

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION
HALL GREEN
BIRMINGHAM
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810**

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council of the Ascension, Hall Green

Aim and purposes

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) along with the vicar, Reverend Nejib Boumenjel, share the responsibility of promoting the mission of the church: pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical in the parish of The Ascension, Hall Green.

Objectives

Our site brings people together for Christian worship, education and fellowship as well as providing multiple opportunities for service to wider community. Anyone is welcome to worship here and to

Our Vision:

At The Church of The Ascension, we seek to be a friendly and welcoming church with a passion for loving service to the local community where people of all ages can experience the love of God, grow in faith and receive the spiritual and pastoral support they need.

Our Mission Statement:

The Church of The Ascension exists to love God, love People and to make disciples of Jesus who will make a difference in our community and beyond.

become part of our parish community.

When planning our activities, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable people to live out their faith as part of our Christian community through:

- Worship, prayer, and education in the gospel;
- Provision of community spaces;
- Mission and outreach work;
- Partnership initiatives with Job Marston Centre, hall users, fellow churches and others.
- Pastoral care for people living in the parish; and
- Stewardship of the Ascension's physical, financial and human resources.

An Extraordinary Year

This Annual Report is the story of 2020 – a year where the Covid-19 Pandemic impacted upon every aspect of life. It focuses particularly on the period since our AGM on 25th October 2020, as the previous 2019 Annual Report covered the period until then.

Each section of this report will illustrate the impact that the pandemic has had – on worship and prayer, on our church family, on mission and outreach work and also on our finances. Public worship and most other communal activities had to stop for a period, although the vital work of the foodbank has continued throughout. Public worship and some of our other missional activities have resumed in adapted form but fellowship activities are still suspended at time of writing. We have found different ways to do many things during the pandemic but look forward to being able to come together in fellowship again when we can.

We acknowledge those continuing to give their time and talents in God's service. We would especially like to thank Rev. Nejib Boumenjel for his continued leadership and exceptional dedication in the

difficult circumstances of the last year. He has continued to give pastoral care to all who need it as well as leading worship, mission and outreach. We also thank Clive Jones, our churchwarden, for his continued dedication, and particularly for his work in relation to the churchyard wall and the Quinquennial Inspection repairs. We also acknowledge the vital contributions made by Readers, church officers, those who coordinate aspects of our mission and outreach work and all who perform less visible but still important tasks.

Worship and Prayer

At the present time, services are being held at 10am and 4pm on Sundays and a mid-week service at 10.30am on Wednesdays.

Public worship was initially suspended in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Church reopened in June for private prayer and public worship resumed on 26th July 2020 with Covid safe measures in place. There was a further pause in public worship in January and February 2021, due to high Covid rates in the local community. The use of the video conferencing tool Zoom allowed 'virtual' morning services to take place in February 2021 before physical services resumed on 7th March 2021.

The 4pm congregation is an integral part of our Church life and the service of Holy Communion at 4pm each Sunday continues to be well supported. It is in Arabic on the first three Sundays of the month and in English on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month.

Sunday School and Messy Church have also both been suspended since March 2020 but we are looking to resume both when we are able.

The audio-visual system in church is used every Sunday at 10am and 4pm services to display the order of service, play hymns and worship songs. and sometimes to illustrate sermons, talks and readings. It has become even more important in the last year as, since the pandemic, we have used the system to play music at the 10am as well as the 4pm services.

Sadly, musical activities have been in large part suspended since March 2020. We have been pleased to hear the organ being played again in the church since Easter 2021, played by our Director of Music Clive Jones, and we look forward to being able to sing again in church when are able to.

There are fortnightly Monday prayer meetings where we share and pray for those things for which we would like to seek God's guidance as well as things for which we would like to give thanks. Bible Study also takes place on alternate Mondays. Prayer meetings and bible study are also held on Tuesday evenings in Arabic. Prayer meetings and bible study have continued virtually via Zoom throughout the pandemic.

Faris Elia started Reader training in September 2020 and we look forward to him joining our talented and dedicated team of lay Readers.

The number of persons on the 2020 electoral roll was 98, one fewer than last year. Regular attendances were down on 2019 as a number of our regular congregation were shielding and the capacity in Church was also reduced by the need for social distancing.

The past year has sadly seen the passing of a number of long-standing members of our congregation including John Hole, John Botterill, David Chellingworth, Eileen Wilcox, Mary Minchin and Joan Sabin. They were faithful servants of our church and made a major contribution to its life over many decades.

John Botterill was a Reader for over 50 years, while David Chellingworth undertook a number of roles with dedication, including being part of the team looking after our finances and holding the office of Church Warden twice. Among her many contributions, Mary Minchin was PCC secretary for nearly 45 years, Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod and a stalwart of our church choir.

We miss them all and would like to pay tribute to them and to express our sympathy to their loved ones.

Pastoral Care

Some members of our parish are unable to attend church due to sickness or age. The vicar and lay pastoral team endeavour to provide pastoral support to those who are sick or otherwise in need. The ability to visit people has been curtailed by the pandemic but we have endeavoured to stay in touch via telephone and through doorstep visits. Our continued thanks to the small, dedicated team involved in this vital ministry.

Safeguarding

The PCC has complied with its duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 to have due regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. In November 2020, the PCC reviewed its safeguarding policy; a copy of this can be found on our website <http://www.ascensionhallgreen.uk/>.

Mission and Evangelism

Helping those in need – both at home and further afield - is a demonstration of our faith.

Since October 2016, a group of volunteers from inside and outside the church community have run a local foodbank at The Ascension every Friday. The foodbank has continued throughout the Covid-19 pandemic in an adapted, Covid aware form.

For the past 12 months we have operated with two teams on a Friday afternoon who work every other week. A third team work on Friday morning to get everything set up and we are backed up by a team of drivers who collect the food from Tyseley, as well as donations from the two Waitrose stores. In all we have about 25 volunteers across all of the teams and we are extremely fortunate to have them and for the valuable work they do.

According to the figures, in the 12 months to 31st March our small operation distributed food for 3,423 people and involved transporting and handling some 21 tonnes of produce. As you can imagine, this is a large increase on the previous year.

Interestingly, over the last few months, the number of parcels given to large families has markedly increased, whilst those given to single persons has dropped significantly. This is apparently the case across all of the foodbanks that, like ours, are satellites of Narthex in Sparkhill.

After an initial suspension due to the pandemic, the Place of Welcome has continued in adapted form, most recently on Zoom. This provides a place where everyone can see a friendly face and have a chat.

In response to need further afield, a box is placed at the back of the church every Sunday for charity donations. In 2020, we collected for the following charities: Birmingham City Mission, St Mary's Hospice, Mission to Seafarers, Summerfield Stables, the Intercontinental Church Society and R.N.I.B, Bible Society, Church Missionary Society and Malawi. We also held a collection for Christian Aid in the autumn and for the Children Society at the Christingle service. Charitable donations were lower than previous years, so we decided in January 2021 to collect for the same charities again this year.

Partnerships

Some of the key activities taking place in the two community halls and / or undertaken by organisations with strong links to The Ascension are described below.

Job Marston Centre

The Board wish to acknowledge the contribution to the mission and outreach of The Job Marston Centre of David Chellingworth who sadly died earlier this year. David was a founder of 'JMC' and greatly encouraged its vision, its outreach, all that it offered and was Treasurer for many years. We all greatly miss his contributions, wisdom and humour.

We said a sad farewell in December 2020 to our Community Co-ordinator Andrea Parker who took up a post at St Michael's Hall Green as 'the 'over 50's development practitioner'. Andrea had contributed greatly to the outreach work of JMC, especially with the establishment of the Place of Welcome which sadly had to be closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. However, the Place of Welcome did open later for a time under social distancing rules, but following another lockdown, it now continues via Zoom.

The Board met mostly via Zoom and with the continued closure of the Chatterton Hall due to lockdown restrictions the work and use of the Centre has been somewhat constricted. Our Administration Manager and Financial Officer were furloughed but resumed partly when 'flexible furlough' was introduced.

Following Covid-19 guidelines, The Church of the Ascension Play Group returned during term time as usual – with lower numbers of children. Slimming World also returned, albeit in a different format, when restrictions allowed. The DMR Child Contact Service continues to use the House regularly. Hall Green Youth also returned in September 2020.

The Job Club had to be suspended due to Covid-19, but contact recently via the Hall Green Community Church and the Churches Industrial Group Birmingham may mean it being re-introduced sometime in the future.

The Money Advice Service via Narthex also continued in the House for a period under strict Covid-19 guidelines, but eventually it was decided that this service would continue via telephone advice with clients and referrals through enquiries at the Friday Food Bank. Our Adviser - Rajna – sends monthly reports and from the figures and comments this telephone service continues to be well received and she is kept very busy - and hopefully this also may continue.

Board members discussed the future of JMC in early January 2021. All were aware that the future of JMC was in doubt mainly due to lack of personnel, though not through lack of funds. Following the Board's decision to dissolve, the Board met with The Church of the Ascension Officers / Standing Committee to discuss the future and all agreed that JMC should close and the lease be surrendered back to the PCC. This process is now in hand and following the correct redundancy procedures the appropriate notices have subsequently been served on the staff; the Play Group licence hopefully will be taken over by the PCC, and Narthex also have been informed. All past 'users' and 'hirers' will be informed in due course when 'handover' procedures have been advised. The closure should be concluded by 31 May 2021.

An opportunity will be arranged to thank JMC Trustees, past and present, together with members of staff for their tremendous service to the Job Marston Centre, and through that to the community of Hall Green and around. The Job Marston Centre has been in place for over ten years, and hopefully some of the services it initiated and provided may be continued to be supported and developed in the future.

Margaret Hyde – Chair, Job Marson Centre

Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre

At the time of the last report in October 2020, both Hall Green and Smith's Wood Child Contact Centres were operating to capacity with Covid-19 precautions and procedures in place. The child contact sessions have been reduced to 50 minutes with a maximum of four families at Hall Green and two families at Smith's Wood accommodated in each session. Two such sessions are held at Hall Green weekly and Smith's Wood fortnightly between 2pm – 4 pm and two sessions at Hall Green between 11 am – 1pm fortnightly.

However, due to the rapid increase in Covid cases and the appearance of a more easily transmissible variant of the virus, the management took the decision to close both Centres for face-to-face contact from 9th January 2021. The Coordinators were able to help some families make alternative arrangements for child contact with the non-resident parent. In some cases, remote contact was facilitated by a Coordinator supervising contact tele-visually using three-way Skype.

With the implementation of a further lockdown by the Government from the beginning of January and the start of the roll out of vaccines, cases then started to fall significantly so that it was possible to re-open both Centres for face-to-face contact from 6th March. At Hall Green there is now an additional session of 50 minutes every week running from 1pm – 1.50pm. Hall Green Centre is now particularly busy with a steady flow of new cases.

Volunteer numbers across the two centres, including the Trustees, are currently 47. This includes one new volunteer; there are two more volunteers for the Hall Green Centre in the pipeline. Frances Hooper and Clive Jones took the opportunity to undertake refresher online Coordinator training with the National Association of Child Contact Centres (NACCC) over two days in March.

In the financial year 2020/21 grants were awarded by CAF/CASS totalling £5,340 and We Are All Making A Difference Charity of £1,000. These are in addition to income from donations and registration fees. The contract of Sarah Ali, our part time salaried Coordinator, has been extended for a further year running to 31st March 2022.

Grateful thanks are due to my colleague Coordinators, Frances Hooper (Operations and Volunteer Recruitment), Angela Feenan (Smith's Wood Centre Manager) and Sarah Ali (Referrals Coordinator) for all the work they do. The Centres could not operate without the commitment of our Team Leaders and volunteer support workers; many thanks to them also. The Centres really do have a fantastic team of volunteers. It has been a considerable achievement to keep our Centres going throughout the pandemic!

Finally, my personal thanks to my colleague Trustees, Revd Nejib Boumenjel, David Andrews, Frances Hooper and Tina Pickering.

Clive Jones, Chair of Directors and Trustees and Joint Coordinator

Hall Green Youth

Hall Green Youth (HGY) was formed in 2006, building on a long history of interest in youth work through Churches Together in Hall Green. Its mission is to connect with and meet the needs of young people. In 2019/20, Hall Green Youth worked with 62 young people. Our main activities were:

- Breathe: a lunch-time club for year 8 pupils at Hall Green Secondary School on Tuesdays.
- Just Us Girls: after School clubs at Ninestiles on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Just Chill: A community youth club for 11-18 at The Church of The Ascension in Hall Green on Thursdays after school.

The young people we work with struggle with low self-esteem, emotional issues or anxiety. Our activities provide young people with a safe place where they can be themselves.

The Covid pandemic meant the suspension of our work in schools and we were also unable to run our community youth club for a period before recommencing this on 1st October. Since November 2020, we have run the community youth club as a closed support group for invited young people in accordance with Covid-19 restrictions.

The partial pause in our activities resulting from the Covid pandemic has given us the opportunity to re-consider how we can best continue to build young people's emotional wellbeing. Our youth workers are currently making connections to understand young people's needs, get a clear idea of what work is already happening within the area, gaps in provision and possible opportunities to meet these.

We are starting one to one mentoring sessions with young people at Hall Green secondary school after Easter 2021 while future provision may include one to one work, small support groups and partnership work with others. This would meet an obvious need post-pandemic and Katrina and Luke, our youth workers, have knowledge, skills and experience in supporting young people's mental well-being. We are grateful to them for their dedication and service to the young people of Hall Green.

Beechcroft Tennis and Multi Sports Community Club

Beechcroft now accommodates an extensive range of sporting activities. The two leading activities are Tennis and Walking Football, but Table Tennis, Netball, Hockey, Walking Hockey, Controlled Adult Football, Junior and Toddler Football and Fitness Classes are also offered.

When last reporting on the Club in October 2021 it had gradually resumed most of its outdoor sporting activities (with strict Covid-19 precautions in place) following closure in March 2020 as a consequence of the Government imposed national lockdown. It was forced to close again in early January 2021 when a further lockdown was imposed. It was able to re-open on 29th March 2021 for its outdoor activities.

These closures have inevitably had an adverse effect upon the Club's financial position. The church is in ongoing discussions with the Club about arrangements for payment of the rent for 2020/21 (£3,750).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. The PCC is a Registered Charity. The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. The membership of the PCC consists of the incumbent, churchwardens, two licensed Readers, members of the Deanery Synod and members elected by members of the congregation who are on the electoral roll of the church. All members of the congregation are encouraged to register on the electoral roll and stand for election to the PCC.

The PCC members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the parish including deciding on how the funds of the PCC are to be spent.

The PCC was pleased to welcome new members at the APCM in October. The PCC then met 4 times between November 2020 and April 2021 via Zoom.

The Ascension is entitled to nominate 3 representatives to sit on the Deanery Synod which provides an important link between the parish and the wider structures of the church. At the APCM in October 2020, Anthea Tinline and Margaret Hyde were elected to represent The Ascension.

The Church of the Ascension Parish Hall is a separate charity (charity number 1187634) with the PCC as its Trustee. As a separate charity, it is required to produce a report of its activities.

Sarah Barnes, PCC Secretary

Financial Review

As the majority of donations from our members come in by Bank Transfer, the Church's income held up well during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds were £107,648 which includes £40,208 from planned giving and other voluntary contributions and a further £8,874 from Gift Aid. We also were in receipt very generous exceptional gift totalling £33,000. This amount was used to clear the negative balances that were showing on the Coffee Shop, Flower and Foodbank Funds, the deficit that had accumulated in the Hall Fund and the remainder being transferred to the Fabric Fund to help with the cost of the churchyard wall Repairs and the second part of the Quinquennial works.

£68,359 was spent from unrestricted funds towards our Christian ministry, including £41,300 towards the Diocesan Parish Share Request, which once again was paid in full.

The net result for the year is that the General Fund increased by £4,000 to £69,661.

Reserves Policy

The PCC maintains a Reserve Policy; the cash balances held in unrestricted funds more than satisfy the target amount of £52,500. The Policy was reviewed by the PCC on 25th February 2021.

Jon Meadows, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension Annual Property Report 2020/21

This report covers the period October 2020 to the 16th May 2021, the date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

The Church

On the south face of the lower part of the church tower a small square pane of clear glass in the large circular multi-paned window was smashed during February 2021. When inspecting the window, Jon Greenaway, a Kings Heath glazier with expertise in the repair and replacement of church windows, advised that four other panes of glass were cracked and should be replaced. All these panes were replaced by him in March at a cost of £120 plus VAT.

The church organ ceased to function in December 2020 just prior to Christmas – there appeared to be an electrical fault. After some difficulty in sourcing suitable local electricians, Fodens Electrical Contractors of Kings Heath attended and discovered the mains wiring leading to the principal blower in the organ blower chamber was ‘shorting’. Although this wiring was replaced, the blower would still not function, so Stephen Lemmings, Organ Blower Engineer from Derby, attended and advised that the centrifugal switch and the start winding in the motor had been damaged by the ‘short’. This would necessitate the motor being removed, rewound/repared, returned and re-fitted. The work was carried out in Stephen’s Derby workshop and the motor was refitted on 26th March 2021. Stephen’s electrician also attended and found that the 2 x DOL Contactors had been incorrectly wired up. This was a historic fault probably going back to the original installation of the organ and has been corrected with the blower circuits being re-wired. This has also eliminated the long-standing intermittent fault of all of the trip switches in the uppermost box in the electrical cupboard being thrown when the organ is switched off. The total cost of the works was £1,581. The organ was back in use on Easter Day.

Quinquennial Works

Churchyard Wall Repairs

A faculty application for the repairs to the section of churchyard wall fronting to Fox Hollies Road and the installation of 13 reverse buttresses immediately behind the wall (attached to it to provide reinforcement) was submitted to the Birmingham Diocesan Office on 8th July 2020. The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) recommended the application be granted, but subject to 8 conditions. The most significant of these are that the works are accompanied by archaeological observation and supervision when trial holes are excavated at the proposed reverse buttress locations to assess whether any burials are affected, the PCC obtaining planning consent for the works and a specification of the works being submitted to the DAC for approval before works are commenced. At first it was thought that planning consent would not be required but, when clarification was obtained, the Planning Department said it was necessary because of the construction of the 13 reverse buttresses as part of the scheme. The faculty application was submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese (Judge of the Birmingham Diocesan Consistory Court) and on 21st December the Diocesan Registry advised the Chancellor was willing to grant the application but he preferred to wait to receive the completed planning consent before making his final decision. This was because there might be additional conditions imposed by the planners in relation to the repairs which would then be added to the existing 8 conditions recommended by the DAC.

In the meantime, our architect had been instructed to submit the planning application but in preparation for this a topographical survey and underground services trace were carried out on two separate dates in December 2020 by Bury Associates of Worcester at a cost of £2,172 including VAT. Our structural engineer, Jeff Stott, drew up a detailed plan for the wall repairs and a specification for the reverse buttresses. The planning application and an application for listed building consent were submitted to Birmingham City Council Planning Department towards the end of February 2021. Both applications were granted on 16th April 2021 and are subject to conditions which for the most part are similar to those

to be imposed upon the grant of the faculty. The works have to be carried out within three years and material samples plus mortar details have to be submitted for approval. Whilst there is still more preparatory work to be undertaken by our architects, it is hoped these repair works can be carried out during the summer months of 2021. However the Diocesan Registry have very recently advised that the Chancellor, having now seen the conditions attached to the planning and listing building consents, has asked to be provided with a detailed work specification. Whilst this specification is part of the architect's further preparatory work it does look like the grant of the faculty will be further delayed.

The Fox Hollies Road section of the wall has been monitored throughout the winter period for any signs of stress or movement.

The total cost of these works including professional fees and VAT are currently assessed at £76,000.

Quoin Stones to the base of the Church Tower

The defrassing of some of these stones in a poor state and repointing of localised areas was carried out on 7th December 2021 at a cost of £846.46 (including VAT) by Croft Building and Conservation Ltd of Cannock.

Quinquennial Part 2 Repairs

Part 2 of the works – those required within 18 months - include repairing or renewing high level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, repair and decoration of the roof access door, re-decorating the cast iron gutters, renewing missing brick corbels to the tower, repointing open joints to the tower brickwork, repairing and redecorating the south transept door, repairing and redecorating the sundial and repairing impact damage to the boundary wall. The most substantial items within this work are the high-level stone dressings, mouldings and balusters, the replacement of the missing brick corbels to the tower and the repointing of open joints to the tower brickwork. These works (less the impact damage to the boundary wall) have been costed by a quantity surveyor, Paul Daniels of Worcester, and come in at £78,080 plus VAT of £15,616. However, when professional fees (architects and quantity surveyor) and building control fees are added, the total is increased to c.£90,000 plus VAT of c.£18,000; the VAT element is recoverable. Chris Thomas (the church inspecting architect) emphasised in his Quinquennial Report that it was important to plan now for the phasing and funding of these stonework repairs before they became a matter of crisis management.

The Birmingham DAC secretary advised that a List B Faculty application (the decision to be made by the Archdeacon) would be required. The application was submitted on 18th January 2021 and is currently with a DAC caseworker. Although the Quantity Surveyors itemised costings of the work was submitted with the application documents, the caseworker required a detailed specification of the works before the application could proceed further. This specification has been prepared by our architect and submitted to the caseworker. Advice from the DAC secretary as to whether the work specification is acceptable is awaited.

A potential restorer of the sundial on the south elevation of the church has been identified. David Brown of David Brown Sundials, Somerton, Somerset attended the church on 1st April 2021 on his way back from a family funeral for an initial inspection of the sundial, using a ladder. He has prepared a preliminary report which is being considered by the architect. He has provisionally estimated a cost of £400 for its restoration, this being based on time taken for cleaning and the time and cost of materials for painting lead and for gilding. This appears to be a conservative estimate and could well be increased significantly. The restoration of the sundial is currently included in the faculty application. The architect has now given advice as the content of a formal report for submission to the DAC and David Brown is visiting the site again on 21st May 2021 to carry out a full inspection of the sundial prior to preparing his formal report.

General

Since the last report in October 2020, Bryland have continued to carry out the six-monthly testing and maintenance of the fire alarms on the site and the annual maintenance of all fire extinguishers. PAT Testing of all electrical equipment was carried out in October 2020.

Clive Jones - Churchwarden

Chatterton Hall and House – Property Report

Problems occurred regarding the telephone and Wi-Fi communications both in the Chatterton Hall and the House. The Ofsted registered Church of The Ascension Pre-School Play Group require Wi-Fi contact to be on site. Access to a landline also exists in the Chatterton Hall kitchen. Both land-line and internet connections were renewed and access restored.

In December 2020 the boiler in the Chatterton Hall caused major problems and Play Group were required to close due to the lack of heat and hot water. The boiler was subsequently repaired and heating temperatures monitored.

Taps in the toilets were reported as being faulty and subsequently repaired. Regular water flushing has been carried out.

The grass in the Chatterton Hall garden has been regularly mowed, but the ongoing problem with the number of and the size of large trees is reducing the extent of the grass area. The bushes adjacent to the House have been trimmed.

Thanks are conveyed to all those who assist in the maintenance of the buildings and surrounding area.

Margaret Hyde – Chair Job Marston Centre

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810
31 DECEMBER 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| Income & endowments from: | Note | Unrestricted (£) | Designated (£) | Restricted (£) | Total Funds 2020 (£) | Total Funds 2019 (£) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Donations & legacies | 2 | 93,731 | 2,029 | 60,604 | 156,364 | 90,090 |
| Charitable activities | 3 | 747 | - | (108) | 639 | 1,690 |
| Other trading activities | 4 | 1,042 | - | 5,827 | 6,869 | 15,432 |
| Investments | | 12,128 | - | - | 12,128 | 15,893 |
| Other | | - | - | - | - | 2,857 |
| Total income & endowments | | 107,648 | 2,029 | 66,323 | 176,000 | 125,962 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 6 | 33 | - | - | 33 | 983 |
| Charitable activities | 7 | 68,045 | 7,724 | 54,302 | 130,071 | 124,848 |
| Other | 8 | 273 | - | 46 | 319 | 1,671 |
| Total expenditure | | 68,351 | 7,724 | 54,348 | 130,423 | 127,500 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | 9 | - | - | (239) | (239) | (1,666) |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 39,297 | (5,695) | 11,736 | 45,338 | (3,204) |
| Transfers between funds | | (35,080) | - | 35,080 | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | 4,217 | (5,695) | 46,816 | 45,338 | (3,204) |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 65,453 | 24,318 | 208,518 | 298,289 | 301,493 |
| Total funds carried forward | 11 | 69,670 | 18,623 | 255,334 | 343,627 | 298,289 |

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM
CHARITY NUMBER 1133810,
31 DECEMBER 2020

BALANCE SHEET

| | note | 2020(£) | 2019(£) |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 10 | | - |
| Investments | 11 | 239,792 | 240,032 |
| | | <u>239,792</u> | <u>240,032</u> |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Lloyds Current Account | | 24,623 | 10,724 |
| Lloyds Deposit Account | | 22,645 | 18,322 |
| CCLA (CBF) deposit Account | | 46,979 | 21,828 |
| Cash and Cheques in hand | | 406 | - |
| Debtors and prepayments | 12 | 10,522 | 9,886 |
| | | <u>105,175</u> | <u>60,760</u> |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors and accruals | 13 | 1,340 | 2,503 |
| Net current assets | | <u>103,835</u> | <u>58,257</u> |
| Net Assets | | <u>343,627</u> | <u>298,289</u> |
| Total Net Assets | | | |
| Funds Unrestricted | 14 | 69,670 | 65,453 |
| Designated | 14 | 18,623 | 24,318 |
| Restricted | 14 | 255,334 | 208,518 |
| Total | | <u>343,627</u> | <u>289,289</u> |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the
trustees on 25th February 2021

Approved by the trustees on 25th February 2021

And signed on its behalf by:



J H Meadows
6th May 2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) General information and basis of preparation

The Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension is a Parochial Church Council in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 2 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are for the advancement of the Church of England through worship and prayer, provision of pastoral care for people living in the parish, missionary and outreach work.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

(b) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity 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 are 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 charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Other income includes the conversion of endowment funds into income which arises when capital funds are released to an income fund from expendable endowments or when a charity has authority to adopt a total return approach to its permanent endowment fund. It also includes other income such as gains on disposals of tangible fixed assets.

(d) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes expenses relating to fundraising events
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes diocesan fees, worship costs and church upkeep
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the PCC.

(e) Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the PCC.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

(f) Fixed assets

Consecrated property and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the account by s.96(2)(a) of the Charities Act 1993.

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal, are accounted as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected (at any reasonable time). For inalienable property acquired prior to 2001 there is insufficient cost information available and therefore such assets are not valued in the accounts. Items acquired since 1 January 2001 have been capitalised and depreciated in the accounts over their currently anticipated useful economic life (usually 4 years unless otherwise stated) on a straight-line basis.

All expenditure incurred in the year on consecrated or beneficed buildings, individual items under £2000 or on the repair of movable church furnishings acquired before 1 January 2001 is written off.

Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment

Equipment used within the church premises is depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years. Individual items of equipment with a purchase price of £10,000 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

(g) Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Current asset investments are short term highly liquid investments and are held at fair value. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity of less than one year.

(h) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing stock to its present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the first-in, first-out formula. Provision is made for damaged, obsolete and slow-moving stock where appropriate.

(i) Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

(j) Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable entity for UK corporation tax purposes

(k) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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| | Unrestrict ed (£) | Designated (£) | Restricted (£) | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2. Income from Donations and legacies | | | | | |
| Gift Aided – Envelopes | 3,113 | - | - | 3,113 | 6,260 |
| Gift Aided – BGC | 28,288 | - | - | 28,288 | 27,642 |
| NTE Envelopes | 325 | - | - | 325 | 850 |
| NTE BGC | 4,544 | - | 570 | 5,114 | 1,573 |
| Cash Collections | 3,680 | - | - | 3,680 | 6,161 |
| Contactless Donations | 260 | - | 56 | 316 | 130 |
| Donations – In Memoriam | 200 | - | 188 | 388 | 1,706 |
| Sundry Donations | 140 | - | 30 | 170 | 502 |
| Christmas Gift to the Church | - | - | 18,928 | 18,928 | 3,579 |
| Flowers Fund Donations | - | - | 196 | 196 | 436 |
| Coffee Shop | - | - | 770 | 770 | 3,799 |
| Monday Club | - | - | 158 | 158 | 345 |
| Other (unrestricted) Donations | 700 | - | - | 700 | 607 |
| Other Donations – Restricted | - | - | 8,500 | 8,500 | 1,050 |
| Exceptional One-Off Gifts | 33,680 | - | - | 33,680 | - |
| Monthly Charity Gift Aided | - | - | 1,725 | 1,725 | 1,698 |
| Monthly Charity Not Gift Aided | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gift Aid Recovered | 8,875 | - | 7,057 | 15,932 | 11,855 |
| Legacies | 5,000 | - | - | 5,000 | 14,992 |
| Recurring Grants | 4,497 | - | - | 4,497 | 4,408 |
| Non-recurring One-off Grants | 429 | 2,029 | 22,426 | 24,884 | 2,497 |
| | 93,731 | 2,029 | 60,604 | 156,364 | 90,090 |

| | | | | |
|---|------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 3. Income from Charitable activities | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| Retained Fees for Weddings and Funerals | 747 | - | 747 | 1,541 |
| Choir Fees | - | - | - | 60 |
| Flowers | - | - | - | 90 |
| Diocesan Fees | - | - | (108) | - |
| | 747 | - | (108) | 1,691 |

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4. Income from other trading activities | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| Food Bank income | - | - | 20 | - |
| Bible Reading Fellowship/Bookstall | 170 | - | 170 | 284 |
| Magazine Sales | 656 | - | 656 | 729 |
| Magazine Advertising | 216 | - | 216 | 275 |
| Church Hall Lettings | - | - | 5,807 | 14,144 |
| | 1,042 | - | 5,827 | 15,432 |

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| 5. Income from Investments | Unrestrict ed (£) | Designated (£) | Restricted (£) | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Interest & Dividends | 10,253 | - | - | 10,253 | 12,143 |
| Rent from Lank & Building | 1,875 | - | - | 1,875 | 3,750 |
| | 12,128 | - | - | 12,128 | 15,893 |

| Other Income | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Insurance claims | - | 2,857 |
| | - | 2,857 |

| 6. Raising funds | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Funding Raising Costs | - | 372 |
| Publicity | - | 611 |
| Giving Envelopes | 33 | - |
| | 33 | 983 |

| 7. Analysis of expenditure on Charitable Activities | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Church Mission Society | - | 200 |
| Mission to Seafarers | - | 100 |
| Malawi Fund | - | 206 |
| Bible Society | - | 262 |
| Children's Society | - | 358 |
| Church Army | - | - |
| Birmingham City Mission | - | 100 |
| Other Charities | - | 1018 |
| JMC Subsidy Refunds | 27 | 27 |
| Diocesan Parish Share | 41,330 | 41,330 |
| Salaries & Support Staff Costs | 5,700 | 5,700 |
| Parish Administration | 52 | 7,080 |
| Incumbent Expenses | 361 | 361 |
| Vicarage Upkeep | 1,220 | 1,220 |
| Pastoral Staff & Youth Worker | 3,500 | 3,500 |
| Mission & Outreach | - | - |
| Food Bank (Expenses) | - | 343 |
| Coffee Shop (Expenses) | - | 417 |
| Church Insurance | 3,210 | 3,210 |
| Church – General Maintenance | 1,452 | 1,452 |
| Cost of Services (Worship) | 1,060 | 1,160 |
| Church Office Expenses | 1,871 | 1,871 |
| Bank Charges | 271 | 271 |
| Church Flowers | - | 506 |
| Upkeep of churchyard | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Visiting Speakers / Locums | 34 | 34 |
| Carried forward | 63,088 | 73,726 |

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| | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Brought forward | 63,088 | 7,028 | 3,610 | 73,726 | 76,215 |
| Church Utilities - Gas | 1,828 | - | - | 1,828 | 2,205 |
| Church Utilities - Electric | 652 | - | - | 652 | 924 |
| Church Utilities - Water | 248 | - | - | 248 | 215 |
| Magazine Printing | 1,006 | - | - | 1,006 | 1,175 |
| Editorial Expenses | 91 | - | - | 91 | 44 |
| Bookstall & Bible Reading Fellowship | 229 | - | - | 229 | 215 |
| Magazine Postage | 285 | - | - | 285 | 157 |
| Hall Utilities - Gas | - | - | 2,492 | 2,492 | 3,144 |
| Hall Utilities - Electricity | - | - | 3,611 | 3,611 | 3,857 |
| Hall Utilities - Water | - | - | 99 | 99 | 64 |
| Halls Cleaning | - | - | 3,498 | 3,498 | 5,149 |
| Halls Repair & Maintenance | - | - | 876 | 876 | 2,552 |
| Hall running - Insurance | - | - | 1,603 | 1,603 | 1,884 |
| Other Property Maintenance - JMC | 618 | - | - | 618 | 76 |
| Other Property Expenditure | - | - | - | - | - |
| Accounts Inspection Fee | - | 696 | - | 696 | 696 |
| Major Works to Church | - | - | 7,633 | 7,633 | 18,304 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Major Repairs to Church Hall | - | - | 25,775 | 25,775 | 7,972 |
| Major Repairs – Church Yard | - | - | 5,105 | 5,105 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 68,045 | 7,724 | 54,302 | 130,071 | 124,848 |

8. Analysis of Other Costs

| | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
|---------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Miscellaneous Other | 273 | - | 46 | 319 | 1,671 |
| Professional Fees | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 273 | - | 46 | 319 | 1,671 |

All support costs relate to the principal activities of the PCC

9. Net Gains/(losses) on Investment

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Unrealised | |
| Movement on CCLA funds | |
| Fixed interest income | 959 |
| Property income | (7,006) |
| UK Equity income | (970) |
| Global Equity | 6778 |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10. Fixed Assets | | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| Assisted clergy house at cost | | | | | - | - |
| 11. Investments | | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| CCLA Fixed Interest Income | | | | | 28,552 | 27,593 |
| CCLA Property Income | | | | | 134,045 | 141,052 |
| CCLA UK Equity Income | | | | | 34,786 | 35,756 |
| CCLA Global Equity Income | | | | | 42,409 | 35,631 |
| | | | | | <u>239,792</u> | <u>240,032</u> |
| 12. Debtors and prepayments | | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| Gift Aid recoverable | | | | | 7,139 | 3,779 |
| Prepayments | | | | | 3,383 | 3,657 |
| Grants | | | | | - | 2,450 |
| | | | | | <u>10,522</u> | <u>9,886</u> |
| 13. Creditors and accruals | | | | | 2020 (£) | 2019 (£) |
| Accounts payable on account | | | | | 1,340 | 2,503 |
| | | | | | <u>2,488</u> | <u>6,639</u> |
| 14. Funds | Balance 01/01/20 (£) | Income (£) | Expenditure (£) | Valuations (£) | Transfers (£) | Balance 31/12/20 (£) |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| General fund | 65,453 | 107,648 | 68,351 | - | (35,080) | 69,670 |
| Designated funds | | | | | | |
| Chester Legacy | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fay Lord Legacy | 24,318 | 2,029 | 7,724 | - | - | 18,623 |
| | <u>24,318</u> | <u>2,029</u> | <u>7,725</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>18,623</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | | | | |
| Assisted clergy house fund | 194,881 | - | - | (239) | - | 194,642 |
| Choir fund | 553 | - | 100 | - | - | 453 |
| Coffee shop | (766) | 800 | 417 | - | 383 | - |
| Monday club | 1,805 | 158 | - | - | - | 1,963 |
| Fabric Repair | 14,400 | 35,574 | 12,797 | - | 20,207 | 57,384 |
| Flower fund | (194) | 233 | 506 | - | 467 | - |
| Foodbank | (1,597) | 1,070 | 344 | - | 1,871 | 1,000 |
| Charity giving | - | 2,225 | 2,225 | - | - | - |
| Diocese fees | - | (108) | - | - | - | (108) |
| Hall Repair Fund -see below | (564) | 26,371 | 37,959 | - | 12,152 | - |
| | <u>208,518</u> | <u>66,323</u> | <u>54,348</u> | <u>(239)</u> | <u>35,080</u> | <u>255,334</u> |
| Total | <u>298,289</u> | <u>176,000</u> | <u>130,423</u> | <u>(239)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>343,627</u> |

The Hall Repair fund represents the activities of an independent charity "The Church of Ascension Parish Hall Charity Hall Green Birmingham". The directive from the Charities Commission for England and Wales dated 6 March 2013 stated that the PCC and the Parish Hall Charity were to be administered as one single charity

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| 15. Staff costs and members remuneration | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages, salaries and fees | <u>10,062</u> | <u>6,438</u> |
| The average weekly number of employees during the year calculated on a full-time equivalent was | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year.

Mr. Clive Jones, a trustee, was paid a stipend of £4,938 as Church Organist during the year. There were no other salaries or expenses paid to trustees during the year.

16. Related Party transactions

J Cove, D Chellingworth, P Wagg, M Hyde and Revd. N Boumenjel are trustees of the Charity and are also trustees of Job Marston Centre. The Job Marston Centre Charity holds a lease in respect of one of the halls owned by the Church of Ascension.

Revd. N Boumenjel is also a trustee of Hall Green Churches Child Contact Centre which paid £2,147 during the year to contribute to the running of the Halls.

| 17. Independent Examiners | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts paid to independent examiner | <u>696</u> | <u>600</u> |

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Church of the Ascension Hall Green.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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