

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

The Charity Trustees are as notified and registered with the Charity Commission. They have met on ten occasions as is their usual custom with short additional meetings to resolve immediate problems. Nothing significant was reported.

The trustees meet monthly and consider the financial report presented by the treasurer which has disclosed considerable expenditure which had been authorised by the Church Meeting.

The Minister, Revd Catherine Atkinson, also Chair of Trustees, reported the continued and active involvement with Queens Park Primary School through weekly assemblies, Experiencing Harvest and Easter and latterly with a number of Christmas events.

The Future group had been established to try to plan for the short- and long-term future of the church. A number of events had been held with a view to increasing the profile of the church in the town centre. A Warm Hub had been established on Monday afternoons and a small number had taken advantage of the space, limited activities and refreshment offered.

The three churches in the pastorate had together participated in a Local Church Growth course, assisted by the Synod Mission Enabler, Rev Stuart Radcliffe. The pastorate continues to work together where possible including Bible studies but will only meet together on special occasions.

The Church Secretary, Rhona Newby reported on the first full year back after the Pandemic. It had been agreed, as elders' elections had not been held during that period, that all elders would resign and be available for election and resume a three-year cycle. This had been agreed unanimously. Prayer was being emphasised and encouraged with sessions held monthly. Prayer was at the centre of the future initiatives.

Afternoon Fellowship had merged with the Ladies' Guild and because the result was still not a viable group, a merger was agreed with the Mixed Fellowship which moved its meetings to afternoon, producing a strong and viable group. We had been grateful to each group now merging into one and hoped for a successful future. Over this year the normal variety of events had been held.

Lunch Club – This long-standing outreach of the church had continued on its normal fortnightly timetable, lost some older members but welcomed new members over the year. The preparation of the meals continued to be in-house with some additional helpers recruited over the year.

Social Group – the group had resumed organising events which included an afternoon tea, garden party, trip to Llandudno and a Christmas Lunch. Social events had drawn many from outside the fellowship to participate and bring people into church. The group continued to organise coffee after worship which contributed much to the fellowship but also financially successful also contributed with profits from the events to a substantial gift to the church.

We celebrate the happiness the group brings to the church and its friends for which the URC is well known nationally.

Oversight and General Purposes Committee – this is the umbrella group covering all the work done on the buildings, some done by members who also oversee the work of contractors. The flat roof was the third part of the roof to have failed and considerable remedial work was very costly. It also included work on walls which had design faults. Repairs to the block paving near the entrance were done for safety and appearance. Routine work included servicing equipment including lift, fire alarm, automatic entrance doors and portable appliance testing.

Lighting has been updated to LED. Streaming equipment had been installed and a new and expanded camera and surveillance had been installed inside and outside the building. New stronger emergency escape doors had been fitted to the Henry Street boundary wall. To prevent tripping on the steps leading to the front entrance, railings were fitted preventing use of the steps completely.

Henry Berry – a Heritage plaque had been donated and attached to the wall by the front entrance commemorating the canal pioneer and church trustee. It is positioned above his gravestone. He is actually now buried in St Helens cemetery.

ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, STHELENS
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME	2022 £	2021 £
Direct Giving	51,525	48,937
Endowment and Investment	3,000	4,868
Capital Gift Fund	6,656	3,199
Internal Donations	745	-
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Other Income - Coffee	1,547	357
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	34,395	45,983
Non Recurring Income		
Transfer from Capital Gift Fund	3,963	-
Winding up of Allansons Charity	11,338	-
Winding up of Ravensdale Trust	22,500	-
Insurance Claim (Loss of Income)	<u>21,905</u>	20,000
	59,706	20,000
Non Recurring Expenditure		
CCTV Equipment	6,673	-
Roof & Door Repairs	3,776	-
Repairs to Block Paving	6,980	-
Erection of Railings	9,720	-
Replacement of Rear Fire Exit	<u>2,820</u>	-
Transfer to Roof Repair Fund	-	(31,074)
	29,969	-
Balance at 31 December	<u>64,132</u>	<u>34,909</u>

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Christian Aid	427	10
Pakistan Appeal	287	-
Young Carers	553	-
Zoe's Place	474	-
	<u>2,857</u>	<u>10</u>

These Accounts were agreed by the Elders on 3 May 2023



C Knight - Treasurer

R Newby - Church Secretary



ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, STHELENS

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the Trustees of Ormskirk Street United Reformed Church, St Helens (Charity Number 1145831)
on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages 1 to 7**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2022

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 in connection with the examination which gives me 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 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Dated 3 May 2023

Geoffrey T. Johnson
Chartered Accountant
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ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ST HELENS
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
DIRECT GIVING		
Freewill Offering	35,845	36,381
Loose Collections	3,635	1,782
Income Tax Refunds on Covenants	10,695	9,263
Subscriptions and Donations	<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,511</u>
	<u>51,525</u>	<u>48,937</u>
ENDOWMENT AND INVESTMENT		
Investments held by United Reformed Church (Mersey Provenance) Trust Limited	-	275
Allanson Charity	-	993
Cross Trust	-	600
Ravensdale Trust	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,868</u>
CAPITAL GIFT FUND		
Investment Income	<u>6,656</u>	<u>3,199</u>
INTERNAL DONATIONS		
Luncheon Club	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER INCOME - OTHER		
Funeral Fees	426	-
General Legacies	-	3,000
Additional Legacy from Ada Knapton dec'd	88,151	-
Less Transferred to Capital Gift Fund	<u>88,151</u>	<u>-</u>
Phone & Photocopier	506	141
Fundraising Events	253	999
Sale of Cards/Books etc.	177	13
Sundry Income	<u>309</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>1,671</u>	<u>4,169</u>

ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ST HELENS

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

EXPENDITURE

	2022	2021
	£	£
MINISTRY		
Ministry and Mission Contributions	23,520	23,181
Ministers Expenses	2,439	2,401
Manse Council Tax	2,046	2,759
Manse Water Charges	196	237
Manse Telephone	680	643
Pulpit Supply	935	703
	<u>29,816</u>	<u>29,924</u>
WIDER WORK OF THE CHURCH		
Annual Donations to Charities	<u>860</u>	<u>876</u>
CHURCH EXPENSES		
Wages	36,453	28,144
Insurance	3,654	3,271
Gas	5,303	4,952
Electricity	4,226	2,525
Water	617	310
	<u>50,253</u>	<u>39,202</u>
CHURCH EXPENSES - OTHER ITEMS		
Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,869	972
Organ and Choir	1,761	1,602
Telephone	1,230	1,225
Maintenance Office Machines etc.	3,259	3,182
Fees etc.	450	425
Cleaning Materials etc.	4,589	5,014
Worship	3,863	1,659
Bank Charges	177	-
Sundries	971	477
	<u>18,169</u>	<u>14,556</u>
FABRIC MAINTENANCE - CHURCH		
Central Heating - Servicing & Repairs	869	
Alarm Maintenance	1,478	
Building Survey	138	
Automatic Door Maintenance	474	
Lift Maintenance & Repairs	631	
Miscellaneous	162	
Tree Felling	350	
Gardening	280	
Lighting	1,494	
Painting & Decorating	140	
Deposit on Equipment Cover	324	
Tables & Trolley	1,171	
Health & Safety	336	
Sundry Electrical Work	201	
	<u>8,048</u>	<u>9,978</u>

ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ST HELENS

MUSIC FESTIVAL FUND FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	627	1,427
Income	<u>70</u>	<u>-</u>
	697	1,427
Expenditure	<u>150</u>	<u>800</u>
Balance carried forward	<u><u>547</u></u>	<u><u>627</u></u>

YOUTH AND EDUCATION FUND FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	7,692	7,249
Income	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,790</u>
	8,992	9,039
Expenditure	<u>2,388</u>	<u>1,347</u>
Balance carried forward	<u><u>6,604</u></u>	<u><u>7,692</u></u>

**BENEVOLENT FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	<u>1,726</u>	<u>1,278</u>
Income		
Bank Interest	107	3
Annual Distribution - Allansons Charity	<u>-</u>	<u>695</u>
	107	698
Expenditure		
Benevolent Payments	<u>963</u>	<u>250</u>
	963	250
Balance carried forward	<u><u>870</u></u>	<u><u>1,726</u></u>

**CAPITAL GIFT FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance brought forward	9,575	10,274
Add		
Sale Of Investments	46,109	12,316
Dividends	232	
Transferred from General Fund	<u>88,151</u>	<u>134,492</u>
	144,067	22,590
Less		
Purchase of Investments	137,238	12,251
Transfer to General Fund	3,963	-
Brokers Charges	<u>1,677</u>	<u>764</u>
Balance carried forward	<u><u>1,189</u></u>	<u><u>9,575</u></u>

THE BALANCE IS REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING BANK ACCOUNTS

Royal Bank of Scotland	-	3,963
Investec	<u>1,189</u>	<u>5,612</u>
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**ORGAN FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance Brought Forward	3,546	3,286
Add Donations Received	<u>100</u>	<u>260</u>
	<u><u>3,646</u></u>	<u><u>3,546</u></u>

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**ROOF REPAIR FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Balance Brought Forward				
Donations Received	29,686		-	
Income Tax Refunds	-		15,000	
Grants Received	273		-	
Transfer from General Reserve	18,000		1,080	
	<u>-</u>		<u>31,074</u>	
	47,959		47,154	
Expenditure to Date				
Consultants Fees	848		8,848	
Insurance Premiums	-		122	
Contractors Charges	<u>47,111</u>	47,959	<u>8,498</u>	17,468
Balance Carried Forward		<u>-</u>		<u>29,686</u>

**CHURCH ORGANISATIONS HOLDING MONEY
OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Afternoon Fellowship	93	155
Flower Fund	246	26
Mixed Fellowship	346	189
Mother & Toddler	-	389
Catering Committee	283	322
Social Group	2,544	744
Ladies Guild	-	72
	<u>3,512</u>	<u>1,897</u>

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Balance carried forward	<u>150</u>	<u>800</u>
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Income	7,692	7,249
	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,790</u>
Expenditure	8,992	9,039
Balance carried forward	<u>2,388</u>	<u>1,347</u>
	<u>6,604</u>	<u>7,692</u>

**BENEVOLENT FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Balance brought forward		
Income	1,726	1,278
Bank Interest	107	3
Annual Distribution - Allansons Charity	-	695
	<u>107</u>	<u>698</u>
Expenditure		
Benevolent Payments	963	250
	<u>963</u>	<u>250</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>870</u>	<u>1,726</u>

**CAPITAL GIFT FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Balance brought forward	9,575	10,274
Add Sale Of Investments	46,109	12,316
Dividends	232	
Transferred from General Fund	88,151	
	<u>134,492</u>	<u>22,590</u>
	144,067	
Less Purchase of Investments	137,238	12,251
Transfer to General Fund	3,963	-
Brokers Charges	1,677	764
Balance carried forward	<u>1,189</u>	<u>9,575</u>

THE BALANCE IS REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING BANK ACCOUNTS

Royal Bank of Scotland	-	3,963
Investec	1,189	5,612
	<u>1,189</u>	<u>9,575</u>

**ORGAN FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
Balance Brought Forward	3,546	3,286
Add Donations Received	100	260
	<u>3,646</u>	<u>3,546</u>

ORMSKIRK STREET UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ST HELENS

**ROOF REPAIR FUND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

Balance Brought Forward				
Donations Received	29,686		-	
Income Tax Refunds	-		15,000	
Grants Received	273		-	
Transfer from General Reserve	18,000		1,080	
	<u>-</u>		<u>31,074</u>	
	47,959		47,154	
Expenditure to Date				
Consultants Fees	848		8,848	
Insurance Premiums	-		122	
Contractors Charges	<u>47,111</u>	47,959	<u>8,498</u>	17,468
Balance Carried Forward		<u>-</u>		<u>29,686</u>

**CHURCH ORGANISATIONS HOLDING MONEY
OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Afternoon Fellowship	93	155
Flower Fund	246	26
Mixed Fellowship	346	189
Mother & Toddler	-	389
Catering Committee	283	322
Social Group	2,544	744
Ladies Guild	-	72
	<u>3,512</u>	<u>1,897</u>