

Charity Number 1130930
Harpenden United Reformed Church
Report of the Trustees for 2024

The following were trustees for all of 2024: 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 44 registered members of the Church as of December 31st 2024.

The Church appointed minister is appointed by the Mid Herts Pastorate to share with 2 other local URC churches and is currently backed up 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 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 another very successful year with children aged between 2 to 5 years and a total of 52 registered with the school. In 2022 as previously reported Ofsted undertook a full inspection and awarded the school Outstanding and it continues to be closely monitored by Herts CC. who have confirmed after their own inspection that we continue to meet and maintain the standards expected. The Parent and Toddlers Group and Kangaroo Club had another very successful year with growing numbers of up to 30 -40 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 50/60..

During the year the Church again supported 12 various external Charities both local and national with donations totalling £4726. The church also supported and made regular donations to the local Salvation Army 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



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, HARPENDEN			Charity No (if any)	1130930	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/01/2024	To	Period end date	31/12/2024	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Restricted income funds					Prior year funds
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
Incoming resources (Note 3)							
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	S01	39,584	-	-	39,584	30,574	
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-	
Other trading activities	S03	59,426	-	-	59,426	67,233	
Investments	S04	5,204	-	-	5,204	4,495	
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	S06	217,764	-	-	217,764	186,828	
Total	S07	321,977	-	-	321,977	289,130	
Resources expended (Note 6)							
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable activities	S09	120,373	-	-	120,373	102,655	
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	S11	210,788	-	-	210,788	183,365	
Total	S12	331,161	-	-	331,161	286,020	
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)							
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	- 9,184	-	-	- 9,184	3,109	
Net income/(expenditure)	S14	-	-	-	-	-	
Extraordinary items	S15	- 9,184	-	-	- 9,184	3,109	
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	-	
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-	
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds	S20	- 9,184	-	-	- 9,184	3,109	
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward	S21	134,251	40,000	-	174,251	171,142	
Total funds carried forward	S22	125,067	40,000	-	165,067	174,251	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Harpenden United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1130930

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/24.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

2 May 2025

Name:

Caroline Guy FCA

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

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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