

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1138055

Details

Other names	FARNAHM URC CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-09-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address Farnham United Reformed Church
South Street
Farnham
GU9 7QU

Phone 01252726306

Email office@spirechurchfarnham.org.uk

Website www.spirechurchfarnham.org.uk

Activities

Objects: The object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Scheme of Union of the United Reformed Church.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Hampshire
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£139,856	£139,593	-	-
2023-12-31	£156,709	£138,069	-	-
2022-12-31	£178,151	£128,179	-	-
2021-12-31	£144,401	£98,984	-	-
2020-12-31	£84,331	£83,290	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Loveday Noakes		2018-09-01
Ann Pook		2018-09-01
Caroline Anne Gaines		2024-10-20
David James Tropman		2023-09-01
Dawn Pilkington		2024-09-01
Elizabeth Suzannah Dawson		2019-09-01
Heather Joy Richards		2018-09-01
Ian Charles Sargeant		2018-09-01
Janet Elizabeth Stone		2018-09-01
Joy Everingham		2024-09-01
Margaret Maskelyne Johnson		2021-09-01
Melvin Roger Verster		2023-09-01
Rev Philip Mark Simpkins		2019-09-01
Roy Thomas Davenport		2019-09-01
Roy Walter Francis Beard		2019-09-01
Stephen George Dobbs		2023-09-01
Valerie Joy Jarvis		2022-09-01

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- The Revd Dr Michael Hopkins (to 28 February 2024)
- The Revd Wayne Hawkins (from 01 March 2024)
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- Mr Roy Beard
- Mr Roy Davenport
- Mrs Sue Dawson
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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout 2024, the church continued to provide public worship, preach the Gospel, and administer sacraments. Key activities included:

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Significant progress was made on the Pilgrim Project, aimed at refurbishing and developing the church building. Fundraising activities are ongoing, and donations and grants are being sought to support the project. Due to rising costs and the timescale the project has been subdivided into nine phases with the aim of phases 1-3 being completed by the end of 2026.


FINANCIAL REVIEW

The church's accounts for the year show a surplus of £263 compared to a surplus of £18,640 in the previous year.

This report was approved by the trustees at their meeting on 16 July 2025. Two trustees were authorised to sign the accounts and report on behalf of the board.



Philip Simpkins (Minister)



Alison Noakes (Church Secretary)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

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Signed:

M L Williamson

Date:

8/4/25

Name:

Michael Williamson

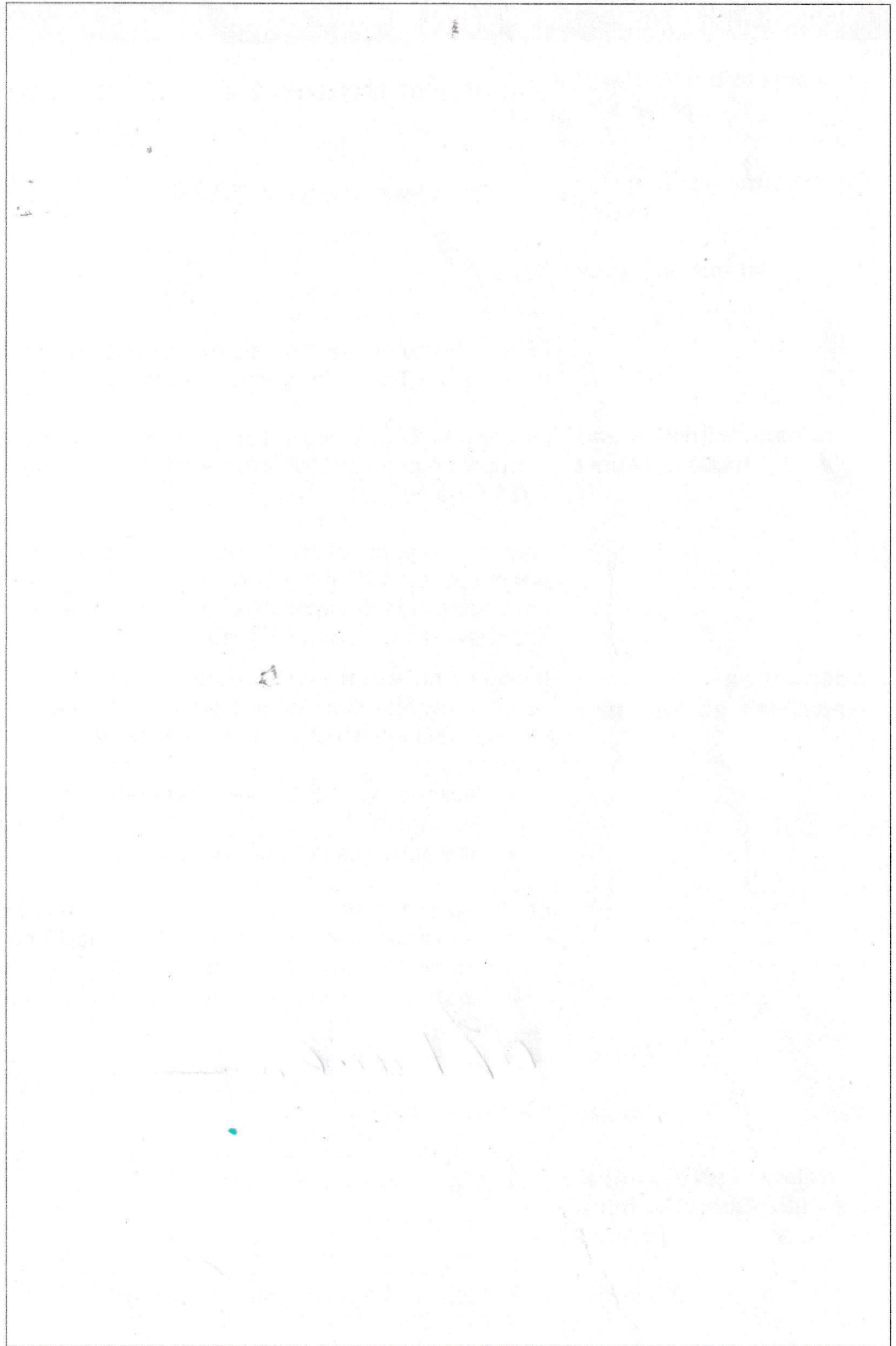
Relevant professional
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Address:

8 Glynswood, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 4TN

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

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





Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-24	To	31-Dec-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving to General Funds	4,686	5,870	-	10,556	13,174
Sales of Refreshments & Sundry Goods	74,485	-	-	74,485	75,578
Grants from Spire Church & Others	-	-	-	-	14,169
Fundraising Events (net)	4,010	6,735	-	10,745	10,440
Interest	4,553	2,760	-	7,313	5,841
Use of Premises	36,758	-	-	36,758	37,507
Ins Compensation Business Interruptn	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and Tax Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	124,491	15,365	-	139,856	156,709
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	124,491	15,365	-	139,856	156,709
A3 Payments					
Purchase of Cafeteria Supplies etc	27,727	-	-	27,727	25,155
Grants to Spire Church Farnham	63,050	-	-	63,050	90,000
Charitable Donations	1,233	-	-	1,233	1,250
Office & Admin Expenses	911	86	-	997	1,770
Maint. Church Prpoerty inc Insurance	44,066	-	-	44,066	17,901
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Project Costs	-	2,520	-	2,520	1,993
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	136,987	2,606	-	139,593	138,069
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	136,987	2,606	-	139,593	138,069
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,495.78	12,758.44	-	263	18,640
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 12,496	12,758	-	263	18,640

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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B1 Cash funds		£ 101,835	156,036	-
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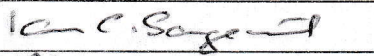
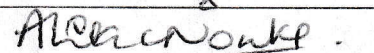
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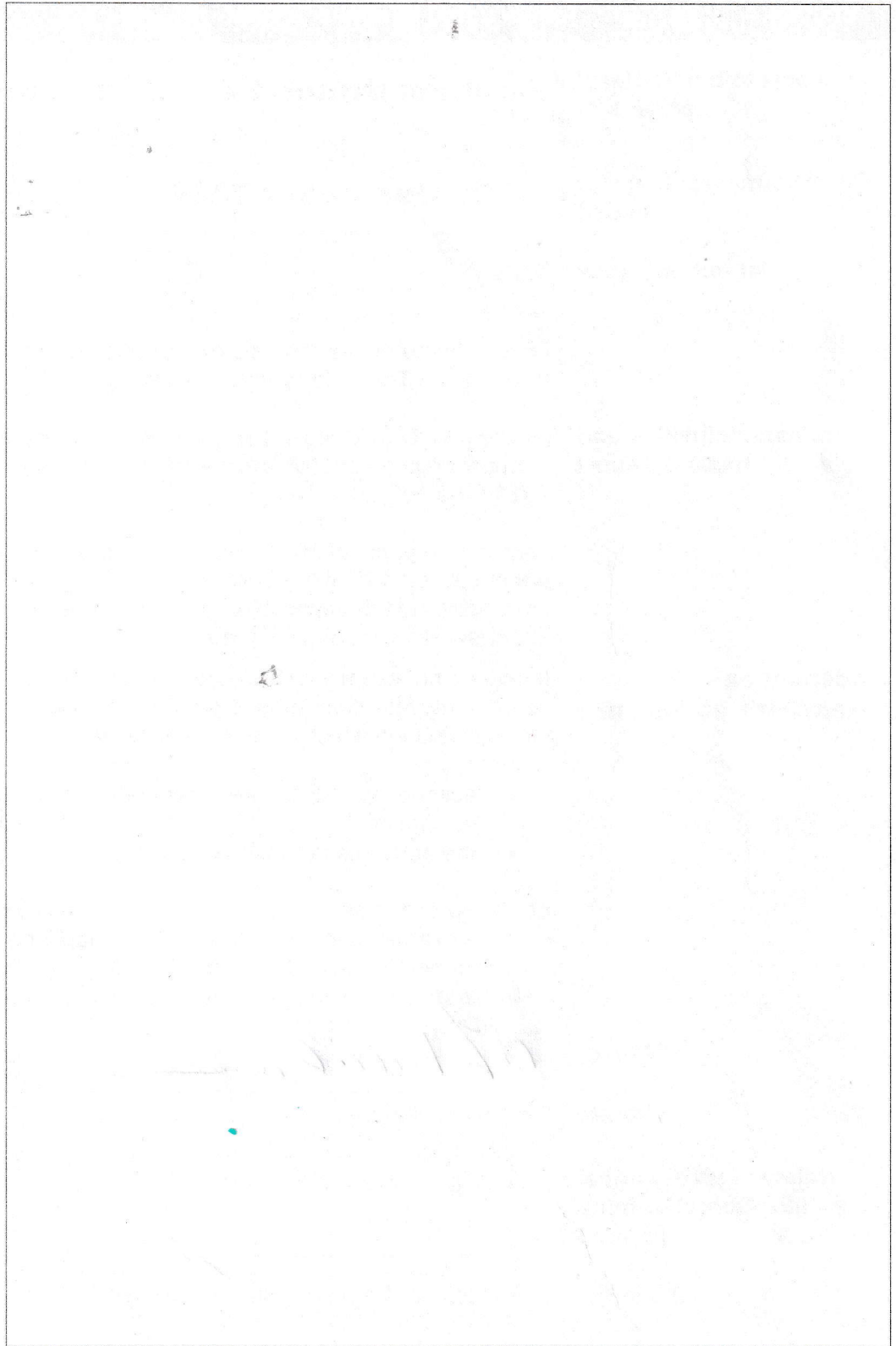
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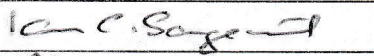
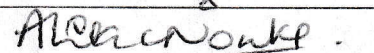
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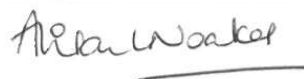
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Philip Simpkins (Minister)



Alison Noakes (Church Secretary)



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Signed:

Michael Williamson

Date:

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Name:

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Receipts and payments accounts

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Fundraising Events (net)	4,395	6,045	-	10,440	8,997
Interest	3,815	2,026	-	5,841	1,007
Use of Premises	37,507	-	-	37,507	30,174
Ins Compensation Business Interruptn	-	-	-	-	1,261
Donations and Tax Refunds	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	127,784	28,925	-	156,709	178,151
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Office & Admin Expenses	1,677	93	-	1,770	1,026
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Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
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Total payments	135,983	2,086	-	138,069	128,179
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,199	26,839	-	18,640	49,972
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,199	26,839	-	18,640	49,972

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Bank Balances & Deposits	114,330	143,277	-
Total cash funds		114,330	143,277	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN C. SARGEANT	12/3/24
	ALISON L NOAKES	12/3/24

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1138055

Accounts

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY (Number 1138055)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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Mr Alan Crook (resigned 31 August 2022)

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Mrs Sue Dawson

Mrs Jane Foxwell

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the period, the Accounts show that the church had a surplus in its funds of £49,973, compared to a surplus of £45,418 the previous year. Because of the consolidation of funding into the Spire Church, while these accounts are wholly accurate, they only show a part of the operation of what in practice is a combined entity in which the surplus in these funds covers a deficit in other funds.

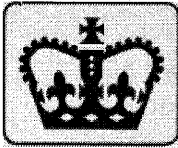
This report was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 18 September 2023 and authorised two trustees to sign off the accounts and report.



Michael Hopkins
Minister



Alison Noakes
Church Secretary



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Farnham United Reformed Church Charity

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1138055

Set out on pages

3 & 4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

M. Williamson

Date:

26/6/2023

Name:

Michael Williamson

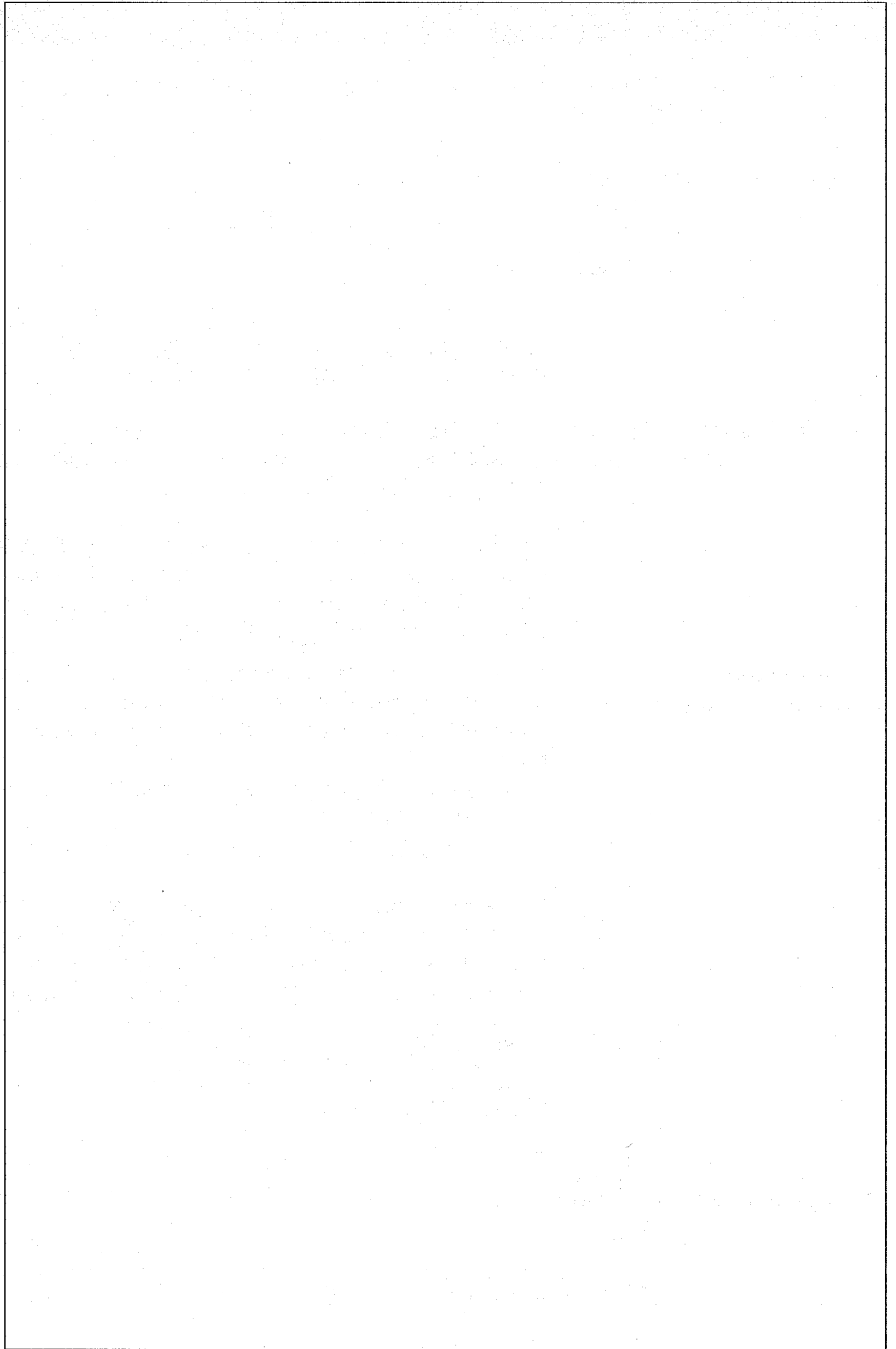
**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

8 Glynswood, Farnham, GU10 4TN

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





Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-22	To	31-Dec-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving to General Funds	61,835	10,155	-	71,990	19,339
Sales of Refreshments & Sundry Goods	61,874	-	-	61,874	29,138
Grants from Spire Church & Others	2,850	-	-	2,850	31,097
Fundraising Events	3,648	5,348	-	8,997	5,798
Interest	576	430	-	1,007	14
Use of Premises	30,174	-	-	30,174	11,604
Insurance: Compensation for Business Interruption	1,261	-	-	1,261	45,000
Donations, Grants & Tax Refunds	-	-	-	-	2,412
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	162,218	15,934	-	178,151	144,401
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	162,218	15,934	-	178,151	144,401
A3 Payments					
Maintenance of Ministry inc. Manse Costs	-	-	-	-	3,943
Purchase of Cafeteria Supplies & Sundry Expenses	17,416	-	-	17,416	8,675
Grant to Spire Church Farnham	70,000	-	-	70,000	15,000
Charitable Donations	1,270	-	-	1,270	-
Office & Admin	943	83	-	1,026	561
Maint of Church Property Inc Insurance	22,402	-	-	22,402	12,044
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Project Costs	-	16,065	-	16,065	58,761
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	112,030	16,149	-	128,179	98,984
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	112,030	16,149	-	128,179	98,984
Net of receipts/(payments)	50,188	215	-	49,973	45,418
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,340	116,653	-	188,993	143,626
Cash funds this year end	122,528	116,438	-	238,966	189,043

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Bank Balances & Deposits	122,529	116,438	-
	Total cash funds	122,529	116,438	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Ian C. Sargeant</i>	IAN C. SARGEANT	26/6/23
<i>Alison Woakes</i>	ALISON L NOAKES	26/6/23

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1138055

Accounts

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY (Number 1138055)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the period, the Accounts show that the church had a surplus in its funds of £66,508, compared to a deficit of £17,936 the previous year. Because of the consolidation of funding into the Spire Church, and the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, while these accounts are wholly accurate, they only show a part of the operation a combined entity.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 29 September 2022 and authorised the Minister and Church Secretary to sign off the accounts and report.



Michael Hopkins
Minister



Alison Noakes
Church Secretary



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of Farnham United Reformed Church

On accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 Charity no (if any) 1138055

Set out on pages 3 & 4 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020 As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's statement I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 24/3/22

Name: Michael Williamson

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

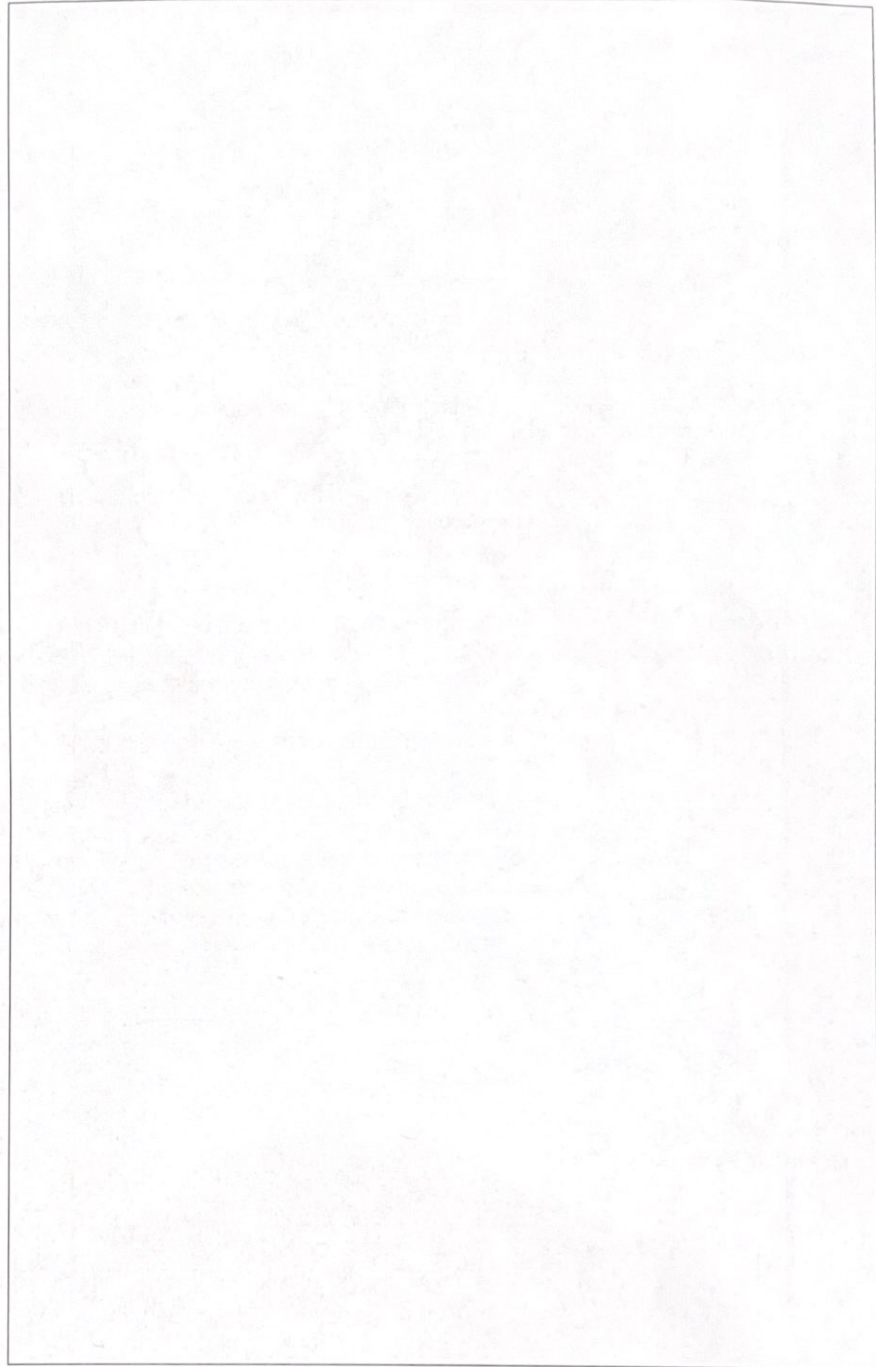
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Section B

Disclosure

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-21	To	31-Dec-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving to General Funds	3,476	15,863	-	19,339	18,806
Sales of Refreshments & Sundry Goods	29,138	-	-	29,138	22,275
Grants from Spire Church Farnham	-	31,097	-	31,097	10,000
Fundraising Events	-	5,798	-	5,798	-
Interest	5	9	-	14	153
Use of Premises	11,604	-	-	11,604	10,922
Insurance: Compensation for Business Interruption	45,000	-	-	45,000	-
Donations, Grants & Tax Refunds	2,412	-	-	2,412	22,176
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,635	52,766	-	144,401	84,331
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,635	52,766	-	144,401	84,331
A3 Payments					
Maintenance of Ministry inc. Manse Costs	3,943	-	-	3,943	36,206
Purchase of Cafeteria Supplies & Sundry Expenses	8,675	-	-	8,675	18,002
Grant to Spire Church Farnham	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	-	193
Office & Admin inc. Salary	465	96	-	561	9,353
Maintenance of Church Property	12,044	-	-	12,044	16,265
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	142
Project Costs	-	58,761	-	58,761	1,789
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-	1,341
Sub total	40,127	58,857	-	98,984	83,290
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,127	58,857	-	98,984	83,290
Net of receipts/(payments)	51,508	- 6,091	-	45,418	1,041
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	20,882	122,744	-	143,626	142,585
Cash funds this year end	72,390	116,653	-	189,043	143,626

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Bank Balances & Deposits	72,390	116,653	-
	Total cash funds	72,390	116,653	-

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Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
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		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Ian C. Sargeant</i>	Ian Charles Sargeant FCA	3/5/22
<i>Alison Noakes</i>	Alison Loveday Noakes	3/5/22

FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

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Accounts

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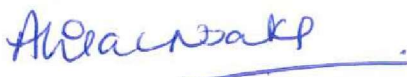
FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the period, the Accounts show that the church had a deficit in its funds of £17,936, compared to a surplus of £1,878 the previous year. Because of the consolidation of funding into the Spire Church, and the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, while these accounts are wholly accurate, they only show a part of the operation a combined entity.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 28 September 2021 and authorised the Minister and Church Secretary to sign off the accounts and report.



Michael Hopkins
Minister



Alison Noakes
Church Secretary



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Farnham United Reformed Church

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1138055

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

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

Signed:

M. Williamson

Date:

17/05/21

Name:

Michael Williamson

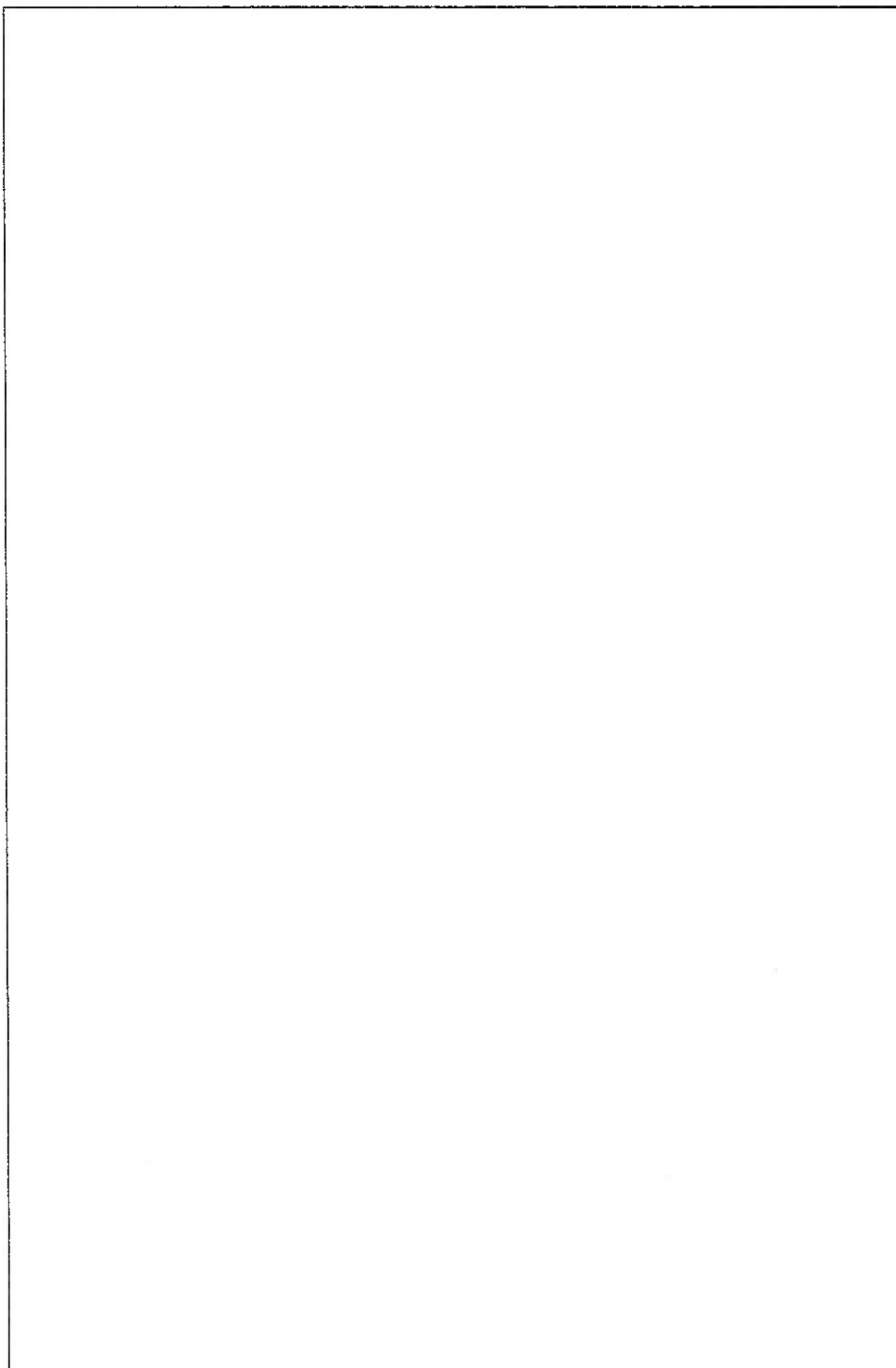
**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

8 Glyswood, Farnham, GU10 4TN

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

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





Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giving to General Funds	20,860	-	-	20,860	56,224
Sales of Refreshments & Sundry Goods	22,275	-	-	22,275	27,849
Grants from Spire Church Farnham	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Grant from Elstead URC	-	-	-	-	500
Interest	81	72	-	153	89
Use of Premises	6,867	-	-	6,867	22,257
Sundry	-	-	-	-	473
Donations, Grants & Tax Refunds	-	22,176	-	22,176	61,274
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62,083	22,248	-	84,331	168,666
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,083	22,248	-	84,331	168,666
A3 Payments					
Maintenance of Ministry inc. Manse Costs	36,206	-	-	36,206	39,484
Refreshment & Sundry Goods inc. Salaries	18,002	-	-	18,002	25,240
Grant to Spire Church Farnham	-	-	-	-	500
Charitable Donations	193	-	-	193	3,001
Office & Admin inc. Salary	9,353	-	-	9,353	10,668
Maintenance of Church Property	16,265	-	-	16,265	26,057
Miscellaneous	-	142	-	142	2,999
Project Costs	-	1,789	-	1,789	4,812
Fundraising Costs	-	1,341	-	1,341	3,506
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	80,019	3,271	-	83,290	116,267
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	80,019	3,271	-	83,290	116,267
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,936	18,977	-	1,041	52,399
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	38,818	103,767	-	142,585	90,011
Cash funds this year end	20,882	122,744	-	143,626	142,410

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank & Deposit Funds	20,882	122,744	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,882	122,744	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN C. SARGEANT	17/5/21
	ALISON L. NOAKES	17/5/21