



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Jan 2020, Period start date

To 31st Dec 2020, Period end date

Charity name: The Pastures Church

Charity registration number:1132612

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To preach the holy word of God, and conduct other acts of religious worship, and demonstrate the love of God to all, especially the needy.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Until the pandemic, the church held worship services every Sunday, mid-week meetings for prayer, bible study and socialising, a lunchtime and activity meeting (Movers and Shakers) for retired or unemployed people on Wednesdays, at which attendance was typically 20 to 25. On Thursdays, the church also ran a toddler group for pre-school children and their mothers and/or carers, at which attendance was usually 40 adults and 50 children or more. There was also a program of activities on Friday afternoons and evenings for children and young adults from 3 to 18, divided into three age groups. Both of these activities were supported by café at which light refreshments were sold. The premises were also let for community-based activities such as Slimmer's World and Jazzercise. During the pandemic, the church service and mid-week meetings have been held on the internet. A regular newsletter has been compiled and distributed to those who attended the Movers and Shakers meeting. Although the other activities have been suspended, the church has organised the provision and distribution of essential food supplies to those in need in the locality, and to families with children at the local school, with nearly 200 food parcels being distributed, as well as the fetching of prescriptions and essential shopping. The church has also arranged for the provision of school uniforms to some 40 children from families that needed assistance. All activities were open to all.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees believe that these activities are all of benefit to the local community, by providing relief to those in need, and social opportunities to those at risk of isolation, and all help to foster a community spirit. All demonstrate the Christian message of love for one's neighbour.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The church also supports certain other charities which the trustees consider have objectives consistent with those of the church, or which assist the church to achieve its own objectives.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The church has two paid staff members, 41 full members, as well as a small number of regular attendees. These all contribute their time and money to support the activities of the church.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The provision of on-line services and meetings have undoubtedly mitigated the effects of the social isolation imposed by the government. The organising and distribution of aid to those affected has afforded significant relief and reduced the distress of those in the community whose income has been badly affected by the pandemic. The efforts of the church have demonstrated the benefits of a Christian life-style to the community as a whole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	The fund raising has been badly affected by the impact of the pandemic and the measures taken to prevent infection.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the financial year, the church's assets were £191,361.22 having received an income of £69,082.19, and incurred expenditure of £72,213.23, the deficit being attributable to the temporary pandemic constraints imposed on activities by the government.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees of The Pastures Church recognise that reserves are needed to manage cash flow delays where income arrives later than expenditure. Cash in the bank at any one time is normally sufficient to cover such delays. The Trustees will regularly consider the levels of current and expected income and expenditure and assess the level of cash reserves required to meet any shortfalls in cash receipts over payments. The Treasurer is authorised to accumulate a sum equivalent to three months' expenditure as reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£24,414
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funds is the donations of the members and attendees
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Continued restriction of the activities at the church beyond 2021 will jeopardise the continuation of the church.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is governed by a written constitution relating to the original trust deeds
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are recommended by the existing trustees, and the appointment is ratified by the church members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The church will consider the need for a formal induction and training program in conjunction with the AoG.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Church joined the Assemblies of God in May of this year.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Pastures Church
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1132612
Charity's principal address	207-209 The Pastures High Wycombe Bucks HP13 5RR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Woodcock	Chair		
2	Roger Wood	Treasurer and Minute secretary	1/1/20 to 16/2/20	
3	Christopher Bull			
4	Anthony Lee	Minister	27/2/20 to date	
5	Michael Griffith			
6	David Peckett			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

M. A. Woodcock

Full name(s)

MICHAEL ANTHONY WOODCOCK

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

7 April 2021

	12 Months to 31 Dec 2020 £
<u>INCOME</u>	
Donations:	
Weekly Offerings	28,661.32
Other Donations	25,310.92
	<u>53,972.24</u>
Church Activities:	
Cafe Income	1,287.30
Church Activities	1,537.00
	<u>2,824.30</u>
Other Income:	
Hire	3,894.75
Rent Income	5,520.00
Grants - Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	2,843.89
Interest Received	27.01
	<u>12,285.65</u>
Building Project Income	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>69,082.19</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Café	7,811.03
Manse	6,270.89
Ministerial	22,478.65
Church Activities	889.49
Donations	6,287.10
Other Expenses	1,467.49
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200.37
Running Costs	19,653.62
Building Project	3,747.60
Depreciation	2,406.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>72,213.23</u>
DEFICIT - YEAR TO DATE	<u>(3,131.04)</u>
Reserves at 31 December 2019	194,492.26
Deficit to 31 December 2020 - as above	(3,131.04)
Reserves at 31 December 2020	<u>191,361.22</u>

Net Assets at 31 December 2020:**Bank Balances and Cash**

Current Account	1,249.85
Business Premium	16,000.00
Business Premium - Restricted Funds	12,369.16
Cash Floats	120.00

Total Bank Balances and Cash **29,739.01**

Church Building	59,163.19
Manse	73,751.77
Furniture & Equipment	21,662.91
Gift Aid - Due to 31 December 2019	9,423.25
Debtors at 31 December 2020	150.00
Creditors at 31 December 2020	(2,528.91)

Total Net Assets **191,361.22****Restricted Funds:**

Refurbishment toilets/replacement boilers	3,976.00
Chair Fund	0.00
Publicity materials	665.77
Security cameras	0.00
Manse Boiler	0.00
Building Fund	0.00
Pastoral/Covid-19/Food Bank	2,383.90
Re: Wycombe Food Hub	0.00
CAP Lifeskills	720.00
Church online - equipment and subscription services	3,084.00
Café refresh and re-opening	1,539.49

Total **12,369.16**

The Pastures Church
Charity number 1132612

Independent Examination

To the trustees

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, contained on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the act. I have followed the procedures laid down by the Charity Commission in their general directions under section 145(5)(b) of the act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed



Date

7 April 2021

Name and professional status

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