

The United Church Jewry Street, Winchester
Annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Administrative Information

The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester is a registered charity number 1135083.

The church office is located within the church and the contact details are:

The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester, Hants, SO23 8RZ

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The trustees who have served from 1st January 2020 to the date this report was approved are as follows:

Ministers:

Rev Timothy Searle
Mrs Christine Cook
Mrs Helen McTiffin
Mrs Johanna Pellatt
Mrs Jo Crocker
Miss Julie Wills
Mr Bob Lord (until 15th March 2020)
Mrs Pat Fry (until 14th May 2020)
Mr Stephen Barber
Mr Martin Ramsey
Mr Timothy Clifford (from 17th October 2020)

Structure Governance and Management

The United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester is a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) in which the participating Denominations are:

- The Methodist Church of Great Britain; and
- The United Reformed Church

It is governed by its constitution, which was adopted on 9th December 2009 and amended on 19th February 2010 and 21st March 2010. The constitution may be amended at either an Annual or Special Congregational Meeting. The Charity shall be administered and managed by a body of trustees, known as the Church Council, consisting of:

- Ex officio Trustees, being the ministers of the LEP for the time being;
- 8 elected Trustees elected at the Annual Congregational Meeting; and
- Not more than 2 co-opted Trustees appointed by the Trustees until the next Annual Congregational Meeting.

Elected Trustees shall hold office from the end of the Annual Congregational Meeting at which they are elected until the end of the third such meeting after their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

There are currently no formal policies for the induction of Trustees.

The Church Council typically meets ten times during the year and must hold at least two meetings in each calendar year.

Grants to other charities and institutions are brought to Church Meeting and agreed by that body.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose of the charity is to advance the Christian faith, primarily in the community of Winchester and surrounding area, in accordance with its principles and practices. In achieving its purpose it will engage in a range of activities either on its own or with others, including (but not restricted to):

- The celebration of public worship
- The teaching of the Christian faith
- Mission and evangelism
- Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and the bereaved;
- The provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community, including (but not restricted to) the elderly, the young and other groups with special needs; and
- The support of other charities in the UK and overseas

This purpose was included in the constitution that was approved by the Charity Commission. The trustees consider they have complied with the duty imposed by Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit.

Review of the activities and achievements

The impact of the Covid epidemic has significantly affected the life of the church. Worship services, open to the public, were held normally at 9.00 and 10.30 on Sundays until the national lockdown in March. At that point the church started livestreaming a single weekly service. Attendance is difficult to verify, but typically the service would be viewed by around 60-70, with typically 30 -35 subsequent views. Some of those views would be by several people in the same household. Some limited congregational attendance was permitted in the summer, and attendances were up to 30, with the appropriate precautions, these services were also live streamed.

Extensive use has been made of Zoom for fellowship and business meetings. A regular fellowship time after the service takes place each week, and a number of housegroups have also met regularly over Zoom, there are also a number of regular informal Zoom sessions.

In addition the Junior church met online regularly.

Now that the facilities for livestreaming are in place it is intended that this will continue, even when the congregation is able to meet in person, as this makes communal worship accessible to those who are unable to travel to the church building for reasons such as illness or distance.

The membership of the church was 150 in December 2020. Slight variations occurred during the year of this report due to the death or transfer elsewhere of members, and arrival of new members.

As well as teaching of the Christian faith: mission and evangelism during these services, significant public events and facilities provided for the community during the year included:

- Our coffee bar was open Monday – Saturday until March, but is now suspended until it is safe to resume.
- Our weekly Parent and Toddler club, which is open to all and had a typical attendance of 20 toddlers also continued until March, but has been suspended for the time being
- The NHS operated baby clinic for Winchester, is held in the church on Thursdays for all parents with young babies. Since March this has been by appointment only, but it is continuing to operate.
- Working jointly with other churches in the area to provide a chaplaincy service to businesses in Winchester City Centre.

Support for other charities in the UK and overseas included:

- MHA Communities - Winchester provides support and friendship to older people, living in their own homes across the Winchester District, to help maintain independence, improve well-being, encourage inclusion and reduce isolation. The primary aim is to help local older people to live later life well. 2020 marked 20 years of operation for the scheme, formerly known as MHA Winchester Live at Home, as well as a change of name a change of services was required due to the pandemic. In place of face to face activities MHA Communities developed a programme of remote content including sessions of singing, exercise and entertainment available online and via DVD. When restrictions allowed they were able to offer a number of small walking groups and doorstep visits. Alongside this we have vastly expanded our offering of telephone befriending support and have been delivering wellbeing, craft and activity packs, lunches, afternoon teas, regular shopping and prescriptions. During 2020 MHA Communities – Winchester supported over 400 older people in the local community.
- Fund raising and increasing public awareness of our specific overseas charities, which for the period of the report, was a project with LUNA (now renamed Action for Child Trauma International) which trains people to treat children who are suffering the effects of psychological trauma due to conflict, violence or disaster. In 2020 we donated £6000 to this project.
- Donations made to other charities both in the UK and overseas which totalled £6000 to the Luna project, £2000 to Winchester City Centre chaplaincy and £4677 to others during 2020 in addition to food donations to the Winchester Basics bank and the Winchester Churches Nightshelter. The "Winchester Churches Christmas Project" provided help at Christmas 2020 to 33 families (47 adults and 74 children), 6 single people and 6 young people. A total of 133 people.
- Enabling various charities to meet at the church when Covid restrictions allowed. These included a 'Singing for Wellbeing' group for those with dementia; The Winchester Theatre Royal Youth Participation Programme; Winchester Musicals & Opera Society and the Winchester and County Music Festival choir.

- The church also provided facilities free of charge for First Bites in August to enable them to provide meals to vulnerable families.
- The church has the responsibility for running and the finances of a Fairtrade stall which has operated at the church for many years. During early 2020 this achieved a turnover of Fairtrade goods of approximately £ 1200 before being suspended due to Covid restrictions.

Financial review

Our original Resources Policy of the church was approved by the December 2007 Church Meeting. It was reviewed in 2013 and again in 2019. It was approved by Church meeting on 24th November 2019. It is now: 'To aim to maintain annual average financial assets of approximately 50% of the routine annual expenditure, plus a buildings reserve of £150,000 this proportion to be reviewed within 5 years unless there is an earlier significant change in our circumstances.'

Our routine annual expenditure of non-restricted funds during 2020 was approximately £ 145,000, plus approximately £1,300 capital expenditure on the building. The 'restricted funds' do not have separate Reserves Policies as they are part of the overall activities of the church and if necessary would be supported from those church funds. As at 31st December 2020 our reserves at £ 226,983 were £150,000 plus approximately 52% of our routine annual expenditure.

Excluding the 'restricted funds', on a like-for-like comparison with 2019 during the 2020 financial year our income decreased by 16%, This was largely due to the impact of Covid restrictions which meant that the Coffee Bar was not able to operate for most of the year, and we were very limited in hiring out the building to outside bodies. Our routine expenditure decreased by 3%. The total 'unrestricted' income was £120,077 the total 'unrestricted' expenditure was £146,909. None of the restricted funds nor the 'unrestricted' fund are in deficit.

The church does not hold any assets on behalf of another charitable body.

The accounts for 2020, signed by our Independent Examiner, were approved at our Annual Church Meeting on 21st March 2021 and have been signed by the chairman, and are attached.

THE UNITED CHURCH, WINCHESTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020				2019			
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL 2020	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	
INCOMING RESOURCES								
Incoming resources from generated funds:								
Voluntary Income	£		£	£	£		£	
Tax Reclaim	86,223		8,751	94,975	95,088		31,274	
Activities for generating funds	17,511		1,231	18,742	17,540		1,204	
Investment income	19,145		1,926	21,071	40,235		16,221	
Grants	1,198		1,198	1,198	1,553			
	5,000			5,000				
Total Incoming resources	129,077	0	11,908	140,986	154,416	0	48,699	
RESOURCES EXPENDED								
Charitable activities:								
Methodist/URC Assessment	77,352			77,352	70,907			
Costs of church activities	68,183			68,183	79,121			
Capital expenditure	1,307			1,307	8,325			
General		67	15,336	15,403		18	54,640	
Governance costs								
Total resources expended	146,842	67	15,336	162,245	158,352	18	54,640	
Net movement in funds	=17,765	=67	-3,428	-21,260	=3,936	=18	-5,941	
Total funds brought forward 1 January 2020	244,746	69	8,822	253,636				
Total funds carried forward 31 December 2020	226,981	2	5,394	232,378				

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS - 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 2020

	2020		2019	
RECEIPTS (NON-RESTRICTED))				
Standing orders	60,066.00		59,426.00	
Other voluntary income	9,688.78		16,936.18	
Legacy	1,000.00			
Tax reclaim	17,511.17	88,265.95	17,540.32	93,902.50
Bank interest	1,197.85		1,552.51	
Church Organisations	3,136.90		12,377.70	
Premises	19,144.65		40,234.98	
General donations	572.00		458.60	
Refunds	11,759.77		5,889.70	
Grants	5,000.00	40,811.17		60,513.49
TOTAL RECEIPTS	129,077.12		154,405.99	
PAYMENTS (NON-RESTRICTED))				
Ministry				
- Methodist/URC assessment	77,352.00		70,906.56	
- Ministry expenses	1,028.78	78,380.78	922.90	71,829.46
Mission				
Young people	226.14		1,183.74	
- City Centre Chaplain/CCMW	2,000.00		500.00	
- Basics Bank	600.00		600.00	
- Street Pastors	600.00		600.00	
- Nightshelter	600.00		600.00	
- Olive Branch	600.00		600.00	
- Trinity Day Centre	600.00		600.00	
- Live at Home	600.00		600.00	
- WincACC	200.00		200.00	
	6,026.14			
Transfer to Appeals	2,350.79		2,184.93	
		8,376.93		7,208.67
Worship, Fellowship, Pastoral				
- Organist, music	2,151.66		2,342.55	
- Worship aids and flowers	1,393.53		922.37	
- Kitchen	98.03		539.18	
- Fellowship	330.34		154.50	
		3,973.56		3,958.60
Administration				
- Administration	14,227.85		13,862.66	
HMRC	4,357.97		3,681.80	
Nest	659.91		751.24	
- Office expenses	1,371.66		3,351.82	
- Yours printing/publicity	1,660.84		2,308.93	
- Telephone, broadband, & computers	1,740.88		2,129.06	
Training	940.00	24,859.11		26,085.51
Premises				
- Cleaning	7,240.53		10,530.23	
- Gas	2,506.08		2,452.94	
- Electricity	5,047.02		5,319.61	
- Water	941.57		1,639.92	
- Maintenance	6,208.13		11,002.13	
- Insurance	7,059.22		7,082.10	
Manse maintenance	942.43	29,944.98	2,892.00	40,919.93
Refunds			15.74	15.74
Capital expenditure	1,306.67	1,306.67	8,324.51	8,324.51
TOTAL PAYMENTS	146,842.03		158,352.42	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	- - 17,764.91		- 3,936.43	
CASH BALANCE 31 DEC 2019	244,746.95		267,910.58	

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - RESTRICTED FUNDS - 2020

	CFL Fund	No 2	Coffee Bar	Hospitality	Flowers	TOTAL	2019
Voluntary Income							
Events	2,762	439	4,878	172	500	8,751	
Traidcraft	352					352	
Church Weekend		1,269				1,269	
Wednesday Fellowship		240				240	
Tax reclaim		65				65	
	1,231					1,231	
TOTAL INCOME	4,345	2,013	4,878	172	500	11,908	48,699
Expenses	-					-	
Traidcraft		1,049	3,054	165	574	3,794	
Church Weekend		-				-	
Wednesday Fellowship							
Other		85					
Donations =						-	
CFL fund						-	
Disasters Emergency Fund						-	
Action for Children		525				525	
LUNA	6,000					6,000	
United Church			3,000			3,000	
Other		285	843			1,128	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,000	1,944	6,897	165	330	15,336	54,640
Net movement in funds	(1,655)	69	(2,019)	7	170	(3,428)	(5,941)
Bank balance at 31 Dec 2019	2,265	2,600	2,649	904	404	8,822	
Bank balance at 31 Dec 2020	610	2,669	630	911	574	5,394	

Note: No2 account - tax is included in figures for individual appeals etc. rather than separated out.

THE UNITED CHURCH, WINCHESTER
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020			2019				
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL
CURRENT ASSETS								
HSBC current	5,632			5,632	5,417			5,417
HSBC deposit	33,859	2		33,861	33,017	69		33,086
CFB fund	187,490			187,490	206,311			206,311
Other bank accounts			5,394	5,394			8,822	8,822
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	226,981	2	5,394	232,378	244,745	69	8,822	253,636

REPRESENTED BY :

Balance Brought forward at 31 Dec 2019	244,746	69	8,822	253,636	=	=	=	=
Net movement for year	17,765	67	3,428	21,260	=	=	=	=
Balance Carried forward at 31 Dec 2020	226,981	2	5,394	232,377	=	=	=	=

Annual Accounts for 2020 approved at Annual Church Meeting on March 21st 2021

Signed by Rev. Tim Searle, Trustee and Chairman of meeting


 4th April 2021.

THE UNITED CHURCH, WINCHESTER

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102) issued by the Charity Commission, and also in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

The profit and loss basis of accounting has been adopted, and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied.

The accounts have been compiled with pounds & pence, however these are truncated to the nearest pound in Excel on this document, resulting in occasional apparent £1 "errors" in maths

1b Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor, or contained in the terms of a grant.

Designated funds are those reserved by the Church for specific purposes

Two new designated funds were set up in 2017 - A legacy of £29,926 was designated for work with the elderly, this was fully spent in 2018

Donations from the funeral of Roy Smith - £1070 was designated for support of local refugee families. £18 of this remained at the end of 2019

An amount of £3,545 was reserved for use as a bursary for the use of young people to travel to developing countries.

This is the interest on a legacy from April 2003 to March 2007. The fund is now frozen at this level, less expenditure.

1c Tangible Fixed Assets

The trustees of the church and manse buildings are the United Reformed Church (Wessex Trust) Limited.

Expenditure incurred on the church and manse is written off in the year it is incurred as is expenditure on furniture and equipment. The church owns no motor vehicles.

1d Incoming Resources

All voluntary giving is included in the financial statements for the period in which it is received.

Gift Aid tax recovery is recognised as income when it is received.

Legacies are accounted for when received.

All other income is generally recognised when it is receivable.

1e Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the year to which they are incurred and include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. They are allocated to the particular activity to which they relate

Governance costs represents direct expenditure on the governance of the church, including insurance

As most of the management and activity of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the church is incalculable

1f Taxation

The church is an exempted charity within the meaning of the Taxes Acts. Accordingly it is exempt from income and capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes. No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

1g PAYE

PAYE information is filed online.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The United Church, Winchester

On accounts for the year
ended

31.12.2020

Charity no
(if any)

1135083

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2020**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Date:

17.03.2021

Name:

Roger A Brooks

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

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

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