

## **Jesmond United Reformed Church**

**Registered Charity No. 1137613**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

#### **Administrative Information**

Jesmond United Reformed Church Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and is a member church of the Northern Synod of the Church. It was registered on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010 as Charity Number 1137613.

Jesmond United Reformed Church is situated at  
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The Church Office is normally open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 4.00pm, and on Fridays from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The Trustees during the period of this report were:

Revd Ryan Sirmons (Chair of Trustees)  
Mrs Moira Copeland (from 1 November 2022)  
Mrs Lindsay Cross (from 1 November 2022)  
Miss Jean Degenhardt  
Mr Chris Hodder (from 1 November 2022)  
Mrs Helen Hodder (from 1 November 2022)  
Dr Mae Piggot (to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)  
Dr Alison Shiel  
Mr Ian Whaley (to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022)

The appointed independent examiner is Mr David L. Kilner FCA, 7 Eldon Square, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7JG.

The church buildings and Haldane House (formerly the Manse) are vested in the Northern Synod Trust of the URC as trustees and held for the benefit of Jesmond URC in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The activities of Jesmond United Reformed Church are overseen by the Trustees within the Elders' Meeting of the Church, in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and supplemented by the rules of the Church. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted by the Church Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are the Minister in pastoral charge and the Elders, who are nominated and elected by church members at the Annual Church Meeting. The Church Secretary is appointed for twelve months, yearly at the Annual Church Meeting.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the spiritual leadership and pastoral care of the congregation. The Management Committee is responsible for the areas of Finance, Property, and

'Housekeeping'. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the church and is invited to approve recommendations from the Elders' Meeting.

The Elders' Meeting met 11 times during the period under review. It assisted in the administration of the church and considered recommendations from the Management Committee concerning property matters. The Church Meeting met quarterly.

## **Objectives**

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Jesmond URC seeks to advance the Christian faith, through its activities and the facilities offered by its buildings, for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church. This is described more specifically in its Mission Statement:

'To witness to the love of Christ in the community and to use all our resources to this end'.

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in 'The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit' and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care, and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

## **Review of Activities and Achievements during 2022**

**Introduction:** during 2022, the regular activities of Jesmond URC gradually recommenced following the Coronavirus pandemic. We welcomed three new members during the year. On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the membership stood at 47, with 21 adherents.

**Ministry:** Jesmond URC is part of the Newcastle North West and Central Joint Pastorate of the URC Northern Synod, with three other United Reformed Churches – St Andrew's Kenton, St James's, and West End. Our Minister since September 2021 has been the Revd Ryan Sirmons.

**Services:** morning services were held each Sunday at 10.45am, with additional services at Easter, Christmas and other church festivals. Messy Church met monthly in 2022. Visiting preachers led a considerable number of services; their willingness to help is universally appreciated. A number of members of the congregation are also very willing to lead services, including some who conduct Communion services, in church and in members' homes.

**Vision Day, October 2022:** this event, led by the Revds Cameron Trimble and 'Frin Lewis-Smith, was an important event in the life of the church, enabling us to express hopes and formulate plans for the future, particularly in the area of outreach and community engagement.

**Ukraine Support Group:** In response to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees in the north-east, a Ukrainian Refugee Mission group was formed to co-ordinate the support provided by local churches. A programme of activities based in local churches welcoming refugees was sent to Newcastle City Council in September 2022 for circulation to those hosting Ukrainian refugees.

**Student placement:** Roberta Ritson, a final-year student on a non-stipendiary ministry course at Scottish College, was on a 6-month placement within the Pastorate from September 2022. Roberta's involvement in the life of the church, working alongside our Minister, was greatly appreciated.

**Teaching and learning:** Elders and church members attended various online and in-person courses and talks provided by Northern Synod, including safeguarding courses.

**Buildings and lettings:** the church buildings comprise the church, large hall, Cuthbert Room, Aidan Room, Bede Room, foyer, kitchen, Session Room and caretakers' flat. All these spaces were let on a regular basis to various community groups, including Alcoholics Anonymous (2 groups), Newcastle Musical Theatre Company, Northumberland Orchestral Society, Rock Choir, Piano Club, yoga and fitness groups, and meetings hosted by local councillors. They were also used for parties and social events. The former caretaker's flat continued to be let through an agent employed by the church.

The church itself is now a well-known venue for concerts by professional and amateur groups.

There are four further rooms and kitchen in Haldane House, a nearby property owned by the church. These are let to Tynemouth Nursery, providing very useful income for the church.

**Financial Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic:** Government imposed restrictions arising from the Covid-19 Pandemic which significantly impacted the life of the Church in 2020 were gradually lifted with the result that room hire income has gradually returned to pre-pandemic levels.

**Haldane House Community Wildlife Garden:** this garden, created from the former Manse Garden with the aid of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, is now well-established. It is very rewarding to see the garden being so well used by local residents, in an area where few people have large gardens.

**Giving to Others:** the church donated 5% of its donated income to outside causes during 2022. These were Commitment for Life (Bangladesh), Operation Mobilisation, and Samos Volunteers. It also supported two children through World Vision. The church also continued to support local food banks.

A reduced door-to-door collection was carried out during Christian Aid Week in 2022, but church members were encouraged to donate to Christian Aid by other means. The church is a Fairtrade Church and uses fairly-traded tea, coffee and other refreshments whenever possible.

**Dementia Friendly:** Jesmond URC is a dementia-friendly church and is developing links with local care homes in this regard. 'Singing for Fun', and monthly short services of worship, both led by church members, were resumed in a local care home in June 2022.

**Safeguarding:** During 2022, two Messy Church volunteers completed the URC Foundation Safeguarding training and 6 volunteers completed the Intermediate training. The annual Safeguarding policy review took place in November 2022.

**Church Prayers:** prayer is an important part of the life of Jesmond URC. Members continue to pray together in their own homes at 9am or 9pm on Mondays, including any prayers received through the prayer circle, prayer tree or prayer request box. Some members of the church go on prayer walks in the local area.

**Youth Opportunities Scheme:** Jesmond URC expressed interest in this URC scheme, hoping to employ one or two young people to become part of the life of the church, involving themselves with existing activities as well as developing their own projects, with mentoring from church members.

**Pioneer Worker:** during 2022 plans began to be formulated to employ a full time Pioneer Worker to work with Children and Families across the Newcastle North West and Central Pastorate.

**Church-Related Community Worker (CRCW):** Discussions were held during the year to consider a proposal to apply for a Church-Related Community Worker to work between Jesmond URC and St James's URC in Newcastle City Centre as part of the churches' desire to strengthen links with local communities.

**Formation of 'Green Team':** a pastorate-wide 'Green Team' was formed in December 2022 to begin thinking about ways in which the churches might become more sustainable and eco-friendly and to make plans to register as an Eco Church.

**The Wednesday Meeting:** these fortnightly meetings, involving a talk by a visiting speaker, were resumed in 2022 after a break during the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Jesmond Sings:** this community choir is led by members of the church and attended by church members as well as members of the wider community. It usually performs at the Jesmond Community Festival, and at various other community events as well as church events.

**Ecumenical links:** Jesmond URC is part of 'Churches Together in Jesmond', and enjoys a growing link with St George's, Jesmond, a local Anglican church.

**Social/community events:** with community engagement in mind, a number of events took place during 2022, including Heritage Open Days, a Christmas Eve Reception and Service, and a dramatic presentation, 'I Am Mark'.

**Tyneside Scottish Association:** the church has a very fine war memorial by Walter Gilbert and is the Custodian of the Colour of the Tyneside Scottish 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. With a grant received from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Colour was restored during 2017. This enabled the church to build a relationship with the current Tyneside Scottish Association, which now holds an annual Remembrance Ceremony in the church on Remembrance Saturday.

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All these activities and events would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of members of the congregation.

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**Policies:** Jesmond URC regularly reviews and updates its GDPR and Safeguarding Policies, and those associated with the church undergo regular DBS checks where appropriate.

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## **Financial Review**

Copy accounts for period end 31 Dec 2022 attached  
Total receipts £145,278  
Total payments £123,818  
Surplus £21,460

## **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of Jesmond URC to hold funds in reserve in the unrestricted General Fund to cover the following items of expenditure in the event of unforeseen loss of income.

Six months running costs

Project costs

Redundancy payments

This policy is reviewed annually.

Six months running costs: 31 December 2022: £58,682  
Project costs: £6,920  
Redundancy payments: £5,100  
Total: £70,702

Unrestricted General Fund: 31 December 2022: £169,334

Jesmond URC is compliant with the agreed Reserves Policy.

### **Additional information**

The charity's principal sources of funds are as follows:

- Charitable giving receipts from members, adherents and the general public
- Income from property rental
- Income from hire of church buildings to community groups

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Previous Year 2021 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Offerings		31,719	-	-	31,719	28,967
Fund raising and donations		2,171	-	71	2,242	892
Programme activity income		-	-	-	-	0
Monies raised for outside causes	3	-	-	4,528	4,528	3,307
Gift Aid tax repayments		6,773	-	1,021	7,795	6,967
Property: church/hall lettings		39,667	-	-	39,667	23,995
Property: church flat lettings		7,200	-	-	7,200	7,200
Property: Haldane House lettings	4	47,764	-	-	47,764	41,830
Reimbursements Received		-	-	-	-	14,780
Grants received	5	911	-	-	911	7,663
Bank interest and investment income		3,453	-	-	3,453	4,144
Received from Manse Fund		-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>139,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>145,278</b>	<b>144,746</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Ministry & Mission Fund		21,332	-	-	21,332	19,393
Ministry/Group expenses		3,025	-	-	3,025	2,113
Church running costs	6	66,015	-	-	66,015	62,569
Haldane House running costs	7	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,128
Programme activity costs		2,418	-	-	2,418	1,660
Support of outside causes	8	7,056	-	5,549	12,605	9,270
Maintenance of church buildings	9	14,494	907	-	15,401	16,657
Maintenance of Haldane House	10	1,867	-	-	1,867	13,265
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>117,363</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>123,818</b>	<b>126,054</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>22,295</b>	<b>(907)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>21,459</b>	<b>18,692</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>		<b>147,040</b>	<b>10,423</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>157,864</b>	<b>139,172</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December</b>		<b>169,334</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>179,324</b>	<b>157,864</b>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Previous Year 2021 Total £
<b>Monetary assets</b>						
Bank and Cash Accounts		169,334	9,518	473	179,324	157,864
<b>Other assets</b>						
Investments at market value	12	96,020	-	-	96,020	108,651
<b>Assets used for church purposes</b>						
Buildings	13	Church buildings and Haldane House Organ, furnishings and equipment				
Contents	13					
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Significant creditors		-	-	-	-	-

APPROVED by the Church Meeting on

and signed on its behalf

by ALISON SHIEL (name)

2/4/23

The notes on pages 2 - 4 form part of this financial statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 130, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church guidance. All figures have been rounded to the nearest pound.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes : they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Joyce Herbert Bequest	9,673	-	- 907	-	8,766
Piano Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Star Fund at the Community Foundation	750	-	-	-	750
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<b>10,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,516</b>

Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Outside Causes	-	3,156	- 3,156	-	-
Commitment for Life	-	1,939	- 1,939	-	-
Community Garden Fund	402	71	-	-	473
Other Third Parties	-	454	- 454	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>- 5,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>473</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>3 MONIES RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES</b>					
Donations for Outside Causes	-	-	2,674	2,674	1,157
Commitment for Life	-	-	1,400	1,400	2,150
Other third parties	-	-	454	454	-
<b>Total raised for outside causes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,528</b>	<b>4,528</b>	<b>3,307</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>4 PROPERTY: HALDANE HOUSE LETTINGS</b>					
Haldane House ground floor	39,984	-	-	39,984	37,170
Haldane House flat 51A	5,980	-	-	5,980	2,860
Haldane House: Garage Rents	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
<b>Total Haldane House property income</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>41,830</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>5 GRANTS RECEIVED</b>					
HMRC - Furlough Grant Scheme	-	-	-	-	2,772
DCMS Grant	-	-	-	-	1,258
Other Grants Received	911	-	-	911	3,633
<b>Total grants received</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>7,663</b>



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	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>6 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Gas and electricity	11,035	-	-	11,035	9,171
Insurance	8,188	-	-	8,188	7,996
Water rates	92	-	-	92	58
Telephone	699	-	-	699	714
Office Administrator salary (incl. tax)	17,980	-	-	17,980	17,808
Stationery and photocopying	1,567	-	-	1,567	1,688
Publications and other expenses	79	-	-	79	79
Licences and music	278	-	-	278	558
Cleaning	7,516	-	-	7,516	4,445
Organ/piano maintenance	894	-	-	894	1,385
Equipment	1,101	-	-	1,101	3,620
Accountancy and Payroll Fees	3,553	-	-	3,553	2,530
Professional Fees	3,154	-	-	3,154	1,930
Church Helper Salary	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,105
Church Caretaker Salary	6,500	-	-	6,500	8,285
Flowers/garden	2,205	-	-	2,205	1,196
<b>Total church running costs</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>62,569</b>
<b>7 HALDANE HOUSE RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Insurance	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,128
<b>Total Haldane House running costs</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,128</b>
<b>8 SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES</b>					
Subscriptions	25	-	-	25	25
Donations from General Fund	7,031	-	-	7,031	5,219
Outside Causes	-	-	3,156	3,156	1,413
Commitment for Life	-	-	1,939	1,939	2,613
Other third parties	-	-	454	454	-
<b>Total support of outside causes</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>12,605</b>	<b>9,270</b>
<b>9 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>					
Decorating	-	-	-	-	670
Electrical Repairs	8,851	-	-	8,851	3,494
Plumbing Repairs	-	-	-	-	7,792
Roof Repairs	1,129	-	-	1,129	-
Other property Repairs	3,054	-	-	3,054	1,897
Servicing	1,042	-	-	1,042	1,561
Church Flat Renovations	-	391	-	391	283
Church Flat Other Payments	-	516	-	516	32
Letting Agents Fee	270	-	-	270	468
Equipment	148	-	-	148	461
<b>Total maintenance of church buildings</b>	<b>14,494</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,401</b>	<b>16,657</b>
<b>10 MAINTENANCE OF HALDANE HOUSE</b>					
Repair, redecoration and other work	147	-	-	147	419
Agent's fees for flat 51A	897	-	-	897	429
Upkeep of Flat 51A	13	-	-	13	11,626
Servicing	810	-	-	810	576
51A Utilities	-	-	-	-	215
<b>Total maintenance of Haldane House</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>13,265</b>

**11 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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**12 INVESTMENTS HELD FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

These largely comprise three bequests: The Col. JR Hall, the GL Young bequest and the TW Crawford bequest.

The income from these bequests is paid to the General fund.

The holdings and value of the investments is shown as follows:

	2022			2021	
	Units	Market Value £	Income £	Units	Market Value £
Hall bequest	23	417	12	23	472
Young bequest	639	11,596	347	639	13,122
Crawford bequest	4,188	76,003	2,273	4,188	86,001
Other	441	8,003	239	441	9,056
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>96,020</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>108,651</b>

All units, market values and income have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

**13 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

The church and hall buildings are insured by the church for £11,662,518 and Haldane House for £2,290,972.

In addition, tenants improvements to Haldane House are insured and shown separately as £10,808.

The organ, furniture, equipment and contents of the church and Haldane House are insured by the church for £1,148,648.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Appendix 1**

**JOINT PASTORATE ACCOUNT**  
**MINISTERIAL EXPENSES & SET UP**

	<b>This Year 2022 Total £</b>	<b>Last Year 2021 Total £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Support from West End	1,691	1,814
Support from Jesmond	2,111	2,454
Support from St James	1,271	1,174
Support from St Andrews	1,691	1,814
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>7,255</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Car mileage	427	-
Car Allowance and Employers NI	1,374	455
Minister's expenses	905	1,066
Training	376	-
Council tax	2,030	311
Phone (including broadband)	480	229
Water rates	305	45
Induction costs/gifts	-	1,918
Set up fund	75	-
Manse repairs/improvements	-	1,982
Manse - Council Tax	-	-
Manse - Building Insurance	-	-
Manse - Boiler Service	-	-
Manse - Phone	-	-
Manse - Water Rates	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,007</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>1,249</b>
<b>Joint Pastorate Account</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,249</b>
<b>Balance apportioned between</b>		
West End 25%	529	312.14
Jesmond 35%	741	436.99
St James 15%	318	187.28
St Andrews 25%	529	312.14
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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Appendix 1

JOINT PASTORATE ACCOUNT  
MANSE COMPENSATION FUND

	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Support from West End	-	-
Support from Jesmond	-	-
Support from St James	-	-
Support from St Andrews	-	-
Building Insurance refund	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-
<b>Payments</b>		
Building Insurance	-	-
Boiler service	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		-
<b>Transfer from Pastorate/Ministerial exp Fund</b>	75	-
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>	- 75	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	-	-

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MANSE FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 242567

	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Rent (see note a)	27,144	28,314
Utilities	-	2,730
Bank interest and investment income	1,404	725
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>28,548</b>	<b>31,769</b>
<b>Payments</b> (see notes b and c)		
Joint pastorate housing contribution	3,360	3,479
Agent's fees	5,157	4,874
Utilities management fees	-	137
Furnishings and fittings	579	481
Utilities	-	2,857
Insurance	1,155	1,128
Servicing, repairs and maintenance	6,940	8,989
Gardening, cleaning and other	1,016	720
Payments to JURC General Fund	-	5,000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,207</b>	<b>27,664</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>10,341</b>	<b>4,105</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b> (see note d)	-	-
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>	<b>91,974</b>	<b>87,869</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December</b>	<b>102,315</b>	<b>91,974</b>

## Note:

- The Manse Fund receives income from the letting of the manse.
- The cost of maintaining the manse is charged to the Manse Fund.
- Where appropriate, the cost of work at Haldane House is apportioned between Jesmond URC General Fund and the Manse Fund.
- Any balance above £5,000 in the Manse Fund can be applied for general church purposes.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Previous Year 2021 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
Offerings		31,719	-	-	31,719	28,967
Fund raising and donations		2,171	-	71	2,242	892
Programme activity income		-	-	-	-	0
Monies raised for outside causes	3	-	-	4,528	4,528	3,307
Gift Aid tax repayments		6,773	-	1,021	7,795	6,967
Property: church/hall lettings		39,667	-	-	39,667	23,995
Property: church flat lettings		7,200	-	-	7,200	7,200
Property: Haldane House lettings	4	47,764	-	-	47,764	41,830
Reimbursements Received		-	-	-	-	14,780
Grants received	5	911	-	-	911	7,663
Bank interest and investment income		3,453	-	-	3,453	4,144
Received from Manse Fund		-	-	-	-	5,000
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>139,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>145,278</b>	<b>144,746</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
Ministry & Mission Fund		21,332	-	-	21,332	19,393
Ministry/Group expenses		3,025	-	-	3,025	2,113
Church running costs	6	66,015	-	-	66,015	62,569
Haldane House running costs	7	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,128
Programme activity costs		2,418	-	-	2,418	1,660
Support of outside causes	8	7,056	-	5,549	12,605	9,270
Maintenance of church buildings	9	14,494	907	-	15,401	16,657
Maintenance of Haldane House	10	1,867	-	-	1,867	13,265
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>117,363</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>123,818</b>	<b>126,054</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>22,295</b>	<b>(907)</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>21,459</b>	<b>18,692</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>		<b>147,040</b>	<b>10,423</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>157,864</b>	<b>139,172</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December</b>		<b>169,334</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>179,324</b>	<b>157,864</b>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Previous Year 2021 Total £
<b>Monetary assets</b>						
Bank and Cash Accounts		169,334	9,518	473	179,324	157,864
<b>Other assets</b>						
Investments at market value	12	96,020	-	-	96,020	108,651
<b>Assets used for church purposes</b>						
Buildings	13	Church buildings and Haldane House Organ, furnishings and equipment				
Contents	13					
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Significant creditors		-	-	-	-	-

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and signed on its behalf

by ALISON SHIEL (name)

2/4/23

The notes on pages 2 - 4 form part of this financial statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 130, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church guidance. All figures have been rounded to the nearest pound.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes : they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Joyce Herbert Bequest	9,673	-	- 907	-	8,766
Piano Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Star Fund at the Community Foundation	750	-	-	-	750
<b>Total designated funds</b>	<b>10,424</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,516</b>

Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Outside Causes	-	3,156	- 3,156	-	-
Commitment for Life	-	1,939	- 1,939	-	-
Community Garden Fund	402	71	-	-	473
Other Third Parties	-	454	- 454	-	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,620</b>	<b>- 5,549</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>473</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>3 MONIES RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES</b>					
Donations for Outside Causes	-	-	2,674	2,674	1,157
Commitment for Life	-	-	1,400	1,400	2,150
Other third parties	-	-	454	454	-
<b>Total raised for outside causes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,528</b>	<b>4,528</b>	<b>3,307</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>4 PROPERTY: HALDANE HOUSE LETTINGS</b>					
Haldane House ground floor	39,984	-	-	39,984	37,170
Haldane House flat 51A	5,980	-	-	5,980	2,860
Haldane House: Garage Rents	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
<b>Total Haldane House property income</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,764</b>	<b>41,830</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>5 GRANTS RECEIVED</b>					
HMRC - Furlough Grant Scheme	-	-	-	-	2,772
DCMS Grant	-	-	-	-	1,258
Other Grants Received	911	-	-	911	3,633
<b>Total grants received</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>7,663</b>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

NOTES - continued

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>6 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Gas and electricity	11,035	-	-	11,035	9,171
Insurance	8,188	-	-	8,188	7,996
Water rates	92	-	-	92	58
Telephone	699	-	-	699	714
Office Administrator salary (incl. tax)	17,980	-	-	17,980	17,808
Stationery and photocopying	1,567	-	-	1,567	1,688
Publications and other expenses	79	-	-	79	79
Licences and music	278	-	-	278	558
Cleaning	7,516	-	-	7,516	4,445
Organ/piano maintenance	894	-	-	894	1,385
Equipment	1,101	-	-	1,101	3,620
Accountancy and Payroll Fees	3,553	-	-	3,553	2,530
Professional Fees	3,154	-	-	3,154	1,930
Church Helper Salary	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,105
Church Caretaker Salary	6,500	-	-	6,500	8,285
Flowers/garden	2,205	-	-	2,205	1,196
<b>Total church running costs</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>62,569</b>
<b>7 HALDANE HOUSE RUNNING COSTS</b>					
Insurance	1,155	-	-	1,155	1,128
<b>Total Haldane House running costs</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,128</b>
<b>8 SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES</b>					
Subscriptions	25	-	-	25	25
Donations from General Fund	7,031	-	-	7,031	5,219
Outside Causes	-	-	3,156	3,156	1,413
Commitment for Life	-	-	1,939	1,939	2,613
Other third parties	-	-	454	454	-
<b>Total support of outside causes</b>	<b>7,056</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>12,605</b>	<b>9,270</b>
<b>9 MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS</b>					
Decorating	-	-	-	-	670
Electrical Repairs	8,851	-	-	8,851	3,494
Plumbing Repairs	-	-	-	-	7,792
Roof Repairs	1,129	-	-	1,129	-
Other property Repairs	3,054	-	-	3,054	1,897
Servicing	1,042	-	-	1,042	1,561
Church Flat Renovations	-	391	-	391	283
Church Flat Other Payments	-	516	-	516	32
Letting Agents Fee	270	-	-	270	468
Equipment	148	-	-	148	461
<b>Total maintenance of church buildings</b>	<b>14,494</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,401</b>	<b>16,657</b>
<b>10 MAINTENANCE OF HALDANE HOUSE</b>					
Repair, redecoration and other work	147	-	-	147	419
Agent's fees for flat 51A	897	-	-	897	429
Upkeep of Flat 51A	13	-	-	13	11,626
Servicing	810	-	-	810	576
51A Utilities	-	-	-	-	215
<b>Total maintenance of Haldane House</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>13,265</b>

**11 MONETARY ASSETS**

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds.

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**12 INVESTMENTS HELD FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

These largely comprise three bequests: The Col. JR Hall, the GL Young bequest and the TW Crawford bequest.

The income from these bequests is paid to the General fund.

The holdings and value of the investments is shown as follows:

	2022			2021	
	Units	Market Value £	Income £	Units	Market Value £
Hall bequest	23	417	12	23	472
Young bequest	639	11,596	347	639	13,122
Crawford bequest	4,188	76,003	2,273	4,188	86,001
Other	441	8,003	239	441	9,056
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>96,020</b>	<b>2,871</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>108,651</b>

All units, market values and income have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

**13 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES**

The church and hall buildings are insured by the church for £11,662,518 and Haldane House for £2,290,972.

In addition, tenants improvements to Haldane House are insured and shown separately as £10,808.

The organ, furniture, equipment and contents of the church and Haldane House are insured by the church for £1,148,648.



**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Appendix 1**

**JOINT PASTORATE ACCOUNT**  
**MINISTERIAL EXPENSES & SET UP**

	<b>This Year 2022 Total £</b>	<b>Last Year 2021 Total £</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Support from West End	1,691	1,814
Support from Jesmond	2,111	2,454
Support from St James	1,271	1,174
Support from St Andrews	1,691	1,814
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>7,255</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Car mileage	427	-
Car Allowance and Employers NI	1,374	455
Minister's expenses	905	1,066
Training	376	-
Council tax	2,030	311
Phone (including broadband)	480	229
Water rates	305	45
Induction costs/gifts	-	1,918
Set up fund	75	-
Manse repairs/improvements	-	1,982
Manse - Council Tax	-	-
Manse - Building Insurance	-	-
Manse - Boiler Service	-	-
Manse - Phone	-	-
Manse - Water Rates	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>6,007</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>1,249</b>
<b>Joint Pastorate Account</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,249</b>
<b>Balance apportioned between</b>		
West End 25%	529	312.14
Jesmond 35%	741	436.99
St James 15%	318	187.28
St Andrews 25%	529	312.14
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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JOINT PASTORATE ACCOUNT  
MANSE COMPENSATION FUND

**This Year  
2022  
Total £**

**Last Year  
2021  
Total £**

**Receipts**

Support from West End  
Support from Jesmond  
Support from St James  
Support from St Andrews  
Building Insurance refund

-  
-  
-  
-  
-

-  
-  
-  
-  
-

**Total receipts**

-

-

**Payments**

Building Insurance  
Boiler service

-  
-

-  
-

**Total payments**

-

-

**NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)**

-

-

**Transfer from Pastorate/Ministerial exp Fund**

75

-

**CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January**

- 75

-

**Balance at 31 December 2022**

-

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MANSE FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 242567

	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Rent (see note a)	27,144	28,314
Utilities	-	2,730
Bank interest and investment income	1,404	725
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>28,548</b>	<b>31,769</b>
<b>Payments</b> (see notes b and c)		
Joint pastorate housing contribution	3,360	3,479
Agent's fees	5,157	4,874
Utilities management fees	-	137
Furnishings and fittings	579	481
Utilities	-	2,857
Insurance	1,155	1,128
Servicing, repairs and maintenance	6,940	8,989
Gardening, cleaning and other	1,016	720
Payments to JURC General Fund	-	5,000
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,207</b>	<b>27,664</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>10,341</b>	<b>4,105</b>
<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b> (see note d)	-	-
<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>	<b>91,974</b>	<b>87,869</b>
<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December</b>	<b>102,315</b>	<b>91,974</b>

## Note:

- The Manse Fund receives income from the letting of the manse.
- The cost of maintaining the manse is charged to the Manse Fund.
- Where appropriate, the cost of work at Haldane House is apportioned between Jesmond URC General Fund and the Manse Fund.
- Any balance above £5,000 in the Manse Fund can be applied for general church purposes.

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