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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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The charity trustees, those who served from 1st January 2020 until 31st December 2020 are:

- JONATHAN GERALD
- URBAN FERGUS
- MARIE GILBERT
- JOHN GERALD (Deceased April 2020)
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The activities of the Victoria Road Evangelical Church are overseen by the Pastor, Trustees and Church Committee.

The Trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Church, the care and maintenance of the main church & hall premises.

The church meetings (*for all members wishing to attend*) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Gospel.

The Pastor & Elder are the ministers in pastoral charge.

The Trustee Board met on Zoom 2020 to discuss the administration of the Church.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The local congregation of Victoria Road Evangelical Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building and described more specifically in

The Trustees are 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.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, in March 2020 Victoria Road Evangelical Church had to close its doors due to the Government lockdown. To enable us to have regular contact with all our members, we had to look at doing things in a different way and the following took place:

The Media team played a vital role in keeping the church connected and updated during these difficult times. They were responsible for all church recordings, zoom meetings and helped equipped members to ensure that their devices were up to date and offer assistance in using zoom software in preparation for the Church going live on zoom for January 2021.

To keep our brethren and friends together to hear the Word of God, our Sunday Services were sent out on WhatsApp recordings every week. Prayer Cell groups were formed, and families met up every Wednesday nights for prayer, we were able reached approximately 86 people for prayer meeting. We were still able to have special Sunday Services conducted by the Men of Valour, Women of Hope and SEAD young adults.

Victoria Road Cadets Academy realised the immediate need to connect with our youth throughout the pandemic, especially to protect their mental health. We were able to successfully launch our online weekly sessions, using the zoom platform, in May 2020. We have been able to achieve the following things thus far: paired bible study sessions, mental health and building a business as well as cooking, games night and Zumba sessions. We were fortunate enough to host a careers event online and invited a wide range of professionals to come and share with not only our youth, but friends and family also joined us– a lot of our youth were able to work with these professionals and produce some amazing work with them. We launched, what we hope to be our annual, summer school and this was greatly appreciated by parents throughout the summer holidays.

The Women of Hope kept in daily contact with other by using their WhatsApp group to communicate and had regular meetings via zoom. They also arranged

to have daily prayers from the women in the group and shared information, these activities provided a network and also enabled the women to support each other with their wellbeing, mental Health and family.

SEAD young Adults they concentrated on looking at Health of the group members with the following (physical, spiritual, mental, and financial where they invited different speakers via zoom to conduct these sessions. They also did Bible study, sharing testimonies and the Word. They had different people lead the sessions. (Prayer, cooking, games, and quizzes).

New Converts support: Bible classes were held 1 Saturday a month to support those new to the faith.

Prayer & Fast Team: Were responsible for organising the weekly prayer request for the Cell Groups and Family pray on Wednesdays. They also set up the Prayer & fast for the Church.

Sunday School department: Kept in regular contact with the children and parents by sending out workbook and videos. Also, the children took part in the Sunday Service by sharing what they learnt with the Church.

Men of Valour met up with their leader.

Worship Team: They had regular contact on WhatsApp, shared songs, and encouragements. They also played a big part in ensuring that songs were sent in for the Sunday services.

Cleaning Team: The caretaker and head cleaner ensured that the church was kept cleaned on a weekly basis, they carried out weekly water checks to avoid legionnaire

Ushers Team: They kept in contact with each other on their WhatsApp group, where they conducted prayers, words of encouragement, 1-1 talks, shared general information and worship songs to strengthen the group and stick together as they were not able to meet up physically in the lock down period.

Victoria Road Church Choir: Kept in regular contact via WhatsApp, they shared information, songs, and encouragement. They also looked at new songs for the choir to sing at later time. Also shared information from other choirs.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW:

A summary of the church's finance includes our income and expenditure at 31st December 2020, showing the monthly Mortgage and other expenses carried out to maintain the buildings.

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Financial Activities

January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations and legacies	0.00
Tithes & Offerings	42,554.36
Total Donations and legacies	42,554.36
Total Income	£42,554.36
Expenditures	
Bank Charges	269.01
Building Insurance	2,878.97
Compensation - Church Officers	3,100.00
Gas & Electric	4,130.37
Interest Payable	1,400.10
Motor Vehicle Repair and Maintenance	976.62
Office/General Administrative Expenses	905.76
Other Professional Services	592.16
Phone Costs	752.40
Water	587.95
Total Expenditures	£15,593.34
NET OPERATING INCOME	£26,961.02
Other Income	
Bank Interest	7.55
Total Other Income	£7.55
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£26,968.57



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