

Charity registration number 1139388

Company registration number 07294101 (England and Wales)

CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

B Kissell
J Roberts
A Clark
L Dyer
S Woodhouse
A Marheineke

(Appointed 18 May 2021)
(Appointed 23 February
2021)

Charity number

1139388

Company number

07294101

Registered office

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Independent examiner

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with their statement of beliefs, to hold public services and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the charity.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to hold weekly public services at St Clement Danes School, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire and there has been no change in these during the period.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The charity ran weekly public meetings for worship every Sunday morning during the period covered by this report. There was also a public service held on Christmas Day.

Achievements and performance

Church meetings were held every Sunday during this period but once again were severely disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Whilst this happened the church continued to meet using the Zoom video conferencing platform. The first meeting in person was held on 25 July, after 70 weeks of meeting virtually on Zoom. Around 150 people would call Connect their home church with an average Sunday attendance of over 100 throughout the year. If anything the church grew during the lockdown period and then again when meeting back in person.

The Senior Pastor continues to work full time for Connect. Adam Clark carried on as honorary Head of Finance and also has taken on a part time paid role as Church Manager.

The Thursday prayer meeting - Powerhouse - continues as does the prayer and worship evening, open to all, which meets in the local Baptist church in Chorleywood or on Zoom. There were a number of activities run for church members and those outside the church including:

- Ladies Book Club – once a month
- A small number of visiting speakers including: Nicola Neal and Assad Haleemi
- Members volunteered for the Detonate Kids Holiday Club which ran in person this year
- Members actively supported the Coronavirus neighbourhood network
- Youth football and netball
- Youth girls group on Thursday evenings
- Home groups for adult church members
- Daily readings and short commentary via WhatsApp from the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Mark
- New Believers Zoom forum on Zoom from 22 February
- Various social events and outreach events open to all
- Connect members helped out and sponsored the Chorleywood Community Christmas Festival event in December.

Financial review

During the year, the charity's income from all sources amounted to £135,044 of which £16,605 were for Restricted Funds. A total of £128,446 was expended during the year, of which £26,303 was from Designated Funds. A total of £2,822 was held at the end of the year as Designated Funds.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period. At the accounting date free reserves were £55,166 (2020: £56,067).

Structure, governance and management

The charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 24th June 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is registered as a charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period were:

B Kissell
J Roberts

A Clark
L Dyer

S Woodhouse
A Marheineke

(Appointed 18 May 2021)

(Appointed 23 February 2021)

B Kissell and J Roberts were the first trustees to serve and were those persons named in the statement delivered pursuant to section 12(1) of the Companies Act 2006. Trustees are to be appointed as provided in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. All trustees are issued with a copy of The Essential Trustee published by the Charities Commission

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up.

The Board of Trustees manages the affairs of the charity and meets three times a year. The Leadership Team undertake the day to day operation of the charity under guidance provided by the board of trustees. In addition to this the Leadership Team is responsible for the:

1. appointment and removal of pastors and other full-time or part-time employees of the Charity appointed to exercise pastoral or other ministry responsibility within the church ;
2. Membership of any congregation of the Charity;
3. All questions of doctrine;
4. All questions relating to the preaching of the gospel and;
5. Appointment and removal of Leaders

The Charity looks to St Mary's Bryanston Square, London for spiritual oversight, advice and friendship.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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J Roberts
Trustee

Date: 27 SEPT 2022
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONNECT CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of Connect Church Chorleywood for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, the 2011 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

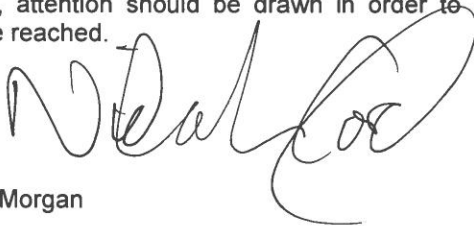
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met or
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Nicholas Corden ACA
For and on behalf of Summers Morgan

First Floor, Sheraton House
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Chorleywood
Hertfordshire
WD3 5LH

Dated: 27.09.2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2021 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds general 2020 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total
Income from:								
Donations and legacies		118,373	-	16,605	134,978	-	19,042	152,245
Investments		66	-	-	66	116	-	116
Total income		118,439	-	16,605	135,044	-	19,042	152,361
Expenditure on:								
Charitable activities	2	90,217	26,303	11,926	128,446	54,886	13,845	150,961
Net incoming resources before transfers		28,222	(26,303)	4,679	6,598	(54,886)	5,197	1,400
Gross transfers between funds		(29,125)	29,125	-	-	35,933	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(903)	2,822	4,679	6,598	(18,953)	5,197	1,400
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		56,076	-	7,191	63,267	18,953	1,994	61,867
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		55,173	2,822	11,870	69,865	-	7,191	63,267

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		7		7
Current assets					
Debtors	7	25,258		26,665	
Cash at bank and in hand		47,763		39,495	
		73,021		66,160	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,163)		(2,900)	
Net current assets			69,858		63,260
Total assets less current liabilities			69,865		63,267
Income funds					
Restricted funds	9		11,870		7,191
Unrestricted funds - designated	10		2,822		-
Unrestricted funds - general			55,173		56,076
			69,865		63,267

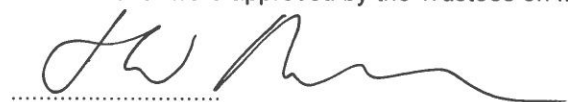
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 23 SEPT 2022



J Roberts
Trustee

Company Registration No. 07294101

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Connect Church Chorleywood is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 91 Whitelands Avenue, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, WD3 5RQ.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees' continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis. Grants and donations paid are accounted for when paid. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery	3 years straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2 Charitable activities

	Church activities 2021 £	Church activities 2020 £
Staff costs	78,117	72,375
Depreciation and impairment	-	1,206
Other costs	12,100	8,649
	90,217	82,230
Grant funding of activities (see note 3)	38,229	68,731
	128,446	150,961
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	90,217	82,230
Unrestricted funds - designated	26,303	54,886
Restricted funds	11,926	13,845
	128,446	150,961

Other costs include fees in respect of the independent examination of £1,800 (2020: £1,800).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

3 Grants payable

	Church activities 2021 £	Church activities 2020 £
Grants to institutions:		
Light	1,335	5,000
Restore Hope Latimer	-	500
Charis Tiwala Trust	3,435	6,600
CSW	500	7,000
Christians Against Poverty	3,000	5,500
Every Life (formerly Revelation Life)	7,200	12,100
Mountain Springs Ministries	9,000	7,550
The Trussell Trust	250	3,000
Allstars	4,936	13,600
Other	250	349
	<u>29,906</u>	<u>61,199</u>
Grants to individuals	8,323	7,532
	<u>38,229</u>	<u>68,731</u>

4 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year, other than J Roberts and A Clark. J Roberts received a salary of £29,530 for his position as senior pastor together with pension contributions of £2,953. A Clark, received payments of £4,680 for his position as Church Manager.

The Charity rents at arms length a house from Mr and Mrs Roberts in order to provide accommodation to its senior pastor. Total rent and housing costs paid during the year amounted to £37,920 (2020: £38,022).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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5 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	2	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
Employment costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,244	32,899
Other pension costs	2,953	1,454
Accommodation benefit	37,920	38,022
	<u>78,117</u>	<u>72,375</u>

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	3,639
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,639</u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	3,632
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,632</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	<u>7</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>7</u>

7 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	24,477	25,919
Prepayments and accrued income	781	746
	<u>25,258</u>	<u>26,665</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	720	714
Other creditors	369	366
Accruals and deferred income	2,074	1,820
	<u>3,163</u>	<u>2,900</u>

9 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds as follows:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 January 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hardship	994	11,751	(7,532)	5,213	14,533	(8,323)	11,422
CAP/Every Life	1,000	1,250	(1,000)	1,250	1,197	(2,062)	385
Mountain Springs Ministries	-	5,481	(5,000)	481	562	(1,043)	-
St. Andrews Church	-	313	(313)	-	-	-	-
Restore Hope	-	247	-	-	-	-	-
The Trussel Trust	-	-	-	247	-	(247)	-
Other	-	-	-	-	313	(250)	63
	<u>1,994</u>	<u>19,042</u>	<u>(13,845)</u>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>16,604</u>	<u>(11,925)</u>	<u>11,870</u>

The Hardship Fund represents monies collected for specific individuals facing financial hardship.

The CAP/Every Life Fund represents monies collected as gifts for two charities supported by the church members over the Christmas period.

The Hurricane Idai Fund represents monies collected as gifts for the Hurricane Idai relief efforts.

The St. Andrews Church Fund represents monies collected as gifts in support of the Detonate week of events organised by St. Andrews Church.

The Restore Hope Fund represents monies collected as gifts in support of the Food Bank organised by Restore Hope.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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10 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 January 2020	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 1 January 2021	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 December 2021
	£	£	£	£	Incoming resources	Resources expended		£
Local								
Projects	(818)	(28,236)	29,054	-	9,708	(9,708)		-
Global Poor	5,955	(17,100)	11,145	-	9,708	(8,137)		1,571
The Suffering Church	13,816	(9,550)	(4,266)	-	9,708	(8,457)		1,251
	<u>18,953</u>	<u>(54,886)</u>	<u>35,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,124</u>	<u>(26,302)</u>		<u>2,822</u>

30% of all gifts/tithe income is allocated for giving, as follows:

Local Projects designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate locally to the Charity.

Global Projects designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate globally.

Suffering Church designated fund to gift as financial support to other charities, organisations and individuals having the same or similar objects as the Charity that operate in areas where the Christian Church particularly suffer oppression or persecution.

Gift aid is not considered as part of the above designated funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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11 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total		Unrestricted funds		Designated funds		Restricted funds		Total	
	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2021	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£	2020	£
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:																
Tangible assets	7		-		-		7		7		-		-		7	
Current assets/(liabilities)	55,166		2,822		11,870		69,858		57,319		-		5,941		63,260	
	55,173		2,822		11,870		69,865		57,326		-		5,941		63,267	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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12 Related party transactions

Other than those disclosed in note 4, related party transactions during the year were £20 (2020: £190) paid to a trustee for professional services.

