



Riverside Church Annual Report & Financial Statements

For year ended December 2020

Registered charity no. 1131872

Company no. 6983393

This report covers the period 1 October 2019 to 30 December 2020



RIVERSIDE

vineyard church



Riverside Vineyard Church, Thanet Way, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3JQ www.riversideuk.org

Affiliated to  vineyard churches®

Registered in England and Wales charity no. 1131872, company no. 6983393. 'VINEYARD' is a European Union trade mark registered to Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland No. 004771143.

The 'VINEYARD CHURCHES' Logo and 'VINEYARD with "grapes" device Logo' are both registered trade marks of Vineyard Churches UK & Ireland and are used here under licence.

Riverside Vineyard Church is a trading name for Riverside Church

Introduction

Riverside is a vibrant and growing church community of adults, children and young people meeting in Whitstable, Kent.

The church was established in 1925 and has been faithfully worshipping God and serving the local community for more than 90 years.

Our aim is to be a blessing to our community through sharing the love and compassion of God to those we meet.

Having our own building allows us to hire rooms to commercial and public-sector organisations during the week. This conference activity generates an income stream that supports our charitable activities.

We also have an on-site café which forms a community space right at the heart of the building.

It provides a relaxed, friendly environment where everyone is welcome - old friends can come together, and new friendships can be made.

Our goal is to see the transformation of our communities through the goodness of Jesus.

We believe the goodness of Jesus is for everyone and we're passionate about helping people encounter His life-changing power.

Our broad aims continue to be the following:

- Creating spaces and opportunities for people to encounter the good news of Jesus and His transforming presence.
- Equipping and supporting people to do life well.
- Bringing practical and spiritual relief to the vulnerable and those in need.
- To do things well.



Review

This report covers two very different seasons in the life of Riverside Church.

The first period, from the beginning of October 2019 through to the middle of March 2020, the church was operating as normal and was continuing to develop and serve people through its various ministries.

Our vision for this season was to 'multiply'. We were planning to launch our 'Herne Bay Hub' in Briary Primary School in May 2020 to provide an additional location for young families to connect with Riverside.

Then in mid-March 2020 COVID struck and everything changed.

Our gathered environments could no longer happen, our onsite café had to close and our room hire and conferencing activities completely stopped. The pandemic tested Riverside's ability to maintain relational connections and continue to serve our community.

Even against these huge challenges we are pleased to report that the church has not just survived but in many ways flourished.

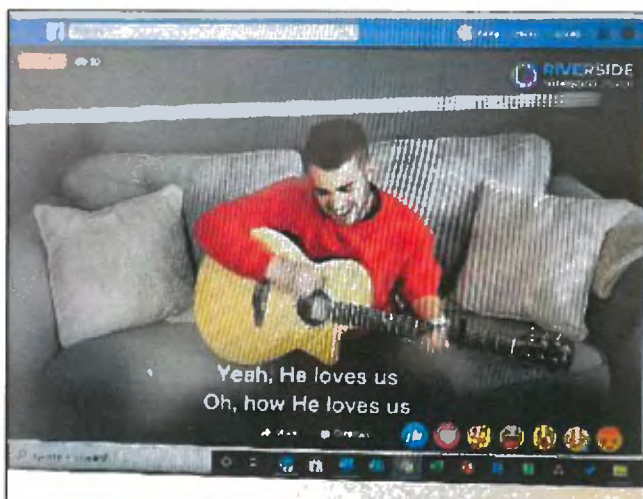
We have learnt new skills and taken advantage of new opportunities to continue to grow our vision to be "good for everyone".

We turned our auditorium into a food distribution centre for our Pantry Project which grew exponentially during this period. Through the generosity of the church and community partners, we were able to support hundreds of local families with food and essential household items.

The staff team had to become proficient in filming and video editing techniques, producing high quality service content for our YouTube channel.

During this period, we said goodbye to dearly loved members of the Riverside family. Pauline Etheridge-Flynn and Harry Jelfs passed away during this time. We were able to celebrate their incredible lives and be present to comfort their families.

This continues to be a very challenging time for the church, but despite the adversity, we believe our reputation as a valued part of the community has grown tremendously as we have demonstrated our faith, in love and action.



Objective 1: Advance the Gospel

Creating spaces and opportunities for people to encounter the good news of Jesus and His transforming presence.

We have continued to run Alpha courses during this period, providing a welcoming environment for people to explore the Christian faith. During the COVID lock-down, our courses moved online, using the Zoom platform. This helped people to stay connected and complete the course.

In the autumn of 2019 we hosted Student Lunches for the first time as a church and we saw a number of students connect with us from the University of Kent.

2019 concluded with one of our largest carol services, with nearly 300 people hearing the good news of the Christmas story.

We have continued to support the Churches Together in Whitstable, hosting a joint service at Riverside. This gave an opportunity for people from different churches to gather and celebrate our joint projects (Street Pastors, CAP Debt Centre and Haven) and pray for the future of our town.

We have been deepening our expression of prayer within half-nights of prayer and other prayer gatherings. We continue to pray for more opportunities to serve our community.

We've continued to support the Canterbury Christian Schools Work Trust (CCSWT) which brings an SMSC framework into local primary and secondary schools. During the pandemic CCSWT was able to continue to provide online content and support to local schools.

Our services moved online from mid-March using the Online Church platform and YouTube. This has enabled many people to remain connected with the good news of the gospel and also created a space for conversation and catchup. We also provided a 'Dial a Sermon' telephone service for those who struggled with online content.

This period concluded with an onsite carol service when restrictions were briefly lifted. We were also able to give Christmas gift bags to everyone in our church family – either at the carol service or through volunteers delivering them to people's doors.



Objective 2: Improve Life

Equipping and supporting people to do life well.

Each Sunday we run a morning service with teaching and worship in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. We provide practical, biblical teaching using a variety of gifted speakers. Our children and youth have age-related teaching in their groups and also meet in their programmes during the week.

During the COVID pandemic our services moved online to provide a consistent weekly point of connection for the church. Small groups continued to meet over Zoom.

Up until March 2020, our Cherish women's events continued to create an opportunity to gather and inspire women with different activities and social events.

Men's events have also taken place to encourage men to gather and support one another.

We hosted another Classics Quiz night to provide a fun, social environment for the older generation.

Our monthly Lego Club continued to grow providing a stimulating play environment for children and their carers, with a future plan to move the club to Briary Primary School when possible.

We launched our Riverside 360 Discipleship Year, offering a unique opportunity to experience a church ministry and community connection. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we have had no uptake on this course yet.

We also host many other friendship, interest and support groups such as Stitch & Chat, Alzheimer's, Carers' and Parkinson's support. A bereavement friendship group also continues to run.

To show support and appreciation to our local community providers during the pandemic we delivered 'treat boxes' to sixteen local schools and three medical centres. These were very gratefully received by the teaching and medical staff.



Objective 3: Bring Relief

Bringing practical and spiritual relief to the vulnerable and those in need.

Our biggest compassion ministry during this period has been Pantry Project. We were developing this area at the end of 2019, but COVID meant the needs of the community quickly became acute.

We responded by turning our auditorium into a food distribution hub, working with local community partners to provide high-quality food and essential items to those in need. Working with social workers and school family liaison officers we helped to feed hundreds of families and individuals. We also gave out sixty Christmas hampers to the neediest families in the area. Pantry Project was featured on BBC Southeast when the reporter, Ian Palmer, came to interview the volunteer team.

Growbaby, which provides good quality, new and second-hand, baby clothes and equipment free of charge, also helped those impacted by the pandemic. During this time we created an additional sorting and storage area to provide space for the growing project.

This year we had a visit from Kevin Crook from Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) who fly charity relief organisations all over the world. We support the work of MAF with regular financial contributions.

Our ongoing financial and volunteer support for local compassion projects includes:

Street Pastors – a caring night-time presence on the streets of Whitstable and Herne Bay.

Christians Against Poverty – a debt centre providing debt counselling service and advice free of charge.

Haven – a project providing care and support for the homeless and vulnerable in the area.

We also continue with prison ministry, supporting a member of Riverside who is serving a custodial sentence and we partner with the Grass Roots Trust who work in Romania.

Our Riverside Café also operates a “Pay It Forward” scheme where anyone can donate an extra meal or drink for someone in need.



Doing Things Well

A key goal at Riverside is to do things well. This involves everything, from the way we relate to people, to the way we manage our facility and develop the organisation.

Staffing: During this period we said goodbye to John Sales, our event caretaker, whose role was made redundant due to the affects of the COVID pandemic on our conferencing and room hire business.

Site: We continue to develop the Riverside site. During this time, a media suite was created to enable video and sound production. Our auditorium staging was also refitted with new lighting, acoustic panelling and a drum booth. Our Phase 3 design continues to be developed with our consultants Martello.

Events: Our conferencing business continued to grow prior to COVID and we expect our regular clients to return whenever things return to normal.

On-Site Partners: Caldecott Fostering consolidated their operations during the pandemic and moved off site in the autumn of 2020. We really enjoyed having them onsite and wish them well for the future.

CXK use Riverside as a local hub for their staff as they provide career guidance and training programmes to help young people build the skills and confidence they need to find a job.

Canterbury Foodbank continue to operate their warehouse from Riverside and have overseen a huge amount of food distribution to the needy during this period. With their lease due to expire in September 2020, the Senior Leadership Team offered them a year extension which they gratefully accepted.

Volunteers: We actively encourage people to volunteer their time and get involved, serving in some capacity. Riverside could not operate at the level we do without their generosity and dedication particularly through this difficult period.



Connected Charities & Partner Projects



Riverside continues to be an active supporter of Churches Together in Whitstable (CTIW).



CTIW provide Street Pastors who patrol every Friday night providing a caring and reassuring presence on the streets.



Canterbury Foodbank provides crisis food parcels for those in need in the area. Riverside provide a large space on our site to house the Foodbank warehouse.



CTIW jointly support a local Christians Against Poverty (CAP) centre. CAP provides free debt counselling and additional life skills services.



Canterbury Christian Schools' Work Trust works with primary and secondary schools with the SMSC framework.



Alleviating poverty, partnering with churches, sponsoring children, changing lives.



Providing help and support for the voluntary and community sector in Kent.



Riverside provides a space for this charity to support carers across East Kent.

Haven is a joint church initiative to create a warm friendly place for the homeless in the area. Based at St John's Methodist Hall it provides hot drinks, snacks, laundry and shower facilities.



CXX is a charity which supports children, young people, adults and families and is one of our rental partners at Riverside.



Caldecott Fostering

Caldecott Fostering is committed to child centred practice and personalised packages of care and support to Foster Carers. They are a rental partner based at Riverside.



Riverside supports the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship which enables over 2,000 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief, long-term development and Christian hope to thousands of communities.



Riverside supports the work of Open Doors which is an international ministry serving persecuted Christians and churches worldwide.



FOND COFFEE served at Riverside is proud to support Rebuild Women's Hope Congo. It was established in 2013 by gender equity pioneer Marceline Budza, with the aim of empowering Congolese women.



Charity bank has helped in the financing and development of the Riverside site and continues to be a valued partner.

Strategic Report

Business Review

Riverside Church is in a stable position both financially and in terms of attendance.

Our total source of income from all sources was £535,571.

Our expenditure totalled £576,270.

Our room hiring and cafe income generated income of £122,334

Our financial statements at the rear of this report provide more information.

Risk Management

We have systems of internal control which are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include: -

- an annual budget approved by the Trustees.
- regular consideration by the Trustees of financial reports.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties.
- identification and management of risks.

We aim to review on a regular basis the main risks the church faces. The Trustees consider the key risks to a church like ours to be finances, safeguarding, health and safety and human resources. We employ staff with key skills in these areas. We also engage third party experts for advice when needed.

We believe that our internal financial controls conform to the guidelines issued by the Charity Commission.

Investment Powers and Policy

Our Articles authorise us to invest our funds. Cash balances are currently held with HSBC Bank and Charity Bank. We operate a policy of keeping available funds within interest-bearing deposit accounts. We maintain a level of free reserves to mitigate against the risk that the charity experiences an unexpected event which would put us in financial difficulty.

This might include an event which would bring Riverside Church into disrepute; the premises being forced to close for a long period of time; or a serious decline in the economic environment we operate in. We believe the appropriate level of unrestricted reserves should be based upon a proportion of our regular costs as follows:

Plans for the future

- Four months of our long-term commitments, such as mortgage and utilities payments and the cost of running our Sunday services which would be a vital activity to maintain.
- Three months of medium-term commitments such as permanent staff costs and the monthly financial support we provide to partner charities.
- One month of short-term costs, including the day to day ministry activity of the church.

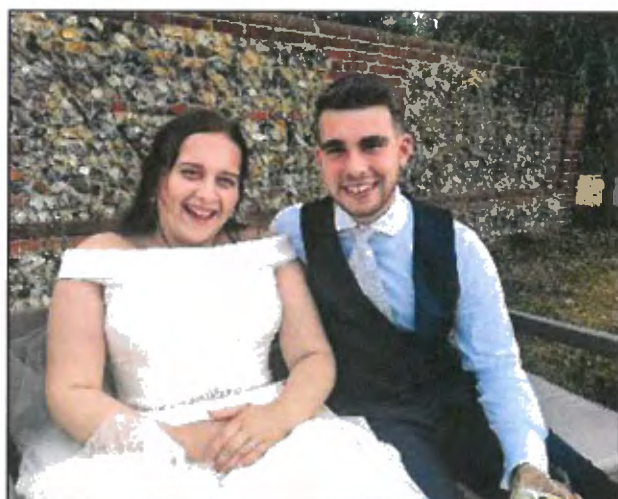
Our review has estimated this target level is £80,000. The reserves held as of 31 December 2020 are at this level.

We review, on a 6-monthly basis, the level of reserves held. During the year, the Trustees carried out a full review of the reserves policy to ensure it remained up to date and relevant.

At this point it is hard to discern what the 'new normal' will look like but we are confident in the strength of the church community and the quality of the people who continue to serve the vision of Riverside.

We will continue to build upon the solid foundations we've established and as the church continues to grow, we are looking for new and contemporary ways of engaging with and meeting the needs of those who join us.

As we emerge from COVID into the next season we want to build on our new community connections and pursue our vision of being "good for everyone".



Going Concern and COVID 19

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. While the impact of the COVID-19 virus has been assessed by the Trustees, so far as reasonably possible, due to the unprecedented impact on the wider economy, it is difficult to evaluate with certainty the potential outcomes on the charity's income, its beneficiaries and suppliers.

However, taking into consideration the UK Government's response and the charity's planning together with the charity's level of reserves, the Trustees have concluded that the reserves and future incoming resources are sufficient to enable the charity to continue its operations for the foreseeable future.



Information about Riverside Church

We believe that we comply with the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and specifically the advancement of religion.

Charity Number: 1131872

Company Number: 6983393

Registered Office:

Riverside Church
Thanet Way
Whitstable
CT5 3JQ

Website: www.riversideuk.org

Governing Document & Organisational Structure:

We are a registered charity, constituted by means of our Memorandum and Articles of Association and operating as a church. We are also a company limited by guarantee, in which the company directors form the board of Trustees. The liability of each trustee in the event of winding up is limited to £10. The spiritual vision and direction of the church is set by the Senior Leadership Team who along with the Trustees form the membership of the company.

Associated Professionals

Principal Bankers:

HSBC Bank
9 Rose Lane
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 2JP

Accountants:

Kreston Reeves LLP
Chartered Accountants
37 St. Margaret's Street
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 2TU

Solicitors:

Parry Law Sols
12-14 Oxford Street
Whitstable
CT5 1DE

Information (continued)

Trustees and Senior Staff

Trust Board (TB)

The Trustees who have served during the year are as follows: -

Kirsteen Magee	Chair
Simon Bateson	Lead Pastor
Matt Haines	Facilities
Darlene Bushell	Finance
Paul Newman	VCUKI liaison
Sean Carter	Health & Safety

The company secretary is Kim Wood.

Appointment of Trustees & SLT

New Trustees and SLT members are appointed when appropriate. Suitable candidates are generally selected from within the church and are considered based on their skills, experience and sympathy with the aims of the church. Trustees and SLT members are appointed by the combined Trustees and Senior Leadership Team. These two teams constitute the membership of the charitable company. New Trustees have the opportunity of reviewing appropriate documents, including the management accounts, as part of their induction process.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

The day to day running of the church is delegated to the employed pastoral staff and operational staff. The staff are led by Simon & Keely Bateson (Lead Pastors) and their Senior Leadership Team which is as follows: -

Simon Bateson	Lead Pastor
Keely Bateson	Lead Pastor
Martin Franks	Assistant Pastor
Jacob Perrins	Assistant Pastor
Debbie Franks	SLT
Emma Perrins	SLT
Alan Chalkley	SLT
Alison Chalkley	SLT
Christine Gibson	SLT
Jackie Carter	SLT
Sean Carter	SLT & TB

Information (continued)

Trustees' / Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Trustees (who are also directors of Riverside Church for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies' exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 26.07.21 and signed on their behalf by



Simon Bateson Trustee / Director

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Independent examiner's report
for the period ended 31 December 2020

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Riverside Church ('the charitable company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the period ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Dated: 26 July 2021

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)
for the period ended 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Restricted funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies:	3				
Weekly offering		79,059	7,369	86,428	30,045
Donations eligible for gift aid		167,886	8,080	175,966	123,369
Gift aid		52,075	-	52,075	34,295
Gifts & miscellaneous income		13,309	11,871	25,180	33,273
Deemed notion interest on loans		2,429	-	2,429	2,567
Other donations and legacies		20,763	46,274	67,037	-
Other trading activities		72,314	-	72,314	108,689
Investments	4	54,142	-	54,142	69,250
Total income		461,977	73,594	535,571	401,488
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		22,527	-	22,527	33,893
Charitable activities		515,574	38,169	553,743	418,912
Total expenditure		538,101	38,169	576,270	452,805
Net (expenditure)/income					
Transfers between funds	15	(76,124) 26,317	35,425 (26,317)	(40,699) -	(51,317) -
Net movement in funds		(49,807)	9,108	(40,699)	(51,317)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		1,290,960	2,496	1,293,456	1,344,773
Net movement in funds		(49,807)	9,108	(40,699)	(51,317)
Total funds carried forward		1,241,153	11,604	1,252,757	1,293,456

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the period.

The notes on pages 19 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)
Registered number: 06983393

Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2020

	Note	31 December 2020 £	30 September 2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,514,995	1,573,710
		<u>1,514,995</u>	<u>1,573,710</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	6,043	12,145
Cash at bank and in hand		374,817	408,963
		<u>380,860</u>	<u>421,108</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(35,797)	(37,455)
Net current assets		<u>345,063</u>	<u>383,653</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,860,058</u>	<u>1,957,363</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(607,300)	(663,907)
Total net assets		<u>1,252,758</u>	<u>1,293,456</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	11,604	2,496
Unrestricted funds	15	1,241,154	1,290,960
Total funds		<u>1,252,758</u>	<u>1,293,456</u>

The charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Simon Bateson
 Trustee / Director

Date: 26.07.21

The notes on pages 19 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

1. General information

Riverside Church is a charity (company number: 6983393), limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales.

The Charity's registered office is Riverside Church, Thanet Way, Whitstable, CT5 3JQ.

The financial year end of the Charity was changed from 30 September to 31 December. Accordingly, the comparative figures in the Statement of financial activities and the related notes are for 12 months from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Riverside Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The charitable company's financial statements are presented to the nearest Pound.

2.2 Company status

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees and the senior leadership team named on page 12. In the event of the charitable company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the charitable company.

2.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. While the impact if the COVID-19 virus has been assessed by the Trustees, so far as reasonably possible, due to the unprecedented impact on the wider economy, it is difficult to evaluate with certainty the potential outcomes on the charity's income, its beneficiaries and suppliers.

However, taking into consideration the UK Government's response and the charity's planning together with the charity's level of reserves, the Trustees have concluded that the reserves and future incoming resources are sufficient to enable the charity to continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Income

All income is recognised once the charitable company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

2.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the charitable company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charitable company apportioned to charitable activities.

Grants payable are charged in the period when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the period end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.6 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property	- Land - not depreciated. Building - over 20 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 5 years straight line
Equipment	- 3 years straight line
Assets under construction	- Not depreciated

2.8 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Taxation

The charitable company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK Corporation Tax purposes. Accordingly, the charitable company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within the categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charitable company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2.15 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgments 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.

Tangible fixed assets

The charity has recognised tangible fixed assets with a carrying value of £1,512,746 at the reporting date (see note 11). These assets are stated at their cost less provision for depreciation and impairment. The charity's accounting policy sets out the approach to calculating depreciation for immaterial assets acquired. For material assets such as land and buildings the company determines at acquisition reliable estimates for the useful life of the asset, its residual value and decommissioning costs. These estimates are based upon such factors as the expected use of the acquired asset and market conditions. At subsequent reporting dates the directors consider whether there are any factors such as technological advancements or changes in market conditions that indicate a need to reconsider the estimates used.

Where there are indicators that the carrying value of tangible assets may be impaired the charity undertakes tests to determine the recoverable amount of assets. These tests require estimates of the fair value of assets less cost to sell and of their value in use. Wherever possible the estimate of the fair value of assets is based upon observable market prices less incremental cost for disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based upon a discounted cash flow model, based upon the charity's forecasts for the foreseeable future which do not include any restructuring activities that the charity is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the asset's performance. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well expected future cash flows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Finance costs

Borrowing costs associated with direct expenditure on properties undergoing major refurbishment are capitalised.

Interest is capitalised as from the commencement of the development work until the practical date of completion.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Restricted funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Donations				
Weekly Offering	76,060	7,639	83,699	30,045
Donations eligible for gift aid	167,886	8,080	175,966	123,369
Gift aid	50,055	2,020	52,075	34,295
Gifts & Miscellaneous Income	5,670	19,421	25,091	33,273
Deemed notional interest on loans	2,429	-	2,429	2,567
Total donations	302,100	37,160	339,260	223,549
Grants	-	36,434	36,434	-
Government grants	33,421	-	33,421	-
Subtotal	33,421	36,434	69,855	-
	335,521	73,594	409,115	223,549
Total 2019	223,549	-	223,549	

Government grants are income received from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the year.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Use of building	50,747	50,747	68,087
Investment income	3,395	3,395	1,163
	<u>54,142</u>	<u>54,142</u>	<u>69,250</u>
Total 2019	<u>69,250</u>	<u>69,250</u>	

5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Grants to Individuals 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Missionary support	24,610	2,554	27,164	35,177
	<u>24,610</u>	<u>2,554</u>	<u>27,164</u>	
Total 2019	<u>34,576</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>35,177</u>	

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

6. Direct costs

	15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	Year ended 30 September 2019 £
Youth activities	2,607	3,340
Equipment & maintenance	20,238	13,868
Insurance (church)	3,912	3,796
Outreach activities	4,151	8,909
Utilities (church)	32,652	30,875
Care costs	2,947	1,170
Creative ministries	18,404	2,541
Staff training and other costs	2,009	5,593
Wages and salaries	280,139	184,366
	367,059	254,458

7. Support costs

	15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Photocopying/Stationery/Postage	1,308	3,254
Professional fees	6,039	2,976
Catering	1,113	1,635
Music/Copyright fees/Equipment	1,528	2,193
Subscriptions	-	210
Miscellaneous costs	17,677	1,724
Independent examiner's fees	1,400	1,400
Interest	34,342	28,763
Depreciation	96,113	87,122
	159,520	129,277

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

8. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	96,113	87,122

During the 15 month period, no Trustees received any remuneration (2019 - £Nil).

During the 15 month period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £Nil).

During the 15 month period, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2019 - £Nil).

9. Staff costs

	15 months ended 31 December 2020 £	12 months ended 30 September 2019 £
Wages and salaries	280,139	184,366
	280,139	184,366

The average number of persons employed by the charitable company during the period was as follows:

15 months ended 31 December 2020 No.	12 months ended 30 September 2019 No.
13	13

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The Church leadership team are considered to be key management personnel. The total compensation paid in respect of key management personnel amount to £119,802 (2019: £77,792).

10. Trustees' remuneration

Simon Bateson received remuneration in his capacity of Lead Pastor and not as a Trustee. This remuneration amount to £58,809 (2019: £37,256).

No remuneration was paid to any other Trustee during the year.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 October 2019	1,705,002	79,067	123,405	19,211	1,926,685
Additions	-	13,485	18,870	5,044	37,399
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,705,002</u>	<u>92,552</u>	<u>142,275</u>	<u>24,255</u>	<u>1,964,084</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2019	199,518	37,169	116,288	-	352,975
Charge for the period	67,750	18,511	9,852	-	96,113
At 31 December 2020	<u>267,268</u>	<u>55,680</u>	<u>126,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>449,088</u>
Net book value					
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,437,734</u>	<u>36,872</u>	<u>16,135</u>	<u>24,255</u>	<u>1,514,996</u>
At 30 September 2019	<u>1,505,484</u>	<u>41,898</u>	<u>7,117</u>	<u>19,211</u>	<u>1,573,710</u>

Freehold land of £350,000 in relation to the Riverside Campus has not been depreciated as its residual value is likely to exceed its valuation and therefore its economic useful life is likely to be infinite.

12. Debtors

	31 December 2020 £	30 September 2019 £
	-	-
Due within one year		
Other debtors	2,885	9,225
Prepayments and accrued income	201	-
Tax recoverable	2,957	2,920
	<u>6,043</u>	<u>12,145</u>

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2020 £	30 September 2019 £
Bank loans	15,781	15,124
Other loans	5,000	8,000
Trade creditors	5,009	4,120
Other taxation and social security	4,808	5,350
Accruals and deferred income	5,199	4,861
	35,797	37,455

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 December 2020 £	30 September 2019 £
Bank loans	572,300	591,907
Other loans	35,000	72,000
	607,300	663,907

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	31 December 2020 £	30 September 2019 £
Between one and two years		
Bank loans	16,467	15,781
Between two and five years		
Bank loans	35,111	51,578
Other loans	35,000	72,000
Over five years		
Bank loans	520,722	524,548

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

The aggregate amount of liabilities payable or repayable wholly or in part more than five years after the reporting date is:

	31	30
	December	September
	2020	2019
	£	£
Payable or repayable by instalments	520,722	524,548
	520,722	524,548

The amounts in other loans relates to loans given to the charity by members of the church. These loans are unsecured and interest free.

The amount in bank loans relates to a re-mortgage from HSBC UK Bank PLC, and was previously used to purchase the site for the new church. There is a guarantee in favour of HSBC UK Bank PLC over the property at Riverside Works in relation to this loan.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current period

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
General fixed reserve	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
Designated fixed asset fund	883,847	-	-	818	884,665
	<u>963,847</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>964,665</u>
General funds					
General Funds	327,113	461,977	(538,100)	25,499	276,489
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,290,960</u>	<u>461,977</u>	<u>(538,100)</u>	<u>26,317</u>	<u>1,241,154</u>
Restricted funds					
Phase 3 Fund	2,496	17,650	(20,146)	-	-
Pantry Project	-	35,523	(18,018)	(8,237)	9,268
Herne Bay Hub Project	-	2,850	-	(545)	2,305
Defibrillator grant	-	1,500	(5)	(1,464)	31
Grant for media	-	16,071	-	(16,071)	-
	<u>2,496</u>	<u>73,594</u>	<u>(38,169)</u>	<u>(26,317)</u>	<u>11,604</u>
Total of funds	<u>1,293,456</u>	<u>535,571</u>	<u>(576,269)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,252,758</u>

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

15. Statement of funds (continued)

Transfers between funds

Designated fixed asset fund - the transfer of £818 from unrestricted funds represents the decision by the Trustees to show separate the funds allocated to fixed assets less any associated liabilities.

Pantry Project - the transfer of £8,237 represents funds which had been given for the purpose of the Pantry Project. Now these funds have been utilised for this purpose, the restriction has been satisfied and therefore transferred to unrestricted funds.

Herne Bay Hub Project - the transfer of £545 represents funds which had been given for the purpose of the Herne Bay Hub Project. Now these funds have been utilised for this purpose, the restriction has been satisfied and therefore transferred to unrestricted funds.

Defibrillator grant - the transfer of £1,464 represents funds which had been given for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator. Now these funds have been utilised for this purpose, the restriction has been satisfied and therefore transferred to unrestricted funds.

Grant for media - the transfer of £16,071 represents funds which had been given for the purpose of purchasing media equipment. Now these funds have been utilised for this purpose, the restriction has been satisfied and therefore transferred to unrestricted funds.

Purposes of designated funds

General Fixed Reserve - This represents funds set aside in accordance with the charity's reserves policy.

Designated fixed asset fund - This represents the book value of fixed assets less any associated liabilities and are deemed by the Trustees not to be freely available funds.

Purposes of restricted funds

Phase 3 fund - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the expansion of the Riverside Church site in regards to Phase 3.

Pantry Project - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the Pantry Project set up during the year.

Herne Bay Hub Project - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the Herne Bay Hub Project set up during the year.

Defibrillator grant - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the purchase of a defibrillator.

Grant for media - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the purchase of a media equipment.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior period

	Balance at 1 October 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2019 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Designated fixed asset fund	840,196	-	-	43,651	883,847
General Fixed Reserve	80,000	-	-	-	80,000
	<u>920,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,651</u>	<u>963,847</u>
General funds					
General Funds	376,674	401,488	(426,609)	(24,440)	327,113
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>1,296,870</u>	<u>401,488</u>	<u>(426,609)</u>	<u>19,211</u>	<u>1,290,960</u>
Restricted funds					
Phase 3 Fund	<u>47,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,196)</u>	<u>(19,211)</u>	<u>2,496</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>1,344,773</u></u>	<u><u>401,488</u></u>	<u><u>(452,805)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,293,456</u></u>

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

16. Statement of funds (continued)

Transfers between funds

Designated fixed asset fund - the transfer of £43,651 from unrestricted funds represents the decision by the Trustees to show separate the funds allocated to fixed assets less any associated liabilities.

Phase 3 fund - the transfer of £19,211 represents funds which had been given for the purpose of building phase 3 of the project. Now these funds have been utilised for this purpose, the restriction has been satisfied and therefore transferred to unrestricted funds.

Purposes of designated funds

General Fixed Reserve - This represents funds set aside in accordance with the charity's reserves policy.

Designated fixed asset fund - This represents the book value of fixed assets less any associated liabilities and are deemed by the Trustees not to be freely available funds.

Purposes of restricted funds

Phase 3 fund - This represents amounts donated to the church in relation to the expansion of the Riverside Church site in regards to Phase 3.

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current period

	Balance at 1 October 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Designated funds	963,847	-	-	818	964,665
General funds	327,113	461,977	(538,100)	25,499	276,489
Restricted funds	2,496	73,594	(38,169)	(26,317)	11,604
	<u>1,293,456</u>	<u>535,571</u>	<u>(576,269)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,252,758</u>

Summary of funds - prior period

	Balance at 1 October 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2019 £
Designated funds	920,196	-	-	43,651	963,847
General funds	376,674	401,488	(426,609)	(24,440)	327,113
Restricted funds	47,903	-	(26,196)	(19,211)	2,496
	<u>1,344,773</u>	<u>401,488</u>	<u>(452,805)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,293,456</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 31 December 2020 £	Restricted funds 31 December 2020 £	Total funds 31 December 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,514,995	-	1,514,995
Current assets	369,256	11,604	380,860
Creditors due within one year	(35,797)	-	(35,797)
Creditors due in more than one year	(607,300)	-	(607,300)
Total	<u>1,241,154</u>	<u>11,604</u>	<u>1,252,758</u>

Riverside Church
(A company limited by guarantee)

Notes to the financial statements
for the period ended 31 December 2020

17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 30 September 2019 £	Restricted funds 30 September 2019 £	Total funds 30 September 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,573,710	-	1,573,710
Current assets	418,612	2,496	421,108
Creditors due within one year	(37,455)	-	(37,455)
Creditors due in more than one year	(663,907)	-	(663,907)
Total	1,290,960	2,496	1,293,456

18. Related party transactions

On 1 March 2016, G Magee, the husband of K Magee, a Trustee of the Charity, gave the Charity and interest free loan amounting to £50,000 of which £40,000 is still outstanding at 31 December 2020.

During the year, 7 (2019: 7) charity trustees of gave donations to the Charity totalling £40,691 (2019: £31,964).

L Bushell, the daughter of D Bushell, a Trustee of the Charity, was employed during the year. The total compensation she received was £21,993 (2019: £15,862) commensurate to the role.

K Haines, the wife of M Haines, a Trustee of the Charity, was employed by the Charity during the year. The total compensation she received was £2,712 (2019: £4,480) commensurate to the role.