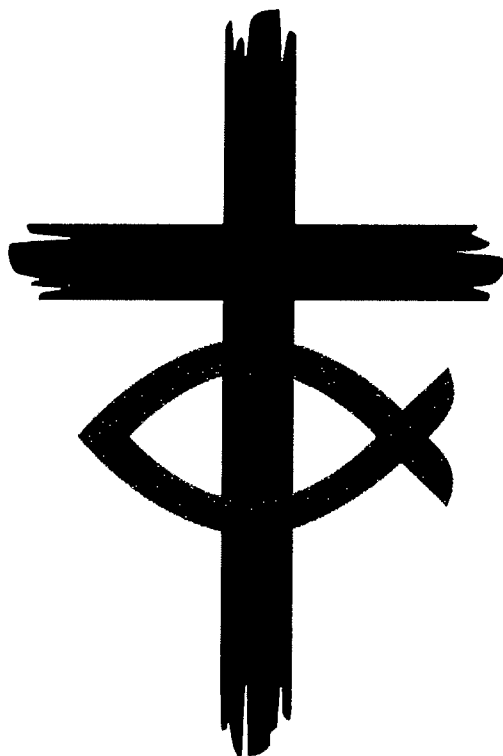


**Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity  
Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**



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## **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 (Joint Church Secretary) is: Ms Pat Lister, 3 Heathlands Crescent, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5EP

### **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, which is open to 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. 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 2021 year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that accordingly only an Independent Examination is needed.

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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.

In September 2019 Revd 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.

## Table of Elders

The Trustees of the Church during 2021 were:

Name	Date Elected	Date Stood Down	Office Held
Philip Barker	November 2019		
Joan Cox	November 2020		
Rhiannon Fenton-May	November 2020	August 2021	
Laura Fowler	November 2019		
Alastair Frew	November 2016		
Jason Gardner	November 2020		
Jacqui Goring	November 2020		
Heather Hall	November 2020		
Andrew Hughes	November 2020		
Tony Hughes	November 2020		
Sue Jones	November 2016		
Pat Lister	November 2020		
Ed Lyne	November 2020		
Bev Lyne	November 2018		
Mark Miles	November 2019		
Susan Miles	November 2016		
Alexandra Wheadon	November 2015	December 2021	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

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- 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 2021 was: 125.

The number of Junior Church children and young people at the same date was: 29.

During the pandemic we continued to hold weekly services using Zoom until 20th June. We held services on the church field and then returned to gathering in the church building on 25th July 2021. These services were completely COVID compliant and were available on Zoom for those not able to attend in person. During this time, we began a monthly afternoon tea service at 3pm. Other services included daily morning and evening online prayers, weekly prayer lunch, Messy Church and our 5.30pm weekly phone in service. For those in our fellowship who are not online we prepared and delivered a weekly pack which included daily liturgy, prayers, Sunday sermon and thoughts for the week. Bible studies and prayer groups have continued via zoom and have been well attended. In December we were pleased to welcome Rainbow Voices LGBT choir to lead a very enjoyable carol service. We also welcomed people from across the LGBTQ+ community as our representatives worked with Inclusive Church Birmingham towards the launch of Open Table services at our church.

During the year and despite the obvious difficulties caused by the pandemic, the Church continued with its forward-thinking plan. As we missed out on our Christmas celebrations last year due to the pandemic, we held a Christmas In June event on our church field, which was an opportunity for our community to join with us in celebration. Then as an expression of our concern for the environment and the fragility of God's creation our Wylder&Greener Eco group organised a Community Arts and Eco Festival in October which was well attended and extremely successful. We now have monthly social meet ups at a local restaurant or in church and also monthly film afternoons with tea and cake! We have continued to decorate our Church doors to share our Christian ethos with our neighbours. Our outside prayer box is still well used by people in the locality, and the prayers form part of our morning worship. Our crafty knitters have begun regular decoration of the post box situated outside our church which began by commemorating Remembrance Day and has continued through Christmas and beyond.

Our Junior Church is run and co-ordinated by Sue Jones. Junior Church is active on Sundays and caters for babies through to teenagers. During the school holidays we ran a holiday club for a week, with children from junior church and from our local community and at Christmas we had the welcome return of our junior church festival service. The Church also has 6 uniformed organisations: A Guide Unit (currently not meeting), one Brownie pack, one Rainbow Unit, a Scout Troop, a Cub Scout pack and a Beaver Colony.

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

A Badminton club, the Boldmere Recorded Music Society, a book group, the Church Choir, the Church Band, a Sunday lunch at a local restaurant for those people who live alone, and family lunches on the Church field. 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, where possible, they have resumed.

The Church hosts a Traidcraft shop that is usually open on Saturday mornings and after the morning and afternoon services on a Sunday. This has also been affected by the Church not being open for a significant 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 Churches Together in Boldmere, Banners Gate and Wylde Green, 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.

To ensure we stayed socially and legally compliant, Church services and prayer meetings were held over the internet using Zoom during the early part of the year. 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 had 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 windows, painting rooms, clearing and tidying cupboards and storage areas etc. Work outside included cutting the field and clearing vegetation from the unused tennis courts as well as 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 use of these funds. As such the Elders have liaised with the Fabric and Finance

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Committees in order to discuss and plan how these funds should be used to support the objectives of the church.

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

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

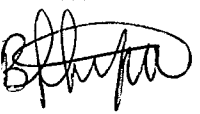
Whilst there is a current vacancy for Finance Convenor, within our Finance Committee, Elders are satisfied that the alternative measures of a link Elder is adequate for the stewardship of the charity's finances.

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 at the back of the Church Handbook.

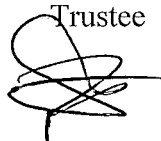
Prepared on behalf of the Trustees by Pat Lister and Bev Lyne

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Trustee

  
(MRS Bev Lyne)

Trustee

  
JASON GAMMETER

Date: 13th October 2022

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## Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

### Finance Committee Convenor's Report

I am pleased to present the Accounts for the year that ended on 31st December 2021. Due to the impact of COVID, these have again been finalised later than desirable, so I'd like to thank those involved for their continued application to this task, given the personal challenges we've all continued to face. I'm also grateful to the Finance Committee as a whole, particularly Kay, Robin and Andrew whose long-standing commitment and knowledge has continued to keep the financial management of the Church sound throughout the pandemic, especially when the Committee has been unable to meet in person.

Exceptionally, 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 being managed on an exceptional basis. As the COVID restrictions eased towards the middle of the year we were gradually able to resume many of the activities integral to Church Life that had been postponed for so long, and ultimately resume full use of the Church buildings that had been closed for much of the previous 18 months.

The key financial impact felt in the main part of 2020 was Regular Giving from the Congregation being lower and less regular, than previously, the loss of almost all Letting income and loose collections, balanced by reduced central charges from Synod, and a gain from Government COVID grants. It is pleasing to report that in 2021, Regular Giving, Letting income and loose collections steadily recovered during the second part of the year, whilst although we did not benefit from a continued reduction in Synod central charges, we continued to receive Government COVID grants at a substantial level.

General Funds receipts for 2021 (excluding Government grants) were £6,500 above 2020 (2020 receipts were £26,900 below 2019), with the recovery of Lettings being the main component. After concern over the likely strength of this recovery post-COVID, this was very welcome and Regular Giving and loose collections also strengthened as hoped, following the resumption of in-person worship and church based activities.

General Funds spending for 2021 (excluding the 2020 Synod central charges relief) was £11,500 above the 2020 level (2020 spending was £9,900 below 2019), with increases spread across all areas of expenditure, except Salaries, which remained stable throughout this time, as Elders decided not to furlough our employees, applying their time to COVID security measures and Fabric maintenance tasks not requiring specialist skills or materials.

The General Funds 2021 financial outcome, excluding Government grants, was a deficit of £17,900 (2020 deficit of £12,950 excluding exceptionals), however after including these credits, there was only a deficit of £1,600 (2020 surplus of £13,350). This total was after the spend of some £6,700 on Fabric Projects in respect of Room 2 modifications, CCTV improvements and the installation of WIFI throughout the Church premises. It should be noted that the Government COVID grants received in 2021 of £16,350 do not carry any liability for repayment.

The Trustees, the Congregation and their representatives continue to consider what the remaining Legacy Funds (around £83,000) may be applied to. The 2022 Budget includes £3,825 in respect of the cost of further security fencing to the Church field, aided by a 25% Synod grant. In addition to this the Tablet Fund of around £2,350 (included in the People & Outreach fund) is earmarked for Church Zoom and camera upgrades.

It is a matter of concern that following the end of my term of office, the Finance Convenor role has been vacant for all of 2022, as no Trustee has been prepared to take on the task. With the 2022 Budget showing a deficit of £9,000, which appears likely to be substantially exceeded, not least because of substantial Utility cost increases, the absence of this leadership is undesirable and although the Charity's on-going financial position and solvency remains broadly satisfactory, this position requires continual attention.

Presented by:  Date: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Dave Evans, Finance Committee Convenor 2018 to 2021

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## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

### 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 2021, 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 2022 by:



Brian Leather  
Independent Examiner



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## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity

### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

		General Funds	Legacy Fund	People & Outreach Funds	Fabric Projects Fund	<b>Total Funds</b>	Total Funds
						<b>2021</b>	2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>							
Congregational giving		58,210	-	-	-	<b>58,210</b>	58,426
Tax recovered		12,658	-	-	-	<b>12,658</b>	13,301
Lettings and COVID grants		34,456	-	-	-	<b>34,456</b>	23,517
Donations and grants	2	1,416	-	1,580	-	<b>2,996</b>	6,445
Investment income		308	-	-	-	<b>308</b>	535
Other income		2,447	-	-	-	<b>2,447</b>	485
Legacies		-	-	-	-	<b>-</b>	1,000
Total incoming resources		<u>109,495</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<b><u>111,075</u></b>	<u>103,709</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>							
URC disbursements		50,760	-	-	-	<b>50,760</b>	38,637
Salaries, fees & grants	3	24,174	-	-	-	<b>24,174</b>	24,292
Manse expenses	4	2,411	-	-	-	<b>2,411</b>	4,058
Church expenses	5	11,236	-	-	-	<b>11,236</b>	8,853
Fabric committee	6	6,975	-	-	6,709	<b>13,684</b>	6,095
General expenses		4,834	-	-	-	<b>4,834</b>	3,050
Subscriptions and donations	7	986	-	-	-	<b>986</b>	1,472
Church life	8	2,279	-	850	-	<b>3,129</b>	3,313
Fabric Project allocation	10	7,415	-	-	(7,415)	<b>-</b>	(200)
Total resources expended		<u>111,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850</u>	<u>(706)</u>	<b><u>111,214</u></b>	<u>89,570</u>
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources		(1,575)	-	730	706	<b>(139)</b>	14,139
Fund balances at 1 January		56,366	82,840	11,396	3,119	<b>153,721</b>	139,582
Fund balances at 31 December		<u>54,791</u>	<u>82,840</u>	<u>12,126</u>	<u>3,825</u>	<b><u>153,582</u></b>	<u>153,721</u>

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

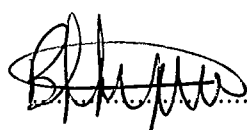
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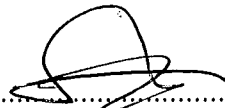
## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

		Total funds	Total funds
		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	3,569	3,303
Cash on deposit	12	125,242	133,741
Cash at bank		29,740	18,727
		<u>158,551</u>	<u>155,771</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	4,969	2,050
Net current assets		<u>153,582</u>	<u>153,721</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
<b>Net total assets</b>		<u><b>153,582</b></u>	<u><b>153,721</b></u>
Reserves			
General Funds		54,791	56,366
Legacy Fund	9	82,840	82,840
People & Outreach Funds		12,126	11,396
Fabric Projects Fund		3,825	3,119
<b>Total reserves</b>		<u><b>153,582</b></u>	<u><b>153,721</b></u>

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

Approved by the Trustees on 13th October 2022 and authorised to be signed on their behalf by:

  
Trustee  
(Mrs Bev Lyne)

  
Trustee **JASON GARDINER**

## Wylde Green United Reformed Church Charity Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

### 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 2021 are included as income in 2021. 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 2021, is included as income in 2021.

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## 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

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>General Funds</b>		
Mothers & Toddlers Group	560	1,680
Britwell Circle	0	150
From former member	275	0
Friday Friendship	0	50
ECO Festival	110	0
Music Events	47	0
Traidcraft	0	1,500
Badminton	150	155
Baptism, wedding & funeral donations	150	0
Fees donated	0	250
Uniformed Organisations	0	20
Others	124	0
	<u>1,416</u>	<u>3,805</u>
<b>People &amp; Outreach Fund (incl. Tablets)</b>		
Congregational donations	580	1,640
Field Shed donation from member	1,000	0
Synod & Legacy funding for Tablets	0	2,000
	<u>1,580</u>	<u>3,640</u>
<b>Total (including 2020 Legacy transfer)</b>	<u>2,996</u>	<u>7,445</u>

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## 3 Salaries, fees & grants

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries		
Minister's car and book allowances (after 20% Synod recovery)	1,092	996
Pulpit & Organist supply	0	80
Caretakers, cleaners and others	22,489	22,629
Employers' NIC & Pension contributions	593	587
	<u>24,174</u>	<u>24,292</u>

## 4 Manse expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Council tax (after 20% Synod recovery)	1,739	1,654
Water & (2020) Insurance (after 20% Synod recovery)	136	406
Repairs & renewals (after £500 Synod Grants & (2020) £250 Minister contribution)	536	1,998
	<u>2,411</u>	<u>4,058</u>

## 5 Church expenses

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gas	3,416	2,108
Insurance	4,733	4,573
Electricity	2,211	1,364
Water	329	298
Rates	46	20
Telephone & WIFI	501	490
	<u>11,236</u>	<u>8,853</u>

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## 6 Fabric Committee

	2021	2020
	£	£
Church and halls	6,975	4,165
Fabric Projects Fund (see also Note 10)	6,709	1,930
	<u>13,684</u>	<u>6,095</u>

## 7 Subscriptions & donations made

	2021	2020
	£	£
Levenson Foundation	8	8
DEC: Coronavirus Appeal	0	250
URC Silence & Retreats network	20	20
Christmas Appeals (Note 14)	776	800
CTBBGWG (subscription)	80	0
Synod Officers' retirements	0	50
Christian Aid re. Vaccines appeal (Note 14)	47	0
Leprosy Mission	0	44
Traidcraft re. Foodbank goods donation	0	300
Christian Aid re. Afghanistan (Note 14)	55	0
Others	0	0
	<u>986</u>	<u>1,472</u>

## 8 Church life

	2021	2020
	£	£
COVID costs	176	570
Junior & Messy Church	863	104
Flower fund	0	300
Annual Copyright Licences	217	562
Sundry, ECO Festival & Others	1,023	659
	<u>2,279</u>	<u>2,195</u>
Field Shed (2021) / Tablets (2020)	850	1,118
	<u>3,129</u>	<u>3,313</u>

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## 9 Legacy Fund

	2021 £	2020 £
Total brought-forward	<u>82,840</u>	<u>82,640</u>
Received from Executors	0	1,000
Allocations	<u>0</u>	<u>(800)</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>200</u>
Total carried-forward	<u>82,840</u>	<u>82,840</u>

In 2017 the Legacy Fund received unconditional legacies from three estates and 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 (2022) valuations for insurance purposes are shown below:-

Britwell Road, Sutton Coldfield, Church premises & all associated assets £8,556,327  
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  
In 2021 £3,609 was spent on Room 2 modifications, £1,486 on CCTV improvements and £1,614 to install WIFI throughout the Church premises

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## 11 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Lettings and COVID grants	1,878	1,334
Prepayments	321	368
Other debtors	1,370	1,601
	<u>3,569</u>	<u>3,303</u>

## 12 Investments

90 & 30 day Charity deposit accounts are held with the Teachers Building Society standing at £85,000 (2020: £77,500), with a Churches' Mutual Credit Union account having a balance of £40,234 (2020: £25,234). A Charities' Deposit Account with CCLA Investment Management Limited was also held, the amount deposited in this account was £8 at the year-end (2020: £31,007) and it was closed in 2022.

## 13 Creditors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Commitment for Life	450	448
Utilities	1,013	396
Other creditors & accruals	3,448	348
Amounts held for Church purposes:		
Choir gown fund	58	58
Christmas Collections	0	800
	<u>4,969</u>	<u>2,050</u>

## 14 Donations passing through church funds

	2021
	£
Commitment for Life	1,798
ECO Festival donations	390
Red Cross: UK Refugees from Afghanistan	454
Christian Aid (Note 7)	
- Vaccines	168
- Afghanistan	245
Christmas Appeals (Note 7)	
- St Basil's	112
- DEC: Afghanistan crisis	112