

Charity Number 1130930
Harpenden United Reformed Church
Report of the Trustees for 2022

The following were trustees for all of 2022: Mr N L Deas, Mr J Sharp, Mr P M Valle,

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 42 registered members of the Church as of December 31st 2022.

During 2022 the Church has not had a minister and during the vacancy the majority of services were led by the Children and Families Minister, Sharon Sookrah, with the active support of the Elders, visiting preachers and other members of the Church. The average weekly attendance is around 20 to 25 and all the weekly services are shown on line and streamed directly to all members via Zoom and Youtube.

The Church Pre-School had a very successful year with children aged between 2 to 5 years and a total of 50 registered with the school. During the year Ofsted undertook a full inspection and re awarded the school Outstanding. The Parent and Toddlers Group and Kangaroo Club had another very successful year with growing numbers of 15 and 30 regular attendees each week led by our Children & Families Minister.

Various local groups (Guided troops, Children's Drama Group, Children's Dance Class, and the Local Choral Society, etc.) made regular use of the Church and the Garden throughout the year together with Cards for Good Causes over the Christmas period. The Church is also used by Christchurch each Sunday evening with numbers averaging between 45/50.

During the year the Church again supported 12 various external Charities both local and national with donations totalling £3273. The church also supported and made regular donations to the local Food Bank.

All Health & Safety and Safeguarding Policies and Procedures are in place and there have been no incidents reported throughout the year.

N. L. Deas

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 2022
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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Monies raised for outside causes	3	3,273			3,273	7,117
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Legacies						
Property - manse contribution						
Property - manse lettings		18,700			18,700	3,944
Property - church/hall users	4	26,799			26,799	18,383
Grants	4					
FIT Payments						
Sundry						
Bank interest & investment income		991			991	13
Total receipts		249,605			249,605	229,850
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		20,976			20,976	27,756
Ministry & worship expenses		380			380	572
Church running costs	5	35,679			35,679	25,646
Manse running costs		636			636	560
Programme activity costs	6	171,218			171,218	166,012
Support of outside causes	7	3,273			3,273	8,317
Maintenance of church buildings	8	8,241			8,241	9,744
Maintenance of manse	9					3,219
Total payments		240,403			240,403	241,826
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		9,203			9,203	-11,976
TRANSFERS between funds	2					
SURPLUS/DEFICIT for period		9,203			9,203	-11,976
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		160,709			160,709	172,685
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Monetary assets						
Cash						
Bank current accounts		67,881			67,881	59,145
Deposit accounts		102,555			102,555	101,564
Total monetary assets	10	170,436			170,436	160,709
Other assets						
Gift Aid recoverable		745			745	487
Other monies due to church		19			19	19
Investments at mid market value						
Assets used for church purposes						
Buildings under statutory trusts	11					
Church contents	11					
Liabilities						
Other creditors		61			61	227

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Water rates	3,227			3,227	812
Gardening					
Telephone & postage	722			722	671
Stationery and photocopying					22
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Maintenance of equipment	4,512			4,512	3,626
Equipment	2,665			2,665	
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Administrative Consultant				0	
Sundry	2,908			2,908	5,031
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 4-6 for the year ending 31st December 2022 from the accounting records of the Harpenden United Reformed Church.

Name: Norman L Deas

Date: 12th May 2023

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 2022 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: 24/6/23

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