

Charity Number 1130930
Harpenden United Reformed Church
Report of the Trustees for 2020

The following were trustees for all of 2020: Mr N L Deas, Mr T M Pattie, Mr J Sharp, Mr P M Valle, Rev J Weedon.

With the approval of the church meeting Mr N Deas , 18 Croftwell, Harpenden, AL5 1JG acted as the administrator of the Charity.

The Charity is a constituent body of the United Reformed Church. The Elders are elected by the Church Meeting of all those members in attendance and serve for three years but are eligible for re-election. The Elders of the Church are the Trustees of the Charity and hold current criminal record checks where necessary for all those responsible for related church activities. There were 41 registered members of the Church as of December 31st 2020.

Throughout the year the religious activities of the Church were led by the ordained minister, Rev J. Weedon with the active support of the Elders and other members of the Church. During lockdown and when covid restrictions were in place services were conducted on line and streamed directly to all members via Zoom and Youtube as well as distributing printed copies of the service to all members.

The Church Pre-School had a very successful year despite covid restrictions with children aged between 2 to 5 years and had a total of 46 registered with the school. The Parent/Carer and Toddlers Group (Kangaroo Club) was severely restricted throughout 2020 and remained closed throughout the lockdown.

During the year a Children & Families Minister was recruited on a part-time basis to encourage growth and outreach to the young people and families within the local community through various activities.

Various local groups (two Guided troops, two Brownie packs, Badmington Group, Children's Drama Group, Children's Dance Class, Pilates Group, Music Teaching Class and the Local Choral Society, etc.) made regular use of the Hall/Rooms and the Garden up until the lockdown. The Church is also used by Christchurch each Sunday evening which is a nearby religious group although again this was severely affected by covid restrictions.

During the year the Church again supported 7 various external Charities both local and national with donations totalling £1518. The church also supported and made regular donations to the local Food Bank.

N. L. Deas

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 31 DEC 2020
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2020 Total £	Last Year 2019 £ (Total)
RECEIPTS						
Offerings		28,244			28,244	26,176
Fund raising, donations and activities		147,901			147,901	151,605
Monies raised for outside causes	3	1,518			1,518	3,530
Gift Aid tax repayments		5,529			5,529	3,900
Legacies						
Property - manse contribution						
Property - manse lettings		4,428			4,428	13,827
Property - church/hall users	4	12,136			12,136	28,394
Grants	4					
FIT Payments						
Sundry						
Bank interest & investment income		349			349	754
Total receipts		200,105			200,105	228,186
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		28,008			28,008	25,752
Ministry & worship expenses		748			748	1,648
Church running costs	5	22,252			22,252	31,840
Manse running costs		540			540	520
Programme activity costs	6	142,216			142,216	138,468
Support of outside causes	7	1,518			1,518	4,730
Maintenance of church buildings	8	21,879			21,879	3,069
Maintenance of manse	9					
Total payments		217,161			217,161	206,027
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		-17,056			-17,056	22,159
TRANSFERS between funds	2					
SURPLUS/DEFICIT for period		-17,056			-17,056	22,159
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		189,831			189,831	167,672
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 Dec		172,775			172,775	189,831

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Monetary assets						
Cash						
Bank current accounts		59,223			59,223	56,629
Deposit accounts		113,552			113,552	133,202
Total monetary assets	10	172,775			172,775	189,831
Other assets						
Gift Aid recoverable						362
Other monies due to church						19
Investments at mid market value						
Assets used for church purposes						
Buildings under statutory trusts	11					
Church contents	11					
Liabilities						
Other creditors		31			31	72

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd March 2021 and signed on their behalf.
Norman L Deas

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

NOTES

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2 FUND ACCOUNTING

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Fabric Reserve Fund					
Roof Repair Fund					
Benevolent Fund	310				310
Special Purposes					
Organ Overhaul	14,300				14,300
Totals for designated funds	14,610				14,610

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Other outside causes (incl Gift Aid)				
Legacies with restrictions				
Totals for restricted funds				

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Christian Aid					
Local Food Bank					
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4 PROPERTY INCOME

Regular users and concerts	7,681			7,681	12,500
Casual users	4,455			4,455	15,894
Donations					
Total property income	12,138			12,138	28,394

5 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS

Gas and electricity	3,346			3,346	6,565
Insurance	4,575			4,575	3,796
Water rates	960			960	794
Gardening					
Telephone & postage	501			501	474
Stationery and photocopying	85			85	282
Magazine					
Maintenance of equipment					
Equipment					
Cleaning/caretaking	7,820			7,820	10,495
Administrative Consultant					
Sundry	4,965			4,965	9,434
Total church running costs	22,252			22,252	31,840

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NOTES - continued

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6 PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS					
Church activities					
Outreach					
Pre school Payroll		142,216		142,216	138,467
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7 SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES					
Commitment for Life					
Other	1,518			1,518	3,530
Total support of outside causes	1,518			1,518	3,530
8 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS					
Other property repairs	4,362			4,362	3,069
Purchase of equipment	17,517			17,517	6,340
Total maintenance of church buildings	21,879			21,879	6,340
9 MAINTENANCE OF MANSE					
Exterior repairs					
Manse improvements					
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10 MONETARY ASSETS

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11 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 4 to 6 for the year ended 31 December 2020 from the accounting records of the church.

(name)

(signature)

(date)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 6

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:

date:

2/5/21

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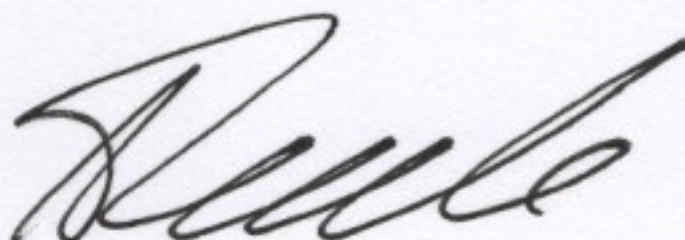
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