

PARKGATE AND NESTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1146217

Details

Other names PARKGATE & NESTON URC CHARITY

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-03-02

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEME OF UNION OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH.

Activities: Advancement of the Christian FaithService to Community

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£103,459	£123,380	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,768	£86,036	-	-
2022-12-31	£90,366	£66,481	-	-
2021-12-31	£80,899	£71,673	-	-
2020-12-31	£71,706	£75,074	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barrie Lloyd Bradburn		2024-03-06
Brian David Jones		2014-03-28
Dr DAVID GEORGE VALE		2017-03-01
Elizabeth Rolland Pettigrew		2025-04-06
Jennifer Ann Cash		2022-03-09
MRS ANN CLOWES		2017-03-01
Pauline Comrie MacDonald		2020-03-01
Rev Ruth Isabelle Wilson		2024-01-27
SHEILA MARGARET DAVIES		2012-04-09
SUSAN VALE		2016-03-02
Vivien Jessie Manners		2025-04-06

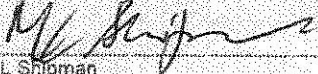
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M. L. Shipman

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For the Year Ended 31st DECEMBER 2023

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2011 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

CHARITABLE STATUS

Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and is a member church of Mersey Synod of the URC. It was entered on the Register of Charities on 2nd March 2012 as Charity number 1146217.

TRUSTEES

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees.

Those who served from 1st January 2023 until the date this report was approved are: -

Dr. D. G. Vale	Chair from October 2021
Mrs. M. A. Fewtrell	Secretary Retired from Eldership on 31 st August 2023.
Ms J. Cash	
Mrs. E. A. Clowes	Secretary from 1 st September, 2023.
Mrs. S. M. Davies	
Mr. B. D. Jones	
Mrs. P C MacDonald	
Mr. A. Meehan	
Mrs. S. Vale	
Mr. F. Wood	Retired 6 th March, 2024.

PREMISES

The Church buildings and the manse at 31, Moorside Avenue, Parkgate, Cheshire are vested in the URC Merseyside Synod as trustees and held for the benefit of Parkgate and Neston URC in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and supplemented by the rules of Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted by the Church Meeting on 13th September 2011.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting includes the minister, in pastoral charge, and elders nominated and elected at the Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Annual General Meeting. Elders serve for four years, when they are eligible for re-election.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders.

The Elders' Meeting is convened 11 times during the year. It is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for specific purposes. Any expenditure incurred by the committees must be approved by the Elders' Meeting, and any proposed major expenditure must have prior approval of the quarterly Church Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church seeks to advance the Christian faith and benefit the public through its activities and the facilities offered to the community.

The Elders' Meeting is 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.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides 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

The church continues its activities in promoting the Christian faith, holding Sunday services and by running study groups and fellowship meetings during the week. The church, together with other local congregations, is involved in a number of community activities including supporting the running of a Food Bank in Neston and a school uniform scheme. Regular donations in kind have been made, via the church, to West Cheshire Food Bank, Asylum Relief, a women's refuge and the 'Shoebox' appeal.

The church continues to maintain and improve the hall for the use of community groups as well as for church events, and provides volunteer workers for, and/or subsidises the activities of, a number of the groups.

The community groups using the church and hall include: -

- English Country Dancing
- Flower Arranging
- Make it Monday – a craft group producing items for overseas and local charities.
- Men's Group
- Neston Civic Society
- Neston Singers
- Neston Stitchers
- Zumba
- Scottish Dancing
- Tai Chi
- University of the Third Age (U3A) - Choir, Poetry, Barn Dancing and Patchwork Sewing groups.
- Women's Institute – two groups
- Guides and Brownies
- Neston Photography Group
- Art Group
- Pop Cats – a Toddlers Group
- Wirral Dementia Group

Other groups in the community use the hall for occasional events and the hall is used as a Polling Station for Parliamentary and local elections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income was adequate to meet the church's expenditure, and church members and others supplied additional funds to improve accessibility and facilities. Additional income will be required in 2024 and fundraising will continue.

Details on the attached financial statements are allocated under the following headings:

Unrestricted Funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 3 months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance on 31 December 2023 is adequate for this purpose.

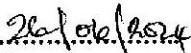
Designated Funds: Funds allocated by the Elders' meeting. The 'Cyclical Maintenance' fund is a reserve to cover larger building repairs, etc.

Restricted Funds represent bequests, donations and fund-raising items received for a specific purpose, and cannot be used otherwise without the consent of the donor.

'Support of Outside Causes' (most of which is included in 'restricted funds') represents moneys raised during church activities and passed via the church accounts on to the respective charities.

This report was approved by all the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by the Church Secretary.


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Mrs. E. A. Clowes


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Date

**PARKGATE & NESTON UNITED
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**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
Year ending 31 December 2023**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Freewill Offerings		42,773			42,773	42614
Donations excluding those to Cameo)		3,108		2,507	5,615	15149
Fund raising (net of costs)		1,544			1,544	2808
Moneys raised for outside causes	3			3,555	3,555	3408
Gift Aid Tax repayments		10,581			10,581	10491
Legacies		10,000			10,000	
Property Income	4	18,236			18,236	14775
Cameo						510
Whitby URC						303
Sundry receipts (inc printing)		76			76	68
Bank interest & investment income		1,387			1,387	240
Total Receipts		87,706		6,062	93,768	90366
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		39,000			39,000	39756
Ministry/group expenses		1,303			1,303	1434
Church running costs	5	24,405			24,405	19603
Programme activity costs- Cameo	6					557
Programme activity costs - Other	6			15,332	15,332	150
Support of outside causes	7	50		3,555	3,605	3578
Maintenance of church buildings	8	2,152	240		2,392	2180
Manse running costs						-776
Sundry						
Total Payments		66,910	240	18,887	86,036	66481
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		20,796	(240)	(12,825)	7,731	23,866
TRANSFERS between funds	2	(1,000)	1,000			
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CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		38,079	8,843	18,316	65,238	41,350
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December		57,875	9,603	5,491	72,969	65,238

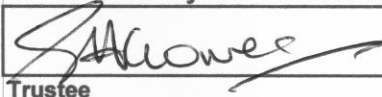
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS

Cash & Cheques in Transit		286			286	369
Bank current accounts		9,149			9,149	5,870
Deposit accounts		48,441	9,603	5,491	63,536	58,999
Total monetary assets	9	57,876	9,603	5,491	72,970	65,238

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		Balance B/fwd	Receipts in year	Payments in year	Balance c/fwd	
Designated Funds		£	£	£	£	
Cyclical maintenance		8,843	1,000	240	9,603	
Total for Designated Funds		8,843	1,000	240	9,603	
		Balance B/fwd	Receipts in year	Payments in year	Balance c/fwd	
Restricted Funds		£	£	£	£	
Major Projects Fund		1,515		1,315	200	
Roofing Fund		633			633	
Music Fund		297			297	
Windows refurbishment		1,475			1,475	
Outside Causes (inc Gift Aid)			3,555	3,555		
Cameo		2,448			2,448	
Car Park extension		200			200	
Jubilee Garden		11,750	2,507	14,017	240	
Holding funds			634	634		
Total for Restricted Funds		18,316	6,695	19,520	5,491	
3 MONEY RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£	£
				3,555	3,555	3,408
Total raised for outside causes				3,555	3,555	3,408
4. PROPERTY INCOME		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Hall		14,878			14,878	13,152
Church		3,099			3,099	1,518
Weddings & Funerals (net)		260			260	105
Total property income		18,236			18,236	14,775

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5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS					
Gas & electricity	5,473			5,473	2,393
Insurance	4,142			4,142	3,716
Water charges	878			878	725
Stationery & photocopying	595			595	928
Internet	1,175			1,175	1,165
Website					200
Other Sundry Expenses	699			699	225
Purchase of equipment	1,497			1,497	155
Licences, subs & fees	728			728	711
Cleaning	5,410			5,410	4,720
Garden	3,200			3,200	3,080
Organ & organists	608			608	1,585
Total church running costs	24,405			24,405	19,603
6. PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS					
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Young Persons' Activities					
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Other (net) inc Community Jubilee Gdn			15,332	15,332	150
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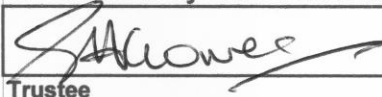
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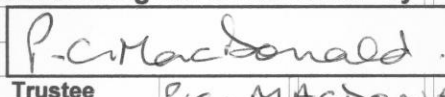
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Those who served from 1st January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

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The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church

Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church.

The Elders' Meeting includes the minister, in pastoral charge, and elders nominated and elected at the Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Annual General Meeting. Elders serve for four years, when they are eligible for re-election. The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders.

The Elders' Meeting convened 11 times during the year. It is assisted in the administration of the Church and its property by committees established for specific purposes. Any expenditure incurred by the committees must be approved by the Elders' Meeting, and any proposed major expenditure must have prior approval of the quarterly Church Meeting.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church seeks to advance the Christian faith and benefit the public through its activities and the facilities offered to the community.

The Elders' Meeting is 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.

The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides 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

The church continues its activities in promoting the Christian faith, holding Sunday services and by running study groups and fellowship meetings during the week. The church, together with other local congregations, is involved in a number of community activities including supporting the running of a Food Bank in Neston and a school uniform scheme. Regular donations in kind have been made, via the church, to West Cheshire Food Bank, Asylum Relief, a women's refuge and the 'Shoebox' appeal.

The church continues to maintain and improve the hall for the use of community groups as well as for church events, and provides volunteer workers for, and/or subsidises the activities of, a number of the groups.

The community groups using the church and hall include: -

- English Country Dancing
- Flower Arranging
- Make it Monday - a craft group producing items for overseas and local charities.
- Men's Group
- Neston Civic Society
- Neston Singers

Pilates
Scottish Dancing
Tai Chi
University of the Third Age (U3A) Choir, History Poetry, Pilates, Photo and
Dancing groups.
Women's Guild

Other groups in the community use the hall for occasional events and the hall is used as a Polling Station for Parliamentary and local elections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income was adequate to meet the church's expenditure, and church members and others supplied additional funds to improve accessibility and facilities. Additional income will be required in 2023 and fundraising will continue when restrictions are eased.

Details on the attached financial statements are allocated under the following headings:

Unrestricted Funds: Ideally, the Elders' Meeting would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least 2 months' regular expenditure as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income or unexpected expense. The balance on 31 December 2022 is adequate for this purpose.

Designated Funds: Funds allocated by the Elders' meeting. The 'Cyclical Maintenance' fund is a reserve to cover larger building repairs, etc.

Restricted Funds represent bequests, donations and fund-raising items received for a specific purpose, and cannot be used otherwise without the consent of the donor.

'Support of Outside Causes' (most of which is included in 'restricted funds') represents moneys raised during church activities and passed via the church accounts on to the respective charities.

This report was approved by all the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by the Church Secretary.

Mary Ann Fewtrell

23/03/2023

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Mrs Mary Ann Fewtrell

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Date

**PARKGATE & NESTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
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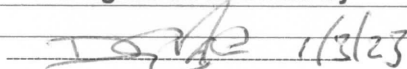
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Moneys raised for outside causes	3			3,408	3,408	2055
Gift Aid Tax repayments		10,491			10,491	10519
Legacies						
Property Income	4	14,775			14,775	7028
Cameo				510	510	703
Chester Road URC		303			303	1125
Sundry receipts		68			68	31
Insurance claim						15309
Bank interest & investment income		240			240	12
Total Receipts		74,698		15,668	90,366	80899
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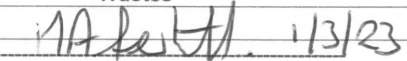
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Deposit accounts		31,840	8,843	18,316	58,999	36,959
Total monetary assets	9	38,079	8,843	18,316	65,238	41,352

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Major Projects Fund	1,515			1,515
Roofing Fund	633			633
Music Fund	297			297
Windows refurbishment	1,475			1,475
Outside Causes (inc Gift Aid)	105	3,408	3,513	
Cameo	2,494	510	557	2,448
Car Park extension	200			200
Jubilee Garden		11,750		11,750
Holding funds		714	714	
Total for Restricted Funds	6,718	16,382	4,784	18,316

3 MONEYS RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
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Total raised for outside causes			3,408	3,408	2,055

4. PROPERTY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Hall	13,152			13,152	6,285
Church	1,518			1,518	743
Weddings & Funerals	105			105	
Total property income	14,775			14,775	7,028

5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
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Gas & electricity	2,393			2,393	2,870
Insurance	3,716			3,716	3,606
Water charges	725			725	555
Stationery & photocopying net)	928			928	894
Internet	1,165			1,165	1,084
Website	200			200	50
Other Sundry Expenses (net)	225			225	1,291
Purchase of equipment	155			155	398
Licences, subs & fees	711			711	511
Cleaning	4,720			4,720	4,160
Garden	3,080			3,080	2,880
Organ & organists	1,585			1,585	925
Total church running costs	19,603			19,603	19,224

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Young Persons' Activities						
Cameo				557	557	
Other (net)		150			150	288
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Commitment for life						
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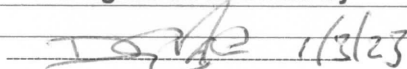
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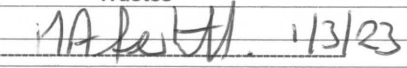
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Restricted Funds represent bequests, donations and fund-raising items received for a specific purpose, and cannot be used otherwise without the consent of the donor.

'Support of Outside Causes' (most of which is included in 'restricted funds') represents moneys raised during church activities and passed via the church accounts on to the respective charities.

This report was approved by all the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by the Church Secretary.


.....
Mrs Mary Ann Fewtrell


.....
Date

**PARKGATE & NESTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
Year ending 31 December 2021**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Freewill Offerings		41,862			41,862	42,000
Donations excluding those to Cameo)		1,013		1,241	2,254	8,245
Fund raising/Events (net)						458
Moneys raised for outside causes	3			2,055	2,055	2,088
Gift Aid Tax repayments		10,446		73	10,519	11,348
Legacies						
Property Income	4	7,028			7,028	4,919
Cameo				703	703	858
Whitby URC		1,125			1,125	1,410
Sundry receipts		31			31	285
Insurance claim		15,309			15,309	
Bank interest & investment income		12			12	95
Total Receipts		76,827		4,072	80,899	71,706
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		42,394			42,394	42,250
Ministry/group expenses		901			901	610
Church running costs	5	17,916		1,308	19,224	16,701
Programme activity costs- Cameo	6					4,537
Programme activity costs - Other	6	288			288	189
Support of outside causes	7			1,951	1,951	2,234
Maintenance of church buildings	8	2,698			2,698	4,119
Manse running costs		3,893			3,893	4,433
Other		324			324	
Total Payments		68,414		3,258	71,673	75,074
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		8,412		814	9,226	(3,368)
TRANSFERS between funds	2	(1,500)	1,500			
TRANSFERS between funds	2	530		(530)		
TRANSFERS between funds	2					
CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		19,349	6,343	6,432	32,124	35,492
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December		26,791	7,843	6,716	41,350	32,124

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS						
Bank current accounts		4,393			4,393	5,485
Deposit accounts		22,398	7,843	6,718	36,959	26,638
Total monetary assets	9	26,791	7,843	6,718	41,352	32,123
LIABILITIES						

APPROVED by the Church Meeting held on **March**
and signed on its behalf by

Trustee

Trustee

The notes on pages 2 and 3 form part of this financial statement

Throughout some totals may be affected by the rounding of calculations

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3), using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church Guidance.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they may be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Designated Funds	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Cyclical maintenance	6,343	1,500		7,843
Total for Designated Funds	6,343	1,500		7,843

Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Restricted Funds	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Major Projects Fund	1,515			1,515
Roofing Fund	633			633
Music Fund	297			297
Windows refurbishment	1,475			1,475
Outside Causes (Inc Gift Aid)		2,055	1,950	105
Cameo	1,792	703		2,494
Car Park extension	200			200
	521	(262)	264	(5)
Total for Restricted Funds	6,431	2,496	2,214	6,713

3 MONEYS RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
			2,055	2,055	2,088
Total raised for outside causes			2,055	2,055	2,088

4. PROPERTY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Hall	6,285			6,285	3,996
Church	743			743	773
Weddings & Funerals					151
Total property income	7,028			7,028	4,919

5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS

	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Gas & electricity	2,870			2,870	2,123
Insurance	3,606			3,606	3,393
Water charges	555			555	526
Stationery & photocopying net)	894			894	618
Internet	1,084			1,084	1,040
Website	50			50	50
Other Sundry Expenses	324		967	1,291	253
Purchase of equipment	57		341	398	400
Licences, subs & fees	511			511	425
Cleaning	4,160			4,160	4,318
Garden	2,880			2,880	2,875
Organ & organists	925			925	680
Total church running costs	17,916		1,308	19,224	16,701

6. PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Young Persons' Activities					189
Cameo					4,537
Other (net)	288			288	
Total programme activity costs	288			288	4,726

7. SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Commitment for life			908	908	1,209
Christian Aid					484
Christmas Charities			400	400	454
Supported by Praise & Fellowship			340	340	87
Other appeals			302	302	
Total support of outside causes			1,951	1,951	2,234

8. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
Buildings improvements					
Equipment Maint/repair					
Other property repairs/maintenance	2,119			2,119	4,119
Purchase of equipment	578			578	
Total maintenance of church buildings	2,698			2,698	4,119

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The church moneys are held in segregated accounts

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
HSBC Bank current account	4,393			4,393	5,485
Skipton BS	22,398	7,843	6,718	36,959	26,638
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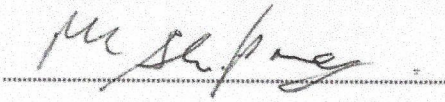
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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

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I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31st December 2021



Date 13/01/22

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Respective responsibilities

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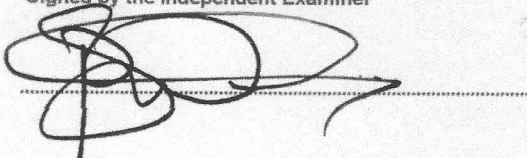
Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the financial records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner



Date 1/2/22

PARKGATE AND NESTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1146217

Accounts



Parkgate & Neston United Reformed Church Charity

Parkgate Road, Neston CH64 6QF

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For the Year Ended 31st DECEMBER 2020

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2011 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

CHARITABLE STATUS

Parkgate and Neston United Reformed Church Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and is a member church of Mersey Synod of the URC. It was entered on the Register of Charities on 2nd March 2012 as Charity number 1146217.

TRUSTEES

The members of the Elders' Meeting for the time being are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are: -

Revd. H. E. Smith	Chair
Mrs. M. A. Fewtrell	Secretary
Mrs. A. Clowes	
Mr. A. G. Davies	
Mrs. S. M. Davies	
Mrs V. E. Davies-Patrick	
Mr. B. D. Jones	
Mrs. P C MacDonald	
Mrs. C. A. Maddaford	(Resigned March 2021)
Mr. A. Meehan	
Dr. D. G. Vale	
Mrs. S. Vale	

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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

All activities were halted in March 2020 as the church and community hall closed following Government guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Worship continued via Zoom, as did all essential meetings.

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This report was approved by all the Trustees and is signed on their behalf by the Minister.

.....*H.E. Smith*.....
Rev Hilary Smith

.....*29.11.21*.....
Date

**PARKGATE & NESTON UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
Year ending 31 December 2020**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Freewill Offerings		42,000			42,000	44929
Donations excluding those to Cameo)		8,045		200	8,245	2194
Fund raising		458			458	1336
Moneys raised for outside causes	3			2,088	2,088	4982
Gift Aid Tax repayments		11,236		113	11,348	11506
Legacies						
Property Income	4	4,919			4,919	14422
Cameo				858	858	6018
Whitby URC		1,410			1,410	1500
Sundry receipts		65		220	285	301 (net)
Bank interest & investment income		95			95	165
Total Receipts		68,227		3,479	71,706	87352
PAYMENTS						
Ministry & Mission Fund		42,250			42,250	40222
Ministry/group expenses		610			610	1832
Church running costs	5	16,701			16,701	19074
Programme activity costs- Cameo	6			4,537	4,537	5378
Programme activity costs - Other	6	189			189	504
Support of outside causes	7			2,234	2,234	5079
Maintenance of church buildings	8	4,119			4,119	2420
Manse running costs		4,433			4,433	3411
Other						
Total Payments		68,302		6,772	75,074	77919
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		(75)		(3,293)	(3,368)	9433
TRANSFERS between funds	2	(1,500)	1,500			
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CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		20,924	4,843	9,725	35,492	26059
CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December		19,349	6,343	6,432	32,124	35492

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

MONETARY ASSETS						
Bank current accounts		5,485			5,485	9448
Deposit accounts		13,863	6,343	6,431	26,638	26043
Total monetary assets	9	19,349	6,343	6,431	32,123	35491
LIABILITIES						

APPROVED by the Church Meeting held on **March**
and signed on its behalf by

Trustee

Trustee

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Designated Funds	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Cyclical maintenance	4,843	1,500		6,343
Total for Designated Funds	4,843	1,500		6,343

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Restricted Funds	Balance B/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Major Projects Fund	1,515			1,515
Roofing Fund	633			633
Music Fund	297			297
Windows refurbishment	1,475			1,475
Outside Causes (inc Gift Aid)	34	2,200	2,234	
Cameo	5,471	858	4,537	1,792
Car Park extension holding funds	301	200		200
	301	220		521
Total for Restricted Funds	9,724	3,479	6,772	6,431

3 MONEYS RAISED FOR OUTSIDE CAUSES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
			2,088	2,088	4982
Total raised for outside causes			2,088	2,088	4982

4. PROPERTY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Hall	3,996			3,996	12059
Church	773			773	2363
Weddings & Funerals	151			151	
Total property income	4,919			4,919	14422

	£	£	£	£	£
5. CHURCH RUNNING COSTS	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
Gas & electricity	2,123			2,123	3826
Insurance	3,393			3,393	3219
Water charges	526			526	531
Stationery & photocopying net)	618			618	1122
Internet	1,040			1,040	952
Website	50			50	250
Other Sundry Expenses	253			253	117
Purchase of equipment	400			400	
Licences, subs & fees	425			425	407
Cleaning	4,318			4,318	4160
Garden	2,875			2,875	2820
Organ & organists	680			680	1670
Total church running costs	16,701			16,701	19074

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
6. PROGRAMME ACTIVITY COSTS					
Young Persons' Activities	189			189	189
Cameo			4,537	4,537	5378
Other (net)					315
Total programme activity costs	189		4,537	4,726	5882

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
7. SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE CAUSES					
Commitment for life			1,209	1,209	861
Christian Aid			484	484	1956
Christmas Charities			454	454	1364
Supported by Praise & Fellowship			87	87	348
Other appeals					550
Total support of outside causes			2,234	2,234	5079

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total	2019 Total
8. MAINTENANCE OF CHURCH BUILDINGS					
Buildings improvements					
Equipment Maint/repair					
Other property repairs/maintenance	4,119			4,119	2420
Total maintenance of church buildings	4,119			4,119	2420

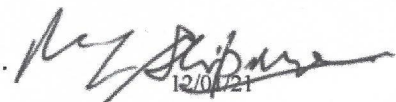
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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 3 for the year ended 31st December 2020



Date 12/01/21

M L Shipman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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Respective responsibilities

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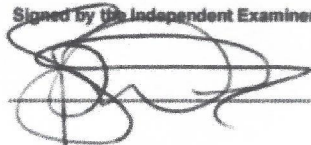
Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the financial records of the church, and that those records satisfied the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner



Date 12/01/21

P Winrow