

# **Shrewsbury Unitarian Church Congregation**

**Registered Charity No.1140696**

## **Annual Report**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021**

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### **Committee of Managing Trustees**

Ms. D. Burbery - Chairperson

Mr R Fyffe - Secretary

Ms Ann Matthews - Treasurer

Ms Catrin Davies

Mrs.J.C.Duffell

Ms. A Patrick

Mrs. B.Taylor

Mrs. Margaret Harris

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### **Custodian Trustee**

The British & Foreign Unitarian Association (Incorporated)  
Essex Hall, 4-6 Essex Street, London WC2R 3HY

### **Solicitors**

Henry Lee, Harlescott Lane, Shrewsbury SY1 3AH

### **Stockbrokers**

EFG Harris Allday, 33, Great Charles Street, Birmingham B3 3JN

### **Bankers**

Lloyds Bank plc, 1, Pride Hill Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1DG

### **Independent Examiner**

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Column House, London Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6NN

**Unitarian Church, High Street, Shrewsbury**

# **Shrewsbury Unitarian Church**

## **Registered Charity No. 1140696**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The Trustees present their Report along with the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The Accounts comply with the Charity's Governing Document and with applicable law.

#### **1) Constitution & Objects**

The Governing Document is the Constitution adopted on 23rd February, 2020 and registered with the Charity Commission on 25th February, 2020. The Objects of the Charity of Shrewsbury Unitarian Church shall be the promotion of religion in accordance with the principles of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

#### **2) Public Benefit Statement**

In pursuit of the Objects of the Trust, the Trustees provide a place of worship for all to attend.

#### **3) Organisation**

The names of the Managing Trustees who have served during the year are set out on the front cover of the Report and Accounts.

#### **4) Financial Review**

The Total Operating Deficit for the year was -£13,319.30. The Total Surplus for the year including the revaluation of investments was £83,408.97.

#### **5) Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps may be taken to lessen these risks.

#### **6) Management & Governance**

The Governing Document provides for at least seven Managing Trustees. The Trustees are also empowered to appoint further Trustees offering additional expertise. The Chairman of Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new Trustees including awareness of the duties of a Trustee, and awareness of the Governing Document, administrative procedures, and the historical and philosophical approach of the Charity.

#### **7) Achievement & Performance**

During the year, the Trust has continued to pursue the Objectives of the Charity.

#### **8) Reserves**

The Trustees have pursued a policy of maintaining the property of the Trust and of supporting the religious and other charitable work of Unitarians in Shrewsbury and in other Unitarian Congregations.

D.S.BURBERY (Ms) Chairperson



**SHREWSBURY UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**Statement of Financial Activities for Period Ended 31st March 2021**  
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2020		2021	
£	INCOME	£	£
6,319.40	Offertory	5,494.80	
4,137.00	St.Luke's Licence Fee	344.75	
24,033.58	Dividends Received	19,668.86	
117.31	Bank Interest Received	88.71	
300.00	Hire Fees	-	
812.60	Book Sales	-	
290.00	Subscriptions	420.00	
	Gift Aid	1,285.01	
5,746.39	Organ Restoration Donations	3,015.00	
168.10	Other Donations	1,050.00	
3,534.51	VAT Reclaim	-	
499.00	Rites of Passage Fees	2.00	
	Grants	250.00	
1,651.04	Other income		
<u>47,608.93</u>			<u>31,619.13</u>
	<b>Less EXPENDITURE</b>		
	<b>Cost of Holding Services</b>		
1,884.75	Pulpit Fees,Expenses	206.14	
600.00	Organist	100.00	
<u>2,484.75</u>			<u>306.14</u>
	<b>Building Costs</b>		
1,759.54	Heat & Light	1,145.66	
1,872.00	Caretaker	1,872.00	
155.64	Water Rates	73.54	
1,801.81	Insurance	1,813.70	
<u>15,735.28</u>	Repairs and renewals	<u>22,157.80</u>	
<u>21,324.27</u>			27,062.70
	<b>Subscriptions &amp; Donations</b>		
962.00	Midland Unitarian Association Affiliation Fee & Subs	480.80	
550.00	Subscriptions	480.00	
2,711.78	General Expenses	356.84	
<u>3,291.65</u>	Donations	<u>650.00</u>	
<u>7,515.43</u>			1,967.64
	<b>Other Expenses</b>		
397.28	Professional Fees	261.00	
2,246.46	Other Admin Exps	2,354.20	
672.00	Accountancy Fees	630.00	
10,484.43	Administrative Salaries	10,938.96	
<u>1,890.38</u>	Depreciation of equipment	<u>1,417.79</u>	
<u>15,690.55</u>			15,601.95
<u>47,015.00</u>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>44,938.43</u>
<u>593.93</u>	<b>OPERATING (DEFICIT)/ SURPLUS</b>	-	<u>13,319.30</u>
<u>- 98,786.29</u>	<b>GAIN/(LOSS) ON REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS</b>		<u>96,728.27</u>
<u>- 98,192.36</u>	<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>83,408.97</u>

Approved at a Meeting of the Trustees

Ms D Burbery

Ms Ann Matthews

Chair of Trustees

Treasurer

Date

18 July 2021

# SHREWSBURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

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## Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

2020			2021
£	Assets	£	£
170,000.00	Unitarian Church, High St, Shrewsbury at Valuation	200,000.00	
14,600.00	Communion Plate at Valuation	14,600.00	
5,671.15	Equipment	4,253.36	
190,271.15			218,853.36
	Investments at Market Value		
406,558.38	Valued by EFG Harris Allday as at 31st March 2021		488,783.14
3,575.93	Cash held in EFG Harris Allday Client Deposit A/c	18,079.44	
839.31	Cash held in EFG Harris Allday Client Income A/c	1,047.40	
22,182.90	Treasurers Current A/c 30-92-93 66993568	19,991.65	
20,498.65	Monmouthshire Savings A/c 647000759X	15,569.38	
5,006.03	Nationwide	0.00	
52,102.82	Petty cash	16.95	54,704.82
	Liabilities		
546.00	Accruals	546.00	546.00
648,386.35	Total assets less current liabilities		761,795.32
	Representing:		
648,386.35	The fund at the start of the year		648,386.35
(98,192.36)	Surplus/(deficit) for the year		83,408.97
	Revaluation reserve		30,000.00
648,386.35	The fund at the end of the year		761,795.32

### Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the trust, for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities, and for preparing financial statements which both accord with the accounting records, and comply with both the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting by Charities and with the relevant governing documents and which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Trust. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these obligations have been met, and accordingly these accounts were approved at a meeting of Trustees.

Ms Debra Burbery  
Chair of the Trustees

Ms Ann Matthews  
Treasurer

Date  
18 July 2021

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## **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Shrewsbury Unitarian Church**

We report to the Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Shrewsbury Unitarian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **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'). We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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9 December 2021