

# FARNHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY (Number 1138055)

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

This report includes information required by the Charities Act 2011 and 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

Farnham United Reformed Church is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain, and is a member church of the Wessex Synod of the United Reformed Church. Farnham United Reformed Church is situated at South Street, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7QU. Since 1 September 2018 it has operated wholly in conjunction with Farnham Methodist Church as a Local Ecumenical Partnership, known as The Spire Church, Farnham.

The Charity Trustees who served from 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022 are:

The Revd Philip Simpkins

The Revd. Dr Michael Hopkins

Mr Roy Beard

Mr Alan Crook (resigned 31 August 2022)

Mr Roy Davenport

Mrs Sue Dawson

Mrs Jane Foxwell

Mrs Valerie Jarvis (appointed 1 September 2022)

Mrs Sue Lang (resigned 31 August 2022)

Mrs Helen McConnell (resigned 31 August 2022)

Mrs. Alison Noakes

Miss Ann Pook

Mrs Heather Richards

Mr Ian Sargeant

Mr Nick Savill

Mrs Margaret Johnson

Miss Frances Skerratt (resigned 31 August 2022)

Mrs Janet Stone

The Church building at the junction of South Street and Victoria Road, and the Manse at 23 Hillary Road, are vested in the United Reformed Church (Wessex) Trust Ltd. as trustees and held for the benefit of Farnham United Reformed Church in accordance with the trusts applicable to United Reformed Church properties.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Since 1 September 2018, Farnham United Reformed Church formed a Local Ecumenical Partnership, called The Spire Church Farnham, with Farnham Methodist Church (a charity currently excepted from registration). All worship and day-to-day activities have been handled by the two churches working together in The Spire Church since that date. Farnham United Reformed Church and Farnham Methodist Church both continue to exist as legal entities, but they share a completely common membership roll, and all their governance responsibilities have been formally delegated to The Spire Church. The trustees of The Spire Church are also trustees of the general funds of Farnham United Reformed Church. since 2020 a process of consolidation and simplification of funds and accounts began.

### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Spire Church, through which Farnham United Reformed Church operates, expresses its objectives thus: The Spire Church exists to help people experience the love of God through Jesus.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and had regard to it in the administration of the Church. The trustees believed that, the Church provided 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 the period of these accounts public worship was offered, the Gospel was preached, and the sacraments administered.

Study Groups took place.

Pastoral care was offered by the Ministers and others.

Members of the Church served the Community in a wide variety of roles, both within and beyond the Church.

The Spire Coffee bar and groups for toddlers, children, young people and adults, are open to everyone.

Rooms were made available for community use when not required for church use, requesting contributions towards the running of the Church to cover costs. Likewise charges in the coffee bar are kept as low as possible to encourage community use and fellowship as well as covering operating costs and making donations to other charities.

We have sought to improve our welcome to people, to enhance the premises, and to engage with the cultural life of the community to promote spiritual values.

We continued to work with all other local churches, specifically other churches in Farnham, and local Methodist and United Reformed Churches.

Plans for the refurbishment and development of the building, known as the Pilgrim Project, have developed considerably.

The coronavirus pandemic had a major effect upon the work of the charity during much of the year.

## 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**

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(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

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Farnham United Reformed Church

1138055

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01-Jan-22

To

31-Dec-22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>162,218</b>	<b>15,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,151</b>	<b>144,401</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>162,218</b>	<b>15,934</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,151</b>	<b>144,401</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>112,030</b>	<b>16,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,179</b>	<b>98,984</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>112,030</b>	<b>16,149</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>128,179</b>	<b>98,984</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>50,188</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,973</b>	<b>45,418</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>72,340</b>	<b>116,653</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,993</b>	<b>143,626</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>122,528</b>	<b>116,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>238,966</b>	<b>189,043</b>

# 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	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>122,529</b>	<b>116,438</b>	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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
<i>Ian C. Sargeant</i>	IAN C. SARGEANT	26/6/23
<i>Alison Woakes</i>	ALISON L NOAKES	26/6/23