

# RICHMOND HILL ST. ANDREWS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1131668

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Previously excepted

**Registered** 2009-09-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

**Activities:** RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES HELPING GENERAL PUBLIC/MANKIND

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Bournemouth

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£120,546	£156,379	-	-
2024-03-31	£113,484	£174,147	-	-
2023-03-31	£99,328	£132,021	-	-
2022-03-31	£105,687	£116,206	-	-
2021-03-31	£117,743	£83,115	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AGNES KELLY COPELAND		
ALEX COPELAND		
ANNE PIGGOT		2012-03-26
Chris Harris		2018-01-03
Colin Dorsett		2018-01-03
GAYNOR HAMMADEH		2020-06-10
JOANNA MARY CRACKNELL		
JOHN DAVID JONES		
John Malcolm Guthrie		2022-06-30
Lauren BabaSlimane		2018-01-03
Peter Hansford		2018-01-03
ROBIN STUART EASON SCOTT		
SUSAN JEAN STARKEY		2012-03-26
hilary frances scott		2013-10-23
john joseph hurst		2013-10-23

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SECRETARY’S REPORT 2025

**Our Minister, Rev. Wilbert Sayimani, left us just after the last AGM to take up a Pastorate in Uxbridge and Ickenham after seven years at Richmond Hill St. Andrew’s. Over the past year our services have been led by many different Ministers which has given us much variety each Sunday. Some services have also been taken by members of our own congregation, Alex Copeland, Joanna Cracknell, Chris Harris and John Guthrie to whom we are most grateful.**

**So many people have worked so hard keeping everything running smoothly. We must thank Anne Piggott who does so much work each month leading our Early Birds with her team. We love to see the youngsters in our service, and this usually co-incides with the Scout Parade which takes place once a quarter. Anne has a real talent with young people, and also constantly brightens our lives with her wonderful smile.**

**Agnes Copeland continues to do a splendid job persuading volunteers to take the Pause for Prayer half hour each Thursday in St. Andrew’s Chapel which gives us a wide variety of different topics to enjoy. Thank you so much Agnes for all the work you do in your organisation of this very important time of the week.**

**The Lunch Club takes place every Wednesday and this provides outreach to the community who come and enjoy a splendid two course lunch. The meal is of course very important, but so is the social contact this offers people, many of whom live on their own. Our thanks to John Jones who undertakes the organisation of this, and the help given by Colin Dorset and Alex and Agnes. The numbers remain pretty steady, with an average of about twenty attending each week. Anyone from the congregation is also very welcome at the lunch.**

**We are so grateful for the wonderful flower arrangements that decorate our church each Sunday. These are arranged by Ann Gawler, Heather Crane, Maggie Sheath and Colin Dorset. Different people in the congregation sponsor these each week, and more offers would always be welcome. You will have heard that Sue and Adrian Marchant have faithfully tended our Memorial Garden for the last seventeen years and it has been lovely to always be able to see it in perfect condition. A huge thank you to you both, this is an incredible amount of hard work, and a real labour of love.**

**Of course there are many other people to whom we owe thanks, Peter Hansford for keeping the Buildings in good repair – this is a huge job and very time consuming. Sue Starkey is always faithfully at the West door each week, and also**

arranges the readers and is one of the Registrars for the weddings. Thank you Sue for everything you do.

Also Margaret Seward who renews the car park permits each year, and creates the Sunday morning Coffee Rota. I would like to mention David Stoddart who very kindly compiles our church magazine each month, - a lot of work and preparation goes into this production and we give him our thanks.

We have gained much pleasure from the displays on the windows of the church Hall - at Christmas, then beautiful spring flowers, appropriate symbols for VE Day and now a lovely array of summer flowers. This was the initiative of Lauren Baba-Slimane, who was given much help by Pat Williams in their arrangement and application onto the windows. We thank them both very much for the time and effort they have given to these displays and for attracting attention to our church of those passing by.

Church life would be very much the poorer without music, so we thank our organist Chris Denton for his huge contribution to the services every Sunday. Last but not least enormous thanks to Stuart our caretaker and facilities manager. He is totally reliable, approaches everything with good humour, and all we do revolves around him. What would be do without him!

I finish with the Statistics for the year June 2024 to June 2025.

**There were no Weddings.**

**There were four Baptisms:-**

July 2024 - Gracie Brought  
October 2024 - Olivia Nowicka  
February 2025 - Albie Williams  
May 2025 - Amelia Olivier

**Those who have died:-**

2024 July - Sheila Philipson  
September - Peggy Smith  
2025 January - Molly White  
February - John Fricker  
March - Elizabeth Edwards  
March - Angela Pride  
March - Derek Diprose  
May - Sue Micklefield  
May - Hazel Fricker

**We express our condolences to all their families, and they will be much missed here.**

**New Members during this year**

**Gavin and Mary Bryson from Leicester and**

**Joan Memmott from Sheffield**

**We are delighted to say Pat Willcox also wishes to become a member = and the Elders commend her to the Church Meeting today. Are all in favour?**

**OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 76. 16 ADHERENTS 16 FRIENDS**

**We very much hope and pray that over the coming year progress will be made in the task to find a new Minister, for ourselves, Iford and Trinity.**

**Thank you.**

**Hilary Scott**

**Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church**  
**Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2025**

	<b>Y/e 31 Mar 25</b>	<b>Y/e 31 Mar 24</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>268,436</b>	<b>329,099</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Legacies	5,121	6,800
Donations	33,445	38,217
Members Car Park	660	650
Fund Raising	-	-
Lettings	9,659	7,737
School of English	24,457	24,250
Commercial Car Park	28,031	26,678
Investment Income	1,906	2,090
Gain on Investments	13,651	-
Grants	1,100	6,500
Miscellaneous Income	2,516	562
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>120,546</b>	<b>113,484</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Ministry & Mission	48,248	48,039
Ministry & Manse Expenses	3,945	8,177
Early Bird Sal & Expenses	554	376
Churchkeeper, Organist & Choir	37,072	34,637
Administration	2,366	2,337
Ministers	1,281	-
Church Maintenance	20,051	18,809
Utilities, Insurance & Cleaning	22,823	22,780
Loss on Investments	-	2,854
Church Refreshments	463	287
Sundries	1,567	3,280
Audit/Inspection	150	150
Charity Donations	1,013	393
Repairs	9,112	24,744
Commercial Car Park Rates	7,734	7,285
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>156,379</b>	<b>174,147</b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>- 35,833</b>	<b>- 60,663</b>
<b>Total Funds b/f</b>	<b>268,436</b>	<b>329,099</b>
<b>Funds at Year End</b>	<b>232,603</b>	<b>268,436</b>

**Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	<b>as at 31 Mar 25</b>	<b>as at 31 Mar 24</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Brooks McDonald	166,006	201,882
M&G Charibond	22,600	23,073
Investments at Realisable Value	188,606	224,955
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors & Prepayments	19,952	14,300
Loans	-	1,789
Deposit Account	19,213	20,499
Current Bank Accounts	5,892	7,543
Cash Account	-	-
	45,057	44,131
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>233,663</b>	<b>269,086</b>
<b>less Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors & Accruals	1,060	650
<b>Total Net Funds</b>	<b>232,603</b>	<b>268,436</b>
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Respective responsibilities of the Trustees of the church and examiner

As the trustees of the church you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the management committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in a full audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with s.130 of the 2011 Act; or
  - to prepare accounts which accord with these accounting records have not been met;or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... Mr Peter A Miles  
35 Swanmore Road Bournemouth Dorset BH7 6PD  
Dated 21 May 202

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# Accounts

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 2024**

**The year has passed smoothly since the 2023 AGM.**

**Once again we moved into St. Andrew's Chapel for the months of January, February and March, saving on heat and electricity which again was a great success.**

**We still reach out to the community with the weekly Wednesday lunches, and on Sunday evenings Hope for Food gather in the Hall to feed 70-90 people a large proportion of whom are homeless.**

**My main task is to thank people who have worked so hard to keep the wheels turning during the week and on Sundays. First I must mention the Elders and thank them for their diligence and guidance and we are lucky to have such a dedicated team. Each fulfil different roles within the church. Also Edith Clarke for the Sunday morning coffee rota, Colin Dorsett for organising the Thursday coffees and the Wednesday lunches. Sue Starkey for finding weekly Sunday readers and stewarding on the door, Ann Gawler and Heather Crane and their helpers for our splendid flower arrangements and Sue and Adrian Marchant for their faithful work on the Memorial Garden. Peter Hansford Chairman of the Building Committee has undertaken a huge amount of work keeping up with both the church buildings and The Manse and we owe him a great debt of gratitude for this. John Guthrie took over as Treasurer one year ago, and has done a wonderful job keeping our finances in order.**

**Pause for Prayer continues each Thursday morning in St. Andrew's Chapel and we are most grateful to Agnes Copeland for fulfilling the task of finding people who lead this very special half hour every week. This provides us with many varied and interesting subjects. Most importantly those who are not well and need our prayers are always remembered, presented by one of the Pastoral team – Pat Williams, Lauren Baba-Slimane, Anne Piggott and Gay Hammadeh. Our thanks to them for their preparation of these reports.**

**Once a month Early Birds meet under the excellent leadership of Anne Piggott and her team. After they have met in St. Andrew's Chapel and the Hall they always come down to join our main service for a while and it is a joy to see them and learn of their activities.**

**A special word of appreciation to our brilliant caretaker, Stuart, for all he does here with patience and good humour at the centre of our activities.**

**I of course conclude this report with mention of our Minister Wilbert. He recently informed us that he would be taking up a new pastorate in Uxbridge and Ickenham and his last service would be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. We express our huge gratitude to him for all his leadership over nearly seven years at Richmond Hill St. Andrew's, his inspiring services and pastoral care for the congregation. He has been through some difficult personal times during which he faithfully carried out**

his ministry.. We wish him every success and all good wishes for the future and also for Regina and the children as they start a new life in Uxbridge.

I must now as always give you the statistics for the year June 2023 to June 2024.

There were no BAPTISMS or WEDDINGS during this period.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** It is with great sadness we record the loss of twelve of our members and friends who have died during this church year.

Cynthia Sinclair - July 2023

Alan Rolf - July 2023

Suzanne Fulton - August 2023

Pat Garrioch - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Revd. Brian Rawling - 31st October 2023

Alan Penhale - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Trevor Fulton - February 2024

Doreen Hogg - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Babs Darter - April 2024

Georgie Miller (A) - May 2024

Jean Simmonds (F) - May 2024

Michael Ponting (F) - June 2024

We express condolences to all their families

**OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IS 77**

We now enter a time of interregnum and challenging times ahead during which we must all pull together and trust in the words of the hymn that ' God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year.

**Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reform Church**  
**Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>329,099</b>	<b>361,793</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Legacies	6,800	15,058
Donations	38,217	41,087
Members Car Park	650	950
Fund Raising	-	96
Lettings	7,737	10,138
School of English	24,250	22,381
Commercial Car Park	26,678	26,265
Investment Income	2,090	980
Grants	6,500	-
Miscellaneous Income	562	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>113,484</b>	<b>116,955</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Ministry & Mission	48,039	55,890
Ministry & Manse Expenses	8,177	7,897
Early Bird Sal & Expenses	376	441
Churchkeeper, Organist & Choir	34,637	33,967
Administration	2,337	2,600
Church Maintenance	18,809	11,788
Utilities, Insurance & Cleaning	22,780	17,419
Loss on Investments	2,854	17,627
Church Refreshments	287	302
Sundries	3,280	580
Audit/Inspection	150	70
Charity Donations	393	870
Repairs	24,744	-
Commercial Car Park Rates	7,285	199
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>174,147</b>	<b>149,650</b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>- 60,663</b>	<b>- 32,695</b>
<b>Total Funds b/f</b>	<b>329,099</b>	<b>361,794</b>
<b>Funds at Year End</b>	<b>268,436</b>	<b>329,099</b>

**Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reform Church  
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024**

**Non Current Assets**

Brooks McDonald	201,882		261,882	
M&G Charibond	<u>23,073</u>		<u>25,907</u>	
Investments at Realisable Value		224,955		287,789

**Current Assets**

Debtors & Prepayments	14,300		15,450	
Loans	1,789		1,119	
Deposit Account	20,499		9,000	
Current Bank Accounts	7,543		18,449	
Cash Account	<u>-</u>		<u>93</u>	
		<u>44,131</u>		<u>44,111</u>

**Total Assets**

269,086	331,900
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**less Current Liabilities**

Creditors & Accruals	<u>650</u>	<u>2,801</u>
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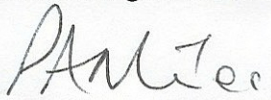
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# Accounts

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## Accounts for Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church for Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023	General Fund	2022	General Fund
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>361792</b>		<b>372311</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>				
Legacies	15058		43358	
Donations	41087		41754	
Members Car Park Fees	950		400	
Fundraising	96		95	
Lettings of Church/Wedding Income	10138		2631	
School of English	22381		17636	
Commercial Car Park	26265		-5223	
Investment Income	980		583	
Sale of Assets	0		0	
Appreciation of Investments	-17627		4453	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>99328</b>		<b>105687</b>	
<b>Net Expenditure</b>				
Ministry & Mission	55890		55882	
Ministry and Manse Expenses	7897		5692	
Early Bird Salaries and Expenses	441		284	
Churchkeeper, Organist and Choir Costs	33967		22014	
Administration	2600		2966	
Church Maintenance	11788		9513	
Utilities, Insurance and Cleaning	17419		17735	
Church Refreshments	302		120	
Sundries	578		1190	
Audit	70		65	
Donations to Charity from Church Funds	870		324	
Purchase of Assets	199		421	
Discretionary Spend				
Major Organ Repair				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>132021</b>		<b>116206</b>	
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>-32693</b>		<b>-10519</b>	
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>329099</b>		<b>361792</b>	

### Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts and Balance Sheet of Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church (Charity No 1131668) for the year ended 31 March 2023. My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directives issued by the accounts for small charities. Nothing has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe otherwise that the records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993. I am not aware of any matter for which attention needs to be drawn to obtain a proper Understanding of the accounts.

**Examiner:**

Colin Naughton

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

The time seems to have flown since our AGM last year but everything has run very smoothly during this time. It is disappointing our numbers in the congregation have fallen, in line with other town centre churches since the pandemic.

There was one big social event - The Queen's Jubilee Tea which was organised by Colin, Gay and other helpers. The Link churches were invited and the lunch was very well attended by about 70 people. It was a really successful afternoon with a wonderful atmosphere. Thank you particularly to Colin for all his hard work and to all who took part.

At the end of the year it was suggested in order to combat the very high heating and lighting charges at the time, the morning services should move into St. Andrew's Chapel for January, February and March. This proved a great success and created a very good atmosphere with everyone sitting close together which also made the singing very uplifting. We returned to the main church at Easter and decided to restrict the sitting area to the front half of the church which created this same feel.

Our Treasurer Alex Copeland retires at this year's AGM. He has been the most wonderful Treasurer here over many many years, and deputy Treasurer before that, and we owe him so much for all the work he has done over this long period of time to keep the finances of the church in good order. On behalf of all the Elders and everyone in the congregation we give you our sincere thanks. We will miss you at your familiar place at the front at meetings, but hope you can now spend some well earned relaxing time 'on the back benches'. We thank John Guthrie for very kindly taking on this role and look forward to working together in the future.

As always there are so many people to thank who keep all the wheels turning during the week and on Sundays. Edith Clarke for the Sunday morning coffee rota, Colin Dorsett for organising Thursday coffees and the Wednesday lunches, Sue Starkey for finding the weekly Sunday readers and stewarding on the door, the team who give the pastoral updates at Pause for Prayer each week, Pat Williams, Lauren Baba-Slimane, Anne Piggott and Agnes Copeland who has also recently found the volunteers to lead that special half hour, and of course our splendid flower organisers, Ann Gawler, Heather Crane and team, also Adrian and Sue Marchant for their faithful work on the Memorial Garden. Peter Hansford and his committee who work tirelessly to keep our buildings in good repair. Our organist Chris Denton has settled down very well and we enjoy his excellent voluntaries at the end of the service each Sunday. A special word of appreciation for our brilliant caretaker Stuart, for all he does with patience and good humour at the centre of our activities.

We are very grateful to Wilbert for his ongoing Ministry to us over the past year, especially through some personal difficult times when it cannot have been easy for him. However now he soon embarks on his three month sabbatical leave which he is going to spend in Zimbabwe. We wish him a safe journey and a fruitful time of study. All services in his absence will be covered by visiting Ministers.

I finish as always with THE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR June 2022 to June 2023.

There were no BAPTISIMS or WEDDINGS over this period.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED -It is with great sadness we record the loss of ten of our members and friends who have died during this church year..**

**Eileen Wood - October 2022**

**Joanne Bratt (Roy Perryman's daughter) - October 2022**

**Professor Gordon Seward - October 2022**

**Connie Wadams - October 2022**

**John Clarke - November 2022**

**Hesba Jones - December 2022**

**Joyce Colmer - March 2023**

**Patricia Mason - April 2023**

**David Clark - May 2023**

**Dr. Jimmie Nicholson - May 2023**

**We express our condolences to all their families.**

**OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP is 109**

**I hope we can look forward now with optimism to another year ahead of worship, music and fellowship in the life of our church.**

**Hilary Scott**

**RICHMOND HILL ST. ANDREWS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1131668

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022**

Following a time of disruption and opening and closing of churches during the pandemic, after the final period of lockdown in 2021 the church permanently re-opened for services just before the AGM last June. So this year has been a time of gradually re-building all aspects of church life and returning to a normal pattern. The Hall Lettings started to re-book over a period of time, much to the delight of our Treasurer when the Invoices once again began to be paid!

Peter and Jill Haslett had very kindly been responsible for finding members of the congregation to lead Pause for Prayer, but gave notice at the end of last year that they would be finishing in this role as they were intending to move away from Poole. In order that this important Thursday half hour would not cease, we are very grateful to Revd. Brian Rawling for taking over this task and providing us with ongoing volunteers each week. Thank you to all who agree to undertake leading this service.

At the beginning of October our organist Danny Campbell left with no notice, creating a very difficult situation for the church. For the next four months we were very grateful that a series of different organists very kindly agreed to help us out playing the organ each week for the Sunday services. Advertisements were placed in a number of publications, but no one suitable emerged until Chris Denton applied for the position of permanent organist having already covered three or four of our Sundays here. He relinquished his position as part time organist for two other local churches, and was duly appointed as our organist here at the beginning of February 2022. He is providing us with splendid organ music each week.

Two Elders are retiring from the Eldership this year having completed their present three year term – Ann Gawler and Dr. Margaret Seward. We are very sorry indeed to lose them but thank them very much for their very constructive input into Elders meetings and they will be much missed. Isabel Platts has decided to retire before the completion of her three year term and we thank her for the many years she has been an Elder and taken part in Elders meetings and discussions and she will of course also be missed. No new names have been put forward for election, so the number on the Eldership stands at 14 for the coming year.

Our Minister Wilbert had re-married last May, and had to wait until November for Mandi to be able to travel to England and join him. Mandi

has quickly integrated with our congregation and it has been a joy to get to know her. We thank Wilbert for his sermons, teaching, guidance and pastoral work during the last church year.

I also thank all those many people who work so hard in every area of church life - and as the saying goes - you know who you are, and I am sure know you are appreciated.

I finish with the **STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR JUNE 2021 - JUNE 2022.**

**WEDDINGS** 1 wedding has taken place:-

Christopher Collier and Madeleine Watton - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**BAPTISMS** There have been 3 baptisms:-

Twins Frankie and Oliver Harker - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

Joanne Bratt - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Pause for Prayer (daughter of Roy Perryman)

**NEW MEMBERS** There have been 7 new members inducted:-

Susan Mathews, Neeher Mathews, Nidaan Mathews, Darren Hill, Gemma Hill, James Flood and Mandi Sayimani

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**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** 12 members of the congregation have died during this church year:-

Dame Margaret Seward      21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

<b>Col. Arnold Lewis</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>
<b>Brian Willcox</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>
<b>Roy Heard</b>	<b>August 2021</b>
<b>Brenda Trimmer</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>
<b>Tony Watts</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>
<b>Lily Shearer</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October 2021</b>
<b>Robin Simmons</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Jean Sparrowhawk</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>Greg Welch</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>George Cannon</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
<b>Roy Ricketts</b>	<b>May 2022</b>

**We express our condolences to all relatives of these members**

**NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS 111**

**We know there have not been any social gatherings during this year, but I am aware that two events are now being planned, so may we continue growing in fellowship, and pray the church can move forward with confidence into 2023.**

**Hilary Scott  
Secretary**

**Accounts for Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church for Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	<b>2022 General Fund</b>	<b>2021 General Fund</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>372311</b>	<b>337683</b>
Legacies	43358	0
Donations	41754	37863
Gift Day	0	0
Donations to Organ	0	0
Members Car Park Fees	400	531
Fundraising	95	79
Lettings of Church/Wedding Income	2631	1310
School of English	17636	18187
Commercial Car Park	-5223	-3837
Investment Income	583	724
Sale of Assets	0	0
Appreciation of Investments	4453	61886
Miscellaneous Income	0	1000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>105687</b>	<b>117743</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		
Ministry & Mission inc car allowance	55882	35538
Ministry and Manse Expenses	5692	5488
Early Bird Salaries and Expenses	284	0
Churchkeeper, Organist and Choir Costs	22014	8896
Administration	2966	1109
Church Maintenance	9513	10933
Utilities, Insurance and Cleaning	17735	21261
Minibus	0	0
Church Refreshments	120	0
Sundries	1190	643
Audit	65	65
Donations to Charity from Church Funds	324	486
South Window	0	0
Major Organ Repair	0	-1512
Purchase of Assets	421	210
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>116206</b>	<b>83115</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>-10519</b>	<b>34628</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>361792</b>	<b>372311</b>

**Independent Examiners Report**

I have examined the Receipts and Payments Accounts and Balance Sheet of Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church (Charity No 1131668) for the year ended 31 March 2021. My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directives issued by the accounts for small charities. Nothing has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe otherwise that the records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Act 1993. I am not aware of any matter for which attention needs to be drawn to obtain a proper Understanding of the accounts.

**Examiner:**

Colin Naughton

**RICHMOND HILL ST. ANDREWS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY**

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT JUNE 2020/2021

The pandemic has dominated all our lives since the last AGM. During this time the church was only open for service for 21 weeks of these twelve months. We re-opened for services on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020, closed again for a lockdown during November, and re-opened for the month of December. Another lockdown was announced until April, and we re-opened again on Pentecost Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May this year. Congregational hymn singing was not permitted under Government rules, although in recent times the choir have sung a couple of hymns during the services.

So as very little has happened, this report has not too much to say! Huge thanks are due to Wilbert for continuing taking Sunday services, with Alex and Agnes diligently filming them each week. We are very grateful to them.

Shirley Rawling decided to retire from her role finding weekly contributors to Pause for Prayer – a very big task, and I know more than a few arms were firmly twisted! This very popular half hour each Thursday morning could not have continued without Shirley, so thank you so much for those years of organisation.

Peter Haslett has followed admirably in Shirley's footsteps and has managed to find, persuade, cajole a variety of people to lead Pause for Prayer, currently held in the main church. We thank him with Jill's help in continuing in this role resulting in contributors giving us experiences of their lives, anecdotes, prayers, poems and occasionally some singing on Thursday mornings. Communion services have also been conducted.

Thanks are due to those on the entrance door who have recorded the name of those attending for Track and Trace – Sue Starkey and Maggie Sheath with an occasional volunteer stepping in. Whether the church is open or not, come rain wind or shine Sue and Adrian Marchant continue to plan and plant the Memorial Garden. Not just the gardening, constant watering is also needed. The whole congregation thank you both for your hard work to keep this special garden looking beautiful.

Agnes Copeland has decided to step down from her role as joint Pastoral Co-ordinator after many years of devoted service. Thank you Agnes for your work in this area over the years, and the many, many reports you have given at Elders meetings and Pause for Prayer keeping all in touch with news of our congregation. Four willing people have stepped into this role of giving regular pastoral reports on people's health and welfare. Gay Hammadeh, Pat Williams, Anne-Piggott and Lauren Baba-Slimane. Well done for agreeing to take on this role. Shirley remains the overall Pastoral co-ordinator. Trevor and Suzanne Fulton moved away to Lee-on-the-Solent during this year to live near their son, and are sadly missed.

Two of our Elders have decided not to stand for re-election at the end of their most recent three year term, Paddy Pollock and Maggie Sheath. Paddy has been a tower of strength with everything connected to the huge task of maintaining this church and halls and he was Chairman of the Building's Committee for many years. He undertook overseeing the restoration of the World War1 memorial window at the back of the church some years ago with all its complexities. Fortunately Paddy remains on the Building Committee with his wise counsel and experience (now chaired by Peter Hansford). Thank you Paddy for all you have done in this area, and for your many years

contributing to our Elders meeting. Maggie Sheath has also been an Elder for many years and of course has been in the forefront of the catering Committee, as mentioned in last years report, and a diligent visitor. You will both be sadly missed at our Elders meetings.

Our Minister lost his wife Irene last July whilst on holiday in Zimbabwe after a long fight with cancer. Our sincere condolences go to Wilbert, who then spent many months in lockdown in the Manse on his own which must have been a terribly difficult time. On his recent holiday in May in Harare we received the news that Wilbert had married again to Mandi,. We congratulate him and look forward to meeting Mandi when she has obtained her Visa to come to this country and join Wilbert.

**STATISTICS for June 2020/June 2021.**

**BAPTISMS and WEDDINGS** There were no Baptisms or Weddings during this year.

**THOSE WHO SADLY HAVE DIED** 12 people have died during this year.

Irene Sayimani July 2020

Patricia Fortescue October 2020

Doreen Hewitt October 2020

Janet Wallace October 2020

Rev. Betty Williams February 2021

Barbara Milner February 2021

Ann Cardwell February 2021

Rosalind Corkett February 2021

Stan Young March 2021

Yvonne Heard March 2021

Paul Cracknell April 2021

Dorothy Perrett April 2021

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**NUMBER OF CHURCH MEMBERS** 116.

A verse from Revelations as recently preached upon by a visiting Minister  
‘The one seated on the Throne said ‘Behold I make all things new’. Let us hope that a new spirit may be found in this congregation as we now move forward following this very difficult period for everyone, and start again to make all things new.

Hilary Scott  
Church Secretary.

**Accounts for Richmond Hill St Andrews United Reformed Church for Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	<b>2020 General Fund</b>	<b>2021 General Fund</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>422411</b>	<b>337683</b>
Legacies	200	0
Donations	47924	37863
Gift Day	0	0
Donations to Organ	0	0
Members Car Park Fees	1093	531
Fundraising	2846	79
Lettings of Church/Wedding Income	7680	1310
School of English	24802	18187
Commercial Car Park	18052	-3837
Investment Income	1062	724
Sale of Assets	0	0
Appreciation of Investments	-22421	61886
Miscellaneous Income	3210	1000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>84448</b>	<b>117743</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>		
Ministry & Mission inc car allowance	53830	35538
Ministry and Manse Expenses	4310	5488
Early Bird Salaries and Expenses	517	0
Churchkeeper, Organist and Choir Costs	27453	8896
Administration	3012	1109
Church Maintenance	8646	10933
Utilities, Insurance and Cleaning	23769	21261
Minibus	0	0
Church Refreshments	-27	0
Sundries	2503	643
Audit	65	65
Donations to Charity from Church Funds	3686	486
South Window	0	0
Major Organ Repair	37080	-1512
Purchase of Assets	4332	210
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>169176</b>	<b>83115</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>-84728</b>	<b>34628</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>337683</b>	<b>372311</b>

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