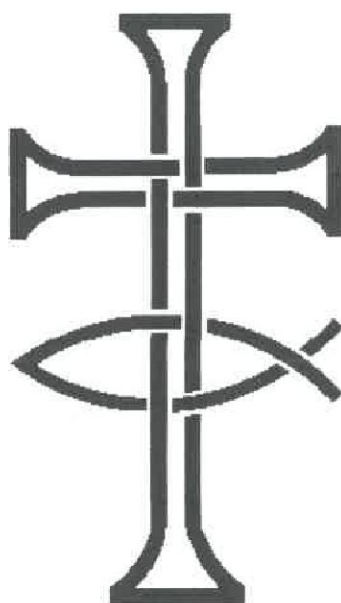


**Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity  
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2020**



**Contents**

Trustee's Report	2-6
Finance Committee Convenor's report	7
Independent Examiner's report	8
Statement of Financial Activities for the year	9
Balance Sheet	10
Notes to the Accounts	11-16

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

---

## **Trustees Report**

### **Reference and Administrative Details:**

Wylde Green United Reformed Church is situated within the West Midlands Synod of the United Reformed Church.

Wylde Green URC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1136135)

The correspondence address (Church Secretary) is: Mrs Alexandra Wheadon 11 Beoley Close, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1EU

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Constitution**

The Church is a constituent part of the United Reformed Church which was formed by Act of Parliament in 1972, as amended in 1981 and 2000. The Governing document of the Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity was adopted by the Church, at a Church Meeting on 15th July 2009 and registration with the Charity Commission was formally confirmed on 1st June 2010. The pastoral and financial oversight of the congregation is achieved through the local councils of the Church and the wider representative councils. These being the elected Elders that formally meet monthly both as Elders of the Church and as Trustees of the Charity and as part of the collective membership at the Church Meeting, consisting of all persons who have been formally admitted to membership of the Church and whose names are on the membership roll. The wider representative councils are the West Midlands Synod to which the Church is affiliated and the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church.

### **Governance**

The Elders meet monthly both as Elders and where financial matters are concerned, as Trustees of the Church and are the principal management committee of the Church. The Elders Meeting consists of the Minister and of Elders elected by the collective church membership at Church Meeting. The Treasurer (formally known as the Convenor of the Finance Committee) and the Convenor of the Fabric Committee, if not elected Elders, can attend the Elders Meeting as ex-officio members. Elders serve for three years and are then eligible for re-election for a further three years, after which they must stand down for at least a year. Since March 2020 Elders meetings have continued at least once a month and more often when deemed necessary but via zoom. The Financial management of the Church is regulated through the Financial Standing Instructions (or the Financial Constitution), which was adopted by the Church Meeting in 2000 and amended in 2003 and further revised and approved at the Church Meeting in November 2011. The detailed financial management is delegated to the Finance Committee, working within this Constitution. The membership of the Finance Committee is made up of officers with particular responsibilities and representatives of the Trustees and the Church Membership. Due to the size of the charity; the Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the 2020 year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and accordingly only an Independent Examination is needed.

The Church Meeting is held six times a year, one of which is an AGM. The Church Meeting endorses (or not) the decisions of the Trustees on Financial matters and regulates and approves (or not) all other matters associated with the running of the Church. Church Meetings can be attended by anyone connected with the Church, but voting is restricted to members of the Church.

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

In September 2019 Reverend Dr Christopher Dowd was inducted as the Minister of Wylde Green United Reformed Church and he is also the Minister of Coleshill United Church. He is an enthusiastic minister with many innovative ideas to help the Church progress in line with the LMMR objectives.

### Table of Elders

The Trustees of the Church during 2020 were:

Name	Date Elected	Date Stood Down	Office Held
Philip Barker	November 2019		
Gillian Boyd	November 2019	Died April 2020	
Laura Fowler	November 2019		
Alastair Frew	November 2016		
Anne Horton	November 2016	August 2020	
Susan Jones	November 2016		
Samara Knight	November 2014	December 2020	
Beverley Lyne	November 2018		
Mark Miles	November 2019		
Susan Miles	November 2016		
Elaine Siggers	November 2014	December 2020	
Alexandra Wheadon	November 2015		Church Secretary
Kathryn Willis	November 2019		

### Aims and Objectives

The Church operates within the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church and the Governing Document approved by the membership at Church Meeting.

The objectives of the church can be summarised as 'the advancement of religion' but specifically quantified by the following:

- To provide regular public worship for all
- To promote the Christian faith
- To teach the faith to all ages
- To provide training, nurture and activities for children and young people
- To serve the community
- To give pastoral care and support to members and others in need, particularly those in sickness, distress or poverty
- To provide premises and resources for community groups and activities.

### The Church's Mission Statement is:

'Making the love of Jesus a reality in the community seven days a week. Reaching out, welcoming in'

### Activities and Performance

The number of church members as at 31st December 2020 was: 125

The number of Junior Church children and young people at the same date was: 40



## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

---

The average weekly attendance for morning services is 83 adults and 14 Children; and evening services average an attendance of 23. There is one evening service each month.

From March 2020, due to the pandemic, services have been conducted via zoom every Sunday. In addition when Churches were legally entitled to open again following 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020, a detailed COVID risk assessment was prepared and submitted to Synod and a short 30 minutes service was held at 4.00 pm twice a month from July 2020. These services were completely COVID compliant. During the lockdown in November 2020 the Church was opened for an hour each Sunday afternoon between 3.00pm and 4.00pm for private prayer. Following the ending of that second lockdown in November 2020 the Church brought forward Advent Services and private prayer to 3.00pm each Sunday.

During 2020 4 of our Members died. We welcomed 2 people into church membership with a third person renewing their membership and conducted 3 infant and 2 adult baptisms. We conducted 1 Wedding.

During the year and despite the obvious difficulties caused by the pandemic, the Church continued with its forward-thinking plan under the close monitoring of the 'Forward Planning Group' which was born out of the LMMR consultation. The group is responsible for the careful monitoring of key Church and fellowship activities; as a direct result of this the Church has a focal point of idea generation, activity planning and co-ordination. Many of the activities which the Church values are now a foundation to Church life such as the 'Season of Invitation' or 'Culture of Invitation', which is continually promoted and embraced. The church has worked hard to actively promote worship through providing a Lent course via zoom during 2020 and posting Sunday morning service sermons on its website. Community Carol singing and Church 'Visioning' days were curtailed by the pandemic but we participated in a "Door step Carol" Singing event at Christmas organised by the local Churches.

During the pandemic we held daily prayer meetings and Bible Studies, which were well attended.

During the pandemic we have decorated our Church doors to celebrate the various Christian Festivals which has given much encouragement to the local area. We have placed a prayer box outside the Church which has been well used by people in the locality.

Although our choir was unable to meet to rehearse and unable to sing in person, we formed a church zoom band and choir which performed at every Sunday zoom service.

Our commitment to providing youth activities has been combined with the activities of Junior Church which has a group of twelve volunteers that support the varying age groups and activities. The Junior Church is run and co-ordinated by Susan Jones. Junior Church is active on Sundays and runs three departments catering for babies through to 17-year olds. There is an active Toddler Group which meets three mornings a week for children up to the age of 2½, and a Play Group that meets Wednesday to Friday in the mornings during term time for children from the age of 2½ + to school age. There is a group of young people aged 11+ that frequent the church on an irregular basis making it hard for the Junior Church to establish a regular youth group, which the church would very much like to do. To this end the Junior church volunteers are actively talking to this group of young people to try and work out an ideal time to meet. In non-pandemic times there are occasional meetings and football matches.

During the pandemic Junior Church has continued via zoom every Sunday morning and a cartoon and praise session has been run on weekday evenings. These sessions have been enthusiastically embraced by the children. In addition the children managed to perform a magnificent Christmas celebration



## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

---

service and play via zoom, their parents videoing their various contributions. The children met children who attended a church in Australia via zoom and exchanged (via post) various sweets and treats.

The Church also has 7 uniformed organisations: A Guide Unit, two Brownie packs, one Rainbow Unit, a Scout Troop, a Cub Scout pack and a Beaver Colony.

Adult Groups and activities which are part of the Church include:

A Badminton club, the Boldmere Recorded Music Society, a book group, the Britwell Circle, the Church Choir, the Friday Friendship Club, Pop-in Coffee, Prayer Groups, a Walking Group, a Sunday lunch at a local restaurant for those people who live alone, family lunches on the Church field, two regular and two occasional House Groups that provide fellowship and bible study and an annual Lent course. In addition the Wylder & Greener Eco Group was formed in October 2020. A variety of other organisations not directly connected with the Church, use the Church premises each week and pay a rental for their use of the facilities. All these Groups and Activities have been massively adversely impacted by the pandemic but when possible they have resumed. Bible studies and prayer groups have continued via zoom and have been well attended.

The Church hosts a Traidcraft shop that is usually open on Friday and Saturday mornings and after the morning and evening services on Sunday. This has also been affected by the Church not being open for a large part of the year, but when a service has taken place and where possible, the Traidcraft shop has been open after such services for a short while. The Traidcraft shop also supplies similar operations in other churches in the district.

The Church plays an active part in the Churches Together organisation in Boldmere, Banners Gate and Wylde Green and has a representative who keeps in touch with the Bible Society and URC Retreat facilities. The Church is represented at West Midlands Synod meetings and participates in Christian Aid and Leprosy Mission collections.

### **Church Premises**

The condition of the Church, Manse and other associated buildings is of constant concern and a large part of our annual budget is devoted to the routine repairs, maintenance and upkeep of these facilities.

During the course of 2020 extreme weather conditions and the COVID crisis played a major role in our addressing a number of general maintenance items, but also important health and safety issues.

To ensure we stayed socially and legally compliant, Church services and prayer meetings were held over the internet using Zoom. However, as some activities started to be allowed, we responded by updating our risk assessments, protocols and procedures thereby safeguarding the Church and also making the experience of visiting and taking part in any activities as safe as possible.

The Church Elders decided at the start of the pandemic that neither the caretaker nor the cleaner should be furloughed; thus enabling them to thoroughly clean the Church, halls and rooms between the permissible room users. This was a huge undertaking and took up virtually all of their time whilst such activities were still allowed, in some cases more than their allotted hours.

As rules became stricter regarding lettings and they were no longer employed carrying out these additional cleaning duties, they were provided with a list of jobs that would normally be addressed during holiday shut-downs, e.g. painting the corridors, varnishing floors, cleaning carpets, curtains and

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

---

windows, painting rooms, clearing and tidying cupboards and storage areas etc. In addition to external work which included cutting the field and clearing vegetation from the unused tennis courts, many tasks that had historically utilised external contractors, all in readiness for future use. External contractors were employed to carry out specific duties such as the regular servicing of the fire system, the heating system and lightning protection.

The Church has been the recipient of a number of bequests and it is the duty of the Eldership to ensure the responsible investment of these funds and as such the Elders have liaised with the Fabric and Finance Committees in order to discuss and plan how these funds should be invested to support the objectives of the church. A future projects team (2026 committee) was formed to consider how we wished the Church to grow in the forthcoming years and the role this Church would play in addressing the needs of the local community.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are two principal risks that face the Charity on an on-going basis:

- The reliability of 'Congregational Giving' as its major income
- A fabric 'disaster'

The congregation and the membership have and continue to support the church through 'Congregational Giving' which is a significant contributor to the income of the church. Lettings income also contributes significantly allowing all running costs in the year to be covered by income. Synod reduction in the Ministry and Mission fund also helped in 2020 and this with close control of spending resulted in a good financial outcome for the year.

The Church has a group whose particular responsibilities are being aware of and implementing the Health and Safety requirements on the premises; as part of this we are fully aware of the varying needs of our members and visitors and print the details of the provisions we have for those with disabilities or special needs on the back cover of the Church Handbook.

We are constantly trying to improve our General Reserves by urging consistent giving commitments and by reviewing and monitoring our expenditure. In the Finance Committee, we formally review our performance against budget each month and in the last quarter of the year make a forecast of our eventual financial position, which then provides the basis for the next year's budget.

Prepared on behalf of the Trustees by Alexandra Wheadon

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

  
Trustee

  
Trustee

Date: 13th October 2021



# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

### Finance Committee Convenor's Report

I am pleased to present the Accounts for the year that ended on 31st December 2020. Due to the Coronavirus situation, these have been finalised later than usual and I'd like to thank all involved for their application to this task, given the significant personal challenges we've been facing. I'm also grateful to the Finance Committee as a whole, particularly Kay, Robin and Andrew whose long-standing commitment and knowledge has kept the financial management of the Church going throughout the COVID pandemic, especially during the many months when we have not been able to meet as a Committee in the normal way. Thanks also to Samara who handed over the Elders post on the Committee to Jason, after many years of service, albeit after the end of 2020.

The Budget for 2020 was based on the expected 2019 outcome with a number of assumptions for 2020 activities in a world pre-COVID. As the pandemic had such a significant effect on Church Life this Budget became a secondary consideration, as the primary focus for the Finance officers became managing solvency and spending, with a church building that was closed for large parts of the year.

The first 3 months of 2020 were broadly in line with budgeted financial expectations, but from April 2020 onwards there were significant changes to these. The key ones were the loss of almost all Letting income for a prolonged period, a loss of loose collections, reduced central charges from Synod, and a gain from Government COVID grants, with Regular Giving from the Congregation being lower, and less regular, than previously. Unlike some Churches, our Business Interruption Insurance did not permit any claim in respect of loss of Lettings income, so the unanticipated Government COVID grants were very welcome in this respect.

Receipts for 2020 (excluding the Government grants) were £26,900 below 2019, with the Lettings reduction being the main component. This is clearly a concern for the future, however due to the COVID compliance regime lessening during this year, we remain optimistic that Lettings income has, and will continue to, recover and Regular Giving will strengthen with the resumption of in-person worship and church based activities.

Spending for 2020 (excluding the Synod central charges relief) was £9,900 below the 2019 level, with savings spread across all areas of expenditure, except Salaries. As noted in the Trustees Report, the Elders decided not to furlough our employees and instead applied their time to COVID security measures and to Fabric maintenance tasks which did not require specialist skills, or materials.

The regular 2020 financial outcome, excluding the Government grants and Synod relief, was a deficit of £12,900, however after including these two exceptional credits, there was a surplus of £13,300. It should be noted that both the Synod central charges relief and the Government COVID grants do not carry any liability for paying-back. Overall, this is a significant boost to 2021, which will still have significant COVID impacts.

The Trustees, the Congregation and their representatives continue to consider what the remaining Legacy Funds (around £83,000) may be applied to. During the year an unconditional gift of £1,000 was received from the Estate of the late Margaret Taylor and it was decided to allocate this to the purchase of Tablets, which together with a Synod Grant of £1,000 and Congregational giving of a further £1,300 allowed the purchase of these, for members who had no internet access. Around £2,300 of this (after Gift Aid) currently remains, which is included in the People & Outreach fund.

A Budget for 2021 was not completed due to the unknown impact of the COVID pandemic and its on-going effect. Instead, the Finance Committee agreed a minimal operational spend with the Fabric Committee to ensure the safe upkeep of the properties, with this expenditure being tracked against previous levels (after allowing for Fabric work done by our non-furloughed employees) with any essential one-off costs to be managed on an exceptional basis. All things considered, the Charity's on-going financial position and solvency remains satisfactory in these uncertain times.

Presented by:  Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Dave Evans, Finance Committee Convenor

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

---

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

### Independent Examiner's report to the members of Wylde Green URC

I report on the accounts of Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

#### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed on 13th October 2021 by:

  
.....

Brian Leather  
Independent Examiner



# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2020

		General Funds	Legacy Fund	People & Outreach Funds	Fabric Projects Fund	Total Funds	Total Funds
						2020	2019
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>							
Congregational giving		58,426	-	-	-	<b>58,426</b>	63,162
Tax recovered		13,301	-	-	-	<b>13,301</b>	14,230
Lettings and COVID grants		23,517	-	-	-	<b>23,517</b>	26,136
Donations and grants	2	3,805	-	2,640	-	<b>6,445</b>	6,582
Investment income		535	-	-	-	<b>535</b>	1,286
Other income		485	-	-	-	<b>485</b>	2,541
Manse Rental		-	-	-	-	-	7,139
Legacies		-	1,000	-	-	<b>1,000</b>	-
Total incoming resources		<u>100,069</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>2,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<b>103,709</b>	121,076
<b>Resources expended</b>							
URC disbursements		38,637	-	-	-	<b>38,637</b>	55,860
Salaries, fees & grants	3	24,292	-	-	-	<b>24,292</b>	24,647
Manse expenses	4	4,058	-	-	-	<b>4,058</b>	2,276
Church expenses	5	8,853	-	-	-	<b>8,853</b>	11,759
Fabric committee	6	4,165	-	-	1,930	<b>6,095</b>	43,589
General expenses		3,050	-	-	-	<b>3,050</b>	4,090
Subscriptions and donations	7	1,472	-	-	-	<b>1,472</b>	1,153
Church life	8	2,195	-	1,118	-	<b>3,313</b>	3,453
Legacy allocations	9	-	800	(1,000)	-	<b>(200)</b>	5,000
Total resources expended		<u>86,722</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>1,930</u>	<b>89,570</b>	151,827
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		13,347	200	2,522	(1,930)	<b>14,139</b>	(30751)
Fund balances at 1 January		43,019	82,640	8,874	5,049	<b>139,582</b>	170,333
Fund balances at 31 December		<u>56,366</u>	<u>82,840</u>	<u>11,396</u>	<u>3,119</u>	<b>153,721</b>	139,582

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these Accounts.

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

		Total funds	Total funds
		2020	2019
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	3,303	1,450
Cash on deposit	12	133,741	133,528
Cash at bank		18,727	17,052
		<u>155,771</u>	<u>152,030</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	2,050	12,448
Net current assets		<u>153,721</u>	<u>139,582</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
<b>Net total assets</b>		<u><b>153,721</b></u>	<u><b>139,582</b></u>
Reserves			
General Funds		56,366	43,019
Legacy Fund	9	82,840	82,640
People & Outreach Funds		11,396	8,874
Fabric Projects Fund		3,119	5,049
<b>Total reserves</b>		<u><b>153,721</b></u>	<u><b>139,582</b></u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 13th October 2021 and authorised to be signed on their behalf by:

  
.....

Trustee

  
.....

Trustee



## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1 Accounting Policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities' issued by the Charity Commissioners and with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of accruals accounting. Therefore income is matched with associated expenditure. In summary, accruals accounting requires that:

- income is recognised at the point when it is due to the charity, regardless of whether any cash associated with the transaction has actually been received and
- expenditure is recognised at the point when the relevant goods and services are supplied, regardless of whether or not an invoice has been received or payment has actually been made.

A summary follows of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Property associated with the charity is vested in URC (W.Midlands) Trust Ltd, the Synod trust body, and cannot be disposed of without the consent of the Synod Finance Committee. This property is therefore considered inalienable and no useful purpose would be gained by the inclusion of an amount in the accounts for land and buildings.

Equipment, furniture and fittings purchased by the charity are treated as outgoing resources in the year of purchase and therefore no amount is shown in the balance sheet for such items.

#### Fixed asset investments

Investments in government stocks and similar items which are intended to be held for more than one year are treated as fixed assets. The initial cost of investments is their purchase cost. Investments are valued at market value at the balance sheet date. Changes in value during the year are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Income from investments is included, together with any recoverable tax element, as an incoming resource to the general fund on an accruals basis.

#### Legacies

Legacies are treated as income in the year in which they are received. Where a donor has placed conditions on the use of a legacy it is set apart from the general funds of the charity and used only for the specific purpose intended. Legacies over £500 received without conditions should be designated to particular reserves in accordance with the charity's Standing Financial Instructions and reserves policy.

#### Income Tax recovered

Receipts in respect of Tax claims for Gift Aid donations are treated as relating to the calendar year in which the tax year ends i.e. those relating to the tax year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 are included as income in 2020. Similarly, with regard to claims under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme these are treated as income quarterly in arrears i.e. tax recoverable in this respect up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020, is included as income in 2020.

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## Donations passing through the charity

The charity bank account is used as a means of collecting money and then passing it on to other organisations at various times during the year. Such donations are treated as neither income nor expenditure of the charity on the grounds of immateriality. The amounts are reported in Note 14 to the accounts.

## Reserves

The charity has no endowment or restricted funds at present. Funds apart from the charity's general fund are established by the Trustees and Reserves may be designated to those funds in accordance with the charity's current reserves policy.

## 2 Donations and grants received

	2020	2019
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
Mothers & Toddlers Group	1,680	2,520
Britwell Circle	150	150
Book Group	0	40
Friday Friendship	50	50
Music Events	0	540
Traidcraft	1,500	2,000
Badminton	155	535
Baptism, wedding & funeral donations	0	77
Fees donated	250	195
Uniformed Organisations	20	40
Others	0	60
	<u>3,805</u>	<u>6,207</u>
<b>People &amp; Outreach Fund (incl. Tablets)</b>		
Congregational donations	1,640	375
Synod Tablet donation	1,000	-
Legacy funding for Tablets	1,000	-
	<u>3,640</u>	<u>375</u>
<b>Total (including Legacy transfer)</b>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>6,582</u>



# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## 3 Salaries, fees & grants

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries		
Minister's car and book allowances (after 20% Synod recovery)	996	556
Pulpit & Organist supply	80	102
Caretakers, cleaners and others	22,629	22,076
Employers' NIC & Pension contributions	587	189
Recruitment, and Relocation after 50% Synod Grant (Fabric & Minister fund)	0	1,724
	<u>24,292</u>	<u>24,647</u>

## 4 Manse expenses

	2020	2019
	£	£
Council tax (after 20% Synod recovery)	1,655	549
Insurance & water (after 20% Synod recovery)	406	377
Utilities whilst vacant	0	55
Repairs & renewals (after £500 Synod Grant & £250 Minister contribution)	1,998	530
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>1,511</u>
Rental Costs (Fabric & Minister fund)	<u>0</u>	<u>765</u>
	<u>4,058</u>	<u>2,276</u>

## 5 Church expenses

	2020	2019
	£	£
Gas	2,109	4,214
Insurance	4,573	4,394
Electricity	1,364	2,094
Water	298	383
Rates	20	226
Telephone	490	448
	<u>8,853</u>	<u>11,759</u>

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## 6 Fabric Committee

	2020	2019
	£	£
Church and halls	4,165	8,711
Fabric Projects (Fabric Projects Fund)	1,930	24,717
Manse works (Fabric & Minister Fund) (see Note 10 for further details)	0	10,161
	<u>6,095</u>	<u>43,589</u>

## 7 Subscriptions & donations made

	2020	2019
	£	£
Levenson Foundation	8	7
DEC: Coronavirus Appeal	250	0
URC Silence & Retreats network	20	20
Christmas Appeals (Note 14)	800	503
CTBBGWG (subscription)	0	90
Synod Officers' retirements	50	0
URC Peace Fellowship	0	30
Leprosy Mission (Note 14)	44	375
Traidcraft re. Foodbank goods donation	300	0
Others made in 2019	0	128
	<u>1,472</u>	<u>1,153</u>

## 8 Church life

	2020	2019
	£	£
Annual Copyright Licence	562	498
COVID costs	570	0
Junior Church	104	305
Flower fund	300	350
Photocopier renewal	0	120
Sundry & Others	<u>659</u>	<u>771</u>
	2,195	2,044
Tablets (2020) / Welcome event (2019)	<u>1,118</u>	<u>1,409</u>
	<u>3,313</u>	<u>3,453</u>



# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## 9 Legacy Fund

	2020 £	2019 £
Total brought-forward	82,640	87,640
Received from Executors	1,000	0
Allocations	(800)	(5,000)
	200	(5,000)
Total carried-forward	82,840	82,640

In 2017 the Legacy Fund received unconditional legacies from three estates and this year received a further £1,000 from the late Margaret Taylor, which the Trustees allocated to the provision of Tablets. In 2020 £4,800 was spent on Site Drainage investigations, with the balance of the 2019 provision returned. The Legacy Fund is used to segregate these funds from the General Funds of the Charity, pending allocation by the Trustees.

## 10 Fixed assets

The church currently has no fixed asset investments, holding all its reserves as cash in hand, at bank or cash deposits of less than one year to maturity.

Property associated with the church is vested in URC (W. Midlands) Trust Ltd, the Synod trust body. For information, the current (2021) valuations for insurance purposes are shown below:-

Britwell Road, Sutton Coldfield, Church premises & all associated assets £8,497,512

The Manse at 45 Beacon Road, Sutton Coldfield is now insured by the Synod

During the period 1999 to 2004 inclusive the church incurred major expenditure on improvements and repairs to its buildings as part of the Centenary & Millennium projects, totalling £290,357, including new sanctuary heating and access-for-all alterations to the church vestibule, together with extending and refurbishing Britwell Hall and its rooms, together with repairing and improving the Organ.

Subsequently, between 2005 and 2012 smaller specific Fabric projects were completed, at a total cost of £54,500 (£45,721 after Synod & Joseph Scott Trust grants and congregational Donations) for improvements to the Highbridge Hall kitchen, the fencing of the Church Field, Room 1, together with new Church lighting, repairs to the Parapet and roof, alterations to the Vestry, Ministers' toilet & Traidcraft store, refurbishment of the Corridor toilets, Manse and replacement double-glazed windows.

Since then further projects have been completed as follows:-

£37,684 (£2,194 after a Grant of £35,490 from Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust) for a replacement Boiler and installation of further fuel-efficient double-glazing and insulation in 2013

£2,170 for renovation and new seating in the Church Lounge in 2014

£6,356 (£2,168 after donations) for enhancements to the Church audio capability from 2013 to 2016

£11,556 for replacement uPVC Doors & Windows in 2015, 2016 & 2017

£3,600 (£nil after a Legacy allocation) for replacement Cladding & Soffits in the Halls in 2015

£14,100 for the installation of Fire Alarm and Gas safety systems during 2015 & 2016

£11,694 (£nil after donations & a £6,000 Legacy allocation) for the Visual system from 2015 to 2017

£2,000 for new Pew Runners in the Church (£nil after a Legacy allocation)

£5,844 to renovate and / or redecorate the Choir Vestry, Paint Store & Britwell Corridor 2016 to 2018

£7,825 for Britwell Hall 2017 & 2018 renovations, and £1,684 for CCTV Security in 2017

In 2019, £20,075 for replacing Boilers & upgrading heating systems, £11,561 for renovation of the Manse & Ministers' Vestry, £1,484 for the Room 1 Visual system (£1,040 after donations), £1,209 for new Church signage and £993 for improved Tower access

£1,930 was spent in 2020 to improve Church Field security and access, during the COVID pandemic

# Wylde Green United Reformed Church Annual Report

## 11 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Lettings and COVID grants	1,334	195
Prepayments	368	359
Other debtors	1,601	896
	<u>3,303</u>	<u>1,450</u>

## 12 Investments

A Charities' Deposit Account with CCLA Investment Management Limited is held, the amount deposited in this account was £31,007 at the year-end (2019: £35,919). The 90 day Charity deposit account with the Teachers Building Society stood at credit of £77,500 (2019: £72,500), with the Churches' Mutual Credit Union account having a balance of £25,234 (2019: £25,109).

## 13 Creditors

	2020 £	2019 £
Commitment for Life	448	414
Utilities	396	1,069
Other creditors & accruals	348	5,907
Amounts held for Church purposes:		
Choir gown fund	58	58
Site Drainage investigation work	0	5,000
Christmas Collections	800	0
	<u>2,050</u>	<u>12,448</u>

## 14 Donations passing through church funds

	2020 £
Commitment for Life	2,090
Leprosy Mission (Note 7)	56
Christmas Appeals (Note 7)	
- Leprosy Mission	200
- FareShare West Midlands	200
- St Basil's	200
- DEC: General	200

Funeral fees were also donated to Oliver 68 of £199