generally made up of money, which is donated to the church from the estate of a member or friend. It has been decided to set this money aside for the Elders to use for purposes usually not included in the budget.

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Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes, the Elders carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with the restrictions placed upon them.

Surplus or Deficit with explanation

There is a surplus for the year of £13,235 (2020: Deficit of £15,414). Investment income of £64,350 is a major contributor to this surplus. In addition there were profits on investments of £69,051 (2020: Loss £16,726) resulting an overall net income for the period of £82,286 (2020: expenditure £32,140)

Exceptional Items and Liabilities

We received a legacy of £15,442 in February 2021. This income, however, was recognised in the 2020 accounts. £30,000 of our investments with M&G were released in January as part payment of the remodelling of the front of our church building to make it more welcoming. (This was requested in mid 2020 but not actioned until January 2021)

Investments held by the Synod Trust

These are set out in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Trustees reference is "church TAUNTON D31

Workwise, Taunton

Work-Wise, a job club providing free support and mentoring for those seeking work, has been operating since April 1st 2014. It was jointly founded by Taunton URC and Temple Methodist Church, though now has a more diverse board of Trustees, and operates from the URC Church Hall. It is normally open on Wednesdays each week providing free help for those seeking ways into work.

Work-Wise continues to be supported financially by Taunton URC and by Temple Methodist Church, as well as by the South Western Synod of the United Reformed Church, through private donations, and small grants.

Members of URC serve as Trustees and as Volunteers for the charity, which makes its own report to the Charity Commissioners.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the planned development into Bridgwater was not able to progress, and is on hold. Since reopening after the last lockdown, WorkWise has maintained a steady membership and we shall be monitoring numbers to see if longer opening hours would be helpful to our members.

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Trustees (Elders) Annual Report (continued)**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees (Elders) Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on and signed on its behalf by:

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Ms Sue Ingham
Trustee

Taunton United Reformed Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Taunton United Reformed Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Taunton United Reformed Church for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Taunton United Reformed Church 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 Taunton United Reformed Church'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Taunton United Reformed Church as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting 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.

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Sarah Twist FCA DChA
A C Mole
Stafford House
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TA1 2PX

Date:.....

Taunton United Reformed Church
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	29,509	-	-	29,509
Other trading activities	3	20,728	4,438	-	25,166
Investment income	4	64,285	65	-	64,350
Other income	5	1,311	-	-	1,311
Total income		<u>115,833</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,336</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	(97,537)	(4,423)	-	(101,960)
Other expenditure	7	(5,141)	-	-	(5,141)
Total expenditure		<u>(102,678)</u>	<u>(4,423)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(107,101)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before gains/losses on investments		<u>13,155</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,235</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>46,049</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>22,719</u>	<u>69,051</u>
Net income		<u>59,204</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>22,719</u>	<u>82,286</u>
Net movement in funds		59,204	363	22,719	82,286
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>564,794</u>	<u>3,739</u>	<u>171,781</u>	<u>740,314</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>623,998</u>	<u>4,102</u>	<u>194,500</u>	<u>822,600</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020 £
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	43,570	-	-	43,570
Other trading activities	3	17,414	3,125	-	20,539
Investment income	4	58,589	63	-	58,652
Other income	5	212	-	-	212
Total income		<u>119,785</u>	<u>3,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,973</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	(133,435)	(3,342)	-	(136,777)
Other expenditure	7	<u>(1,610)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,610)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(135,045)</u>	<u>(3,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(138,387)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income before gains/losses on investments		<u>(15,260)</u>	<u>(154)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,414)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(26,496)</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>9,650</u>	<u>(16,726)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(41,756)</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>9,650</u>	<u>(32,140)</u>
Net movement in funds		(41,756)	(34)	9,650	(32,140)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>606,550</u>	<u>3,773</u>	<u>162,131</u>	<u>772,454</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>564,794</u>	<u>3,739</u>	<u>171,781</u>	<u>740,314</u>

Taunton United Reformed Church
(Registration number: 1130242)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	639,561	600,510
Current assets			
Debtors	12	22,809	24,406
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>172,939</u>	<u>144,857</u>
		195,748	169,263
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(12,709)</u>	<u>(29,459)</u>
Net current assets		<u>183,039</u>	<u>139,804</u>
Net assets		<u>822,600</u>	<u>740,314</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		623,998	564,794
Restricted funds		4,102	3,739
Endowment funds		<u>194,500</u>	<u>171,781</u>
Total funds	14	<u>822,600</u>	<u>740,314</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr Stuart Trott
Trustee

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Ms Sue Ingham
Trustee

Taunton United Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance and basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless stated otherwise within these notes. 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) (issued October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Taunton United Reformed Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised in the financial statements in the period that they are received or where there is sufficient evidence that it is probable that the donation or legacy will be received.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

Bank interest and dividends are recognised on a receivable basis.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT

The charity is registered for VAT. All expenditure is stated inclusive of VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from liability to taxation on its income and capital gains, to the extent that they are applied for charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets - Freehold properties

The properties used by the Church, namely the Church, Manse, Memorial Hall and Caretakers Cottage are all held in trust by the United Reformed Church (South Western) Synod. As the Church does not have full control over these properties, the recognition criteria for an asset within FRS 102 are not met and accordingly these properties are not recognised within these accounts. Income generated from letting these properties is retained by the local church and recognised as receivable. Any maintenance expenditure on these properties is written off as incurred.

Fixed asset investments

Listed investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the period. The Trust does not acquire or use put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the statement of financial activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the period end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taunton United Reformed Church
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Endowment funds were created from the sale of properties under trust. The income generated is available for use by the Church. The capital can be spent on capital projects at the discretion of the Synod.

Financial instruments

The charity only enters into basic financial instruments that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as trade and other debtors and creditors together with loans to related parties.

Debt instruments, such as trade debtors and creditors, are initially measured at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income, and expenses.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The Trustees consider that there are no critical accounting estimates and judgements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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2 Income from donations

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted		
Collections	26,271	27,420
Donations	583	708
Legacies and bequests	-	15,442
SW Synod Grant	2,655	-
	<u>29,509</u>	<u>43,570</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Church hall lettings	1,680	-	1,680
Manse lettings	16,896	-	16,896
Gift time	2,111	-	2,111
Commitment for life	-	23	23
Special collections	-	4,415	4,415
Small fund income	41	-	41
Total for 2021	<u>20,728</u>	<u>4,438</u>	<u>25,166</u>
Church hall lettings	1,843	-	1,843
Manse lettings	11,587	-	11,587
Gift time	3,953	-	3,953
Commitment for life	-	14	14
Special collections	-	3,111	3,111
Small fund income	31	-	31
Total for 2020	<u>17,414</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>20,539</u>

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Bank interest	1	-	1
Income from investments	18,483	65	18,548
Rental income	24,076	-	24,076
Car park income	21,725	-	21,725
Total for 2021	<u>64,285</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>64,350</u>
Bank interest	480	-	480
Income from investments	21,345	63	21,408
Rental income	18,439	-	18,439
Car park income	18,325	-	18,325
Total for 2020	<u>58,589</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>58,652</u>

5 Other income

Unrestricted	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other income	1,311	182
Reform magazine	-	30
	<u>1,311</u>	<u>212</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Major building works	(8,951)	-	(8,951)
Equipment repairs and renewals	5,310	-	5,310
Ministry and mission fund contributions	37,991	-	37,991
Church expenses - Ministry	1,275	-	1,275
Church expenses - premises	42,842	-	42,842
Work Wise	2,000	-	2,000
Special collections	-	4,321	4,321
POOR Charity expenditure	-	65	65
Vision expenditure	8,264	-	8,264
Commitment for life	-	37	37
Social and Fundraising	265	-	265
Printing, postage and stationery	2,461	-	2,461
Charitable donations	500	-	500
Sundry expenses	1,615	-	1,615
Accountancy fees	3,965	-	3,965
Total for 2021	<u>97,537</u>	<u>4,423</u>	<u>101,960</u>
Major building works	53,723	-	53,723
Ministry and mission fund contributions	37,056	-	37,056
Church expenses - Ministry	493	-	493
Church expenses - premises	26,788	-	26,788
Work Wise	2,000	-	2,000
Special collections	-	3,260	3,260
POOR Charity expenditure	-	63	63
Vision expenditure	6,382	-	6,382
Commitment for life	-	19	19
Printing, postage and stationery	2,928	-	2,928
Charitable donations	500	-	500
Accountancy fees	685	-	685
Independent examiner's fee	2,880	-	2,880
Total for 2020	<u>133,435</u>	<u>3,342</u>	<u>136,777</u>

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7 Other expenditure

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Unrestricted		
Other costs	1,623	1,452
Management charges	3,316	-
Bank charges	202	158
	<u>5,141</u>	<u>1,610</u>

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

The Charity considers key management personnel to comprise of the Trustees.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year. (2020 - Nil)

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year. (2020 - Nil)

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Gross salaries	6,046	6,074
	<u>6,046</u>	<u>6,074</u>

The monthly average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

10 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination	3,248	2,880
Payroll and other services	579	553
Other services	138	372
	<u>3,965</u>	<u>3,805</u>

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11 Fixed asset investments

Held by the Synod Trustees

	Total £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 January 2021	600,510
Revaluation	64,482
Additions	159,360
Disposals	<u>(184,791)</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>639,561</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2021	<u>639,561</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>600,510</u>

Investments at fair value comprised:

	2021 £	2020 £
Unrestricted		
4,793 M&G ChariBond Shares	-	6,014
611 M&G CharFund Units	-	8,387
62,770 COIF Fixed Interest Fund	83,710	89,773
54,427 COIF Ethical Income Shares	172,126	152,021
12,414 M&G ChariFund Units	-	170,391
148,394 Epworth	186,798	-
Restricted POOR (Church Charities)		
767 COIF Ethical Income Shares	2,427	2,143
Endowment		
61,502 COIF Ethical Income Shares	194,500	171,781
	<u>639,561</u>	<u>600,510</u>

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12 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Chapel House rent	-	446
NSB interest	5	411
Gift aid	4,484	4,949
COIF investment income	3,038	3,147
Other debtors	15,282	11
Accrued legacies	-	15,442
	<u>22,809</u>	<u>24,406</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	9,089	26,273
Accruals	3,620	3,186
	<u>12,709</u>	<u>29,459</u>

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted Funds	<u>564,794</u>	<u>115,833</u>	<u>(102,678)</u>	<u>46,049</u>	<u>623,998</u>
Restricted funds					
Special Collections	781	4,415	(4,321)	-	875
Commitment for Life	14	23	(37)	-	-
POOR COIF Shares	2,143	-	-	283	2,426
Poor Charities Account	<u>801</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>(65)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801</u>
	3,739	4,503	(4,423)	283	4,102
Endowment Funds	<u>171,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,719</u>	<u>194,500</u>
Total funds	<u>740,314</u>	<u>120,336</u>	<u>(107,101)</u>	<u>69,051</u>	<u>822,600</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted Funds	<u>606,550</u>	<u>119,785</u>	<u>(135,045)</u>	<u>(26,496)</u>	<u>564,794</u>
Restricted funds					
Special Collections	930	3,111	(3,260)	-	781
Commitment for Life	19	14	(19)	-	14
POOR COIF Shares	2,023	-	-	120	2,143
Poor Charities Account	<u>801</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>(63)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>801</u>
	3,773	3,188	(3,342)	120	3,739
Endowment Funds	<u>162,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,650</u>	<u>171,781</u>
Total funds	<u>772,454</u>	<u>122,973</u>	<u>(138,387)</u>	<u>(16,726)</u>	<u>740,314</u>

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	442,634	2,427	194,500	639,561
Current assets	194,073	1,675	-	195,748
Current liabilities	(12,709)	-	-	(12,709)
Total net assets	<u>623,998</u>	<u>4,102</u>	<u>194,500</u>	<u>822,600</u>

	Unrestricted funds General	Restricted funds	Endowment funds Permanent	Total funds at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	426,586	2,143	171,781	600,510
Current assets	167,667	1,596	-	169,263
Current liabilities	(29,459)	-	-	(29,459)
Total net assets	<u>564,794</u>	<u>3,739</u>	<u>171,781</u>	<u>740,314</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2020 - Nil).