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**FOR**  
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The Church became a Registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee in January 2012 with the appointment of 3 Directors/Trustees who are also its Members. In addition to the Trustees we now also have a full time pastor and assistant pastor who are also elders.

The Church is governed by the Directors/Trustees (Elders) and the pastor who are appointed and make decisions in consultation with the Church members. Day to day running is conducted through the pastor, assistant pastor, the elders and leaders of the different activities. Training is offered to trustees through day courses and encouragement to read the Charity Commission guidance on the website. Trustees are also, where seen necessary, given the opportunity to attend training.

We are seeking to appoint an additional Trustee in the future.

The Charity's objectives are for the public benefit to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in the Hollywood area, United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may see fit, to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable in connection with its activities.

These objectives are achieved through Church services, Children's and Young Peoples activities, weeks and weekends away, coffee mornings and 'Time for Tea' for the older generation. These activities are advertised to and engaged in by the wider community in the local area. Help is also given for social and practical needs of individual church and non-church members. We also support and work with other local Churches and groups for the benefit of the local community. We are developing our links with the local senior school and junior schools.

Many of the Church activities have had to be curtailed this year due to the pandemic. While contact has been maintained with Church Members and other individuals in the area, meeting to gather has been controlled by the regulations. Due to the needs of local people we set up a food bank and conducted a carol singing march around the local area. Most of the church activities, for all ages, have been conducted through zoom. Unfortunately this was not possible with coffee morning so when allowed door step visits have been made to individuals.

We have a church congregation that covers the complete age range which helps us to cater for the different needs within the church and the local community. Despite the issues limiting our activities we have been encouraged by the vast majority of the church maintaining involvement.

On a wider scale financial support is also given to carefully selected national and international charities and appeals. For example, British Heart Foundation, Marie Curie, Birmingham City Mission, The Leprosy Mission. As we have links with a church in Mississippi. We have maintained our support in Zambia. Through a church member from Zimbabwe we have been able to help her start to set up a school in her home village.

Our financial position at the end of the year is healthy, even though there was a decrease in the reserves.

The building we occupy is in a separate trust (Church Growth Trust) to whom we pay an annual rental of £64. One of our Trustees is a member of that Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees  
Dave Foster  
(Honorary Secretary)

## HCLC Financial Report 2020

### The Headlines

#### In numbers...

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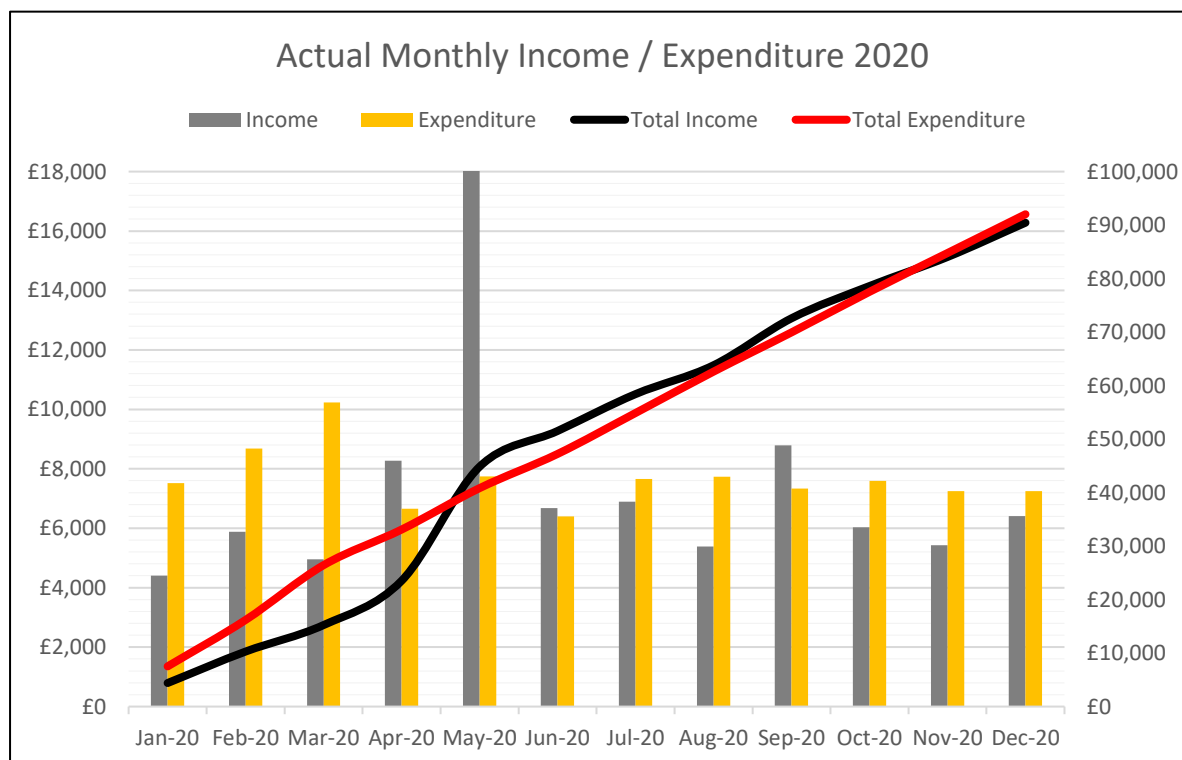
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In summary, we forecast a total loss of £35,000 at the start of 2020, but this loss is now only £1,500 – so we have effectively broken even on the year. This is a swing of £33,500.

#### In 'pictures'...



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Subsequently, the furlough scheme introduced part time working and we were then able to ask Steve and Gille to undertake full or part time roles as Pastor / Assistant Pastor.

Up to December 2020 we have claimed approximately £17,000 under the furlough scheme.

This has obviously helped underpin our financial position this year.

### **Q2. Has the general giving by church attendees reduced or increased this year?**

A. We have seen a £3,000 reduction in giving this year compared to 2019.

### **Q3. How much financial support has been given to the foodbank?**

A. The foodbank has raised the local profile of the church within Hollywood and Wythall. As well as receiving food donations, we have also received several financial donations from church members, members of the general public and local government (Bromsgrove District Council (£500) and Wythall Paris Council (£500)).

At the end of 2020 we had received total financial support of £2,180.00 of which approximately £600.00 had been expended on replenishing the foodbank. There is approximately £1,600.00 to be carried forward into 2021. All donations to the foodbank are ringfenced for that purpose.

### **Q4. There has been a significant reduction in expenditure in 2020. What are the areas mostly affected?**

A. The pandemic has clearly had a significant impact on the church programme in 2020. I have set out below the original budgets of expenditure at the start of 2020 and details of what we actually spent ...

		Budget	Actual	Progress Against Budget	
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- **Staff Costs** – these were down as general expenses reduced from March to December
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- **Other categories** – expenditure was down approximately 50% against the budgets due to the reduced programme during the year.
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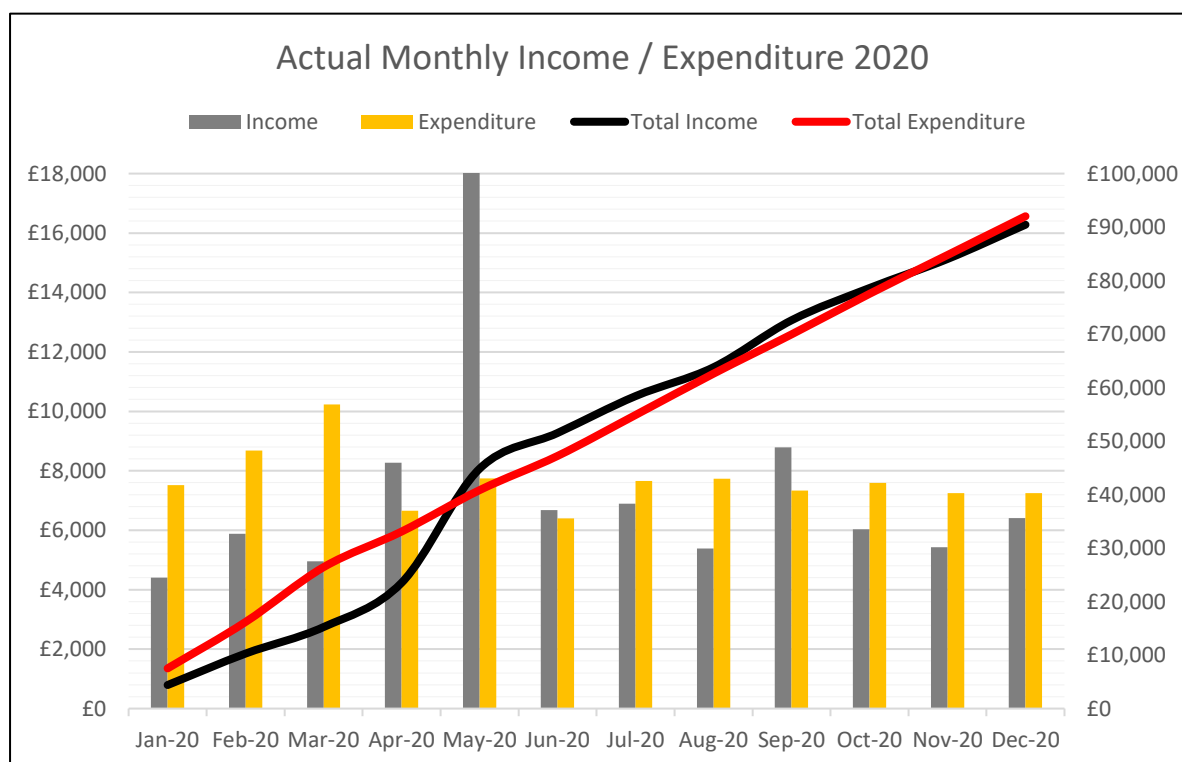
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