

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2021  
FOR  
THE GATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Charity Registration Number: 1146562**

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**THE GATE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**CHARITY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2021**

<b>Trustees:</b>	Mr R D B Grimshaw Mr P J Warne Mrs J S Arrowsmith Mr J S Whitworth Mr M D Cross Mr N P Thompson
<b>Registered Charity Number:</b>	1146562
<b>Postal Address:</b>	3 Stanagate Clifton Preston Lancashire PR4 0ZB
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Rev'd AA Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE 15 Carleton Road Great Knowley Chorley Lancashire PR6 8TQ
<b>Bankers:</b>	HSBC Blackpool FY4 4YH

# **The Gate Community Church**

**Registered Charity No: 1146562**

## **Annual Report for the year ending 31/05/2021**

### **Objects & Activities**

The Gate Community Church is committed to the following objects:

1. To advance the Christian faith [in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs] in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit;
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; and
3. To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their publication 'The Advancement of Religion for Public Benefit' and have given regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The Covid 19 virus has obviously affected the church, we stopped our public meetings in March of 2020 following the announcement of the government guidelines. However, during the lockdown period we maintained contact with church members by telephone and email and also recorded a short service each week which was made available on the church website and also on CD for those with no internet access. We restarted our meetings when the restrictions were eased with social distancing and face masks. Not all members of the church have begun attending again and so we continue to make recordings available both on the church website and on CD. The stationery and postage costs this year reflect the additional costs involved in doing this.

We have continued to make regular monthly gifts to the Living Stones Church in Okara, Pakistan, Restoration Beyond Belief to support their ministry providing Bibles to prison inmates and 'Cornerstone Christian Radio' which is based in Blackpool. We have also made grants of money to help with specific needs for individuals locally.

In addition to the regular overseas giving mentioned above, we were also made aware of some particular needs in Bulgaria, Nigeria and Pakistan, a number of people gave towards these needs. During the course of the year we sent the following:

- £1,320.00 to New Beginnings Church in Vidin, Bulgaria to help with the cost of new equipment to allow them to livestream their services, we have been informed that around 500 people from all over Bulgaria are watching these services each week.
- £2,915.00 to Bible Faith Christian School in Jos, Nigeria to help with the cost of rebuilding following a collapse caused by the original contractor using incorrect materials.
- £2,025.00 to Living Stones in Okara, Pakistan to help with the building of a new school in a nearby village.

The 'North West & North Wales' sphere of 'Salt & Light' has been renamed "Maximise". The church leadership team receives support from the leadership of Maximise and the area leaders meetings have been continued on a bi-weekly basis using Zoom. We have also been able to join with area-wide livestream meetings which are organised on a quarterly basis. We are continuing to make a financial contribution to Maximise which we pay on a monthly basis.

### **Financial Review**

Total receipts for the year were £25,840.21 and total expenses for the year were £23,030.29. Details of these amounts are shown in the attached financial statements. (The Gift Aid claim for the 2019-20 tax year was not submitted until July 2020 and the figure shown in the accounts for Tax Reclaimed is therefore made up of £2,574.27 for 2019-20 and £2,469.07 for 2020-21.)

### **Reserves Policy**

Currently we do not have any financial liabilities and therefore we do not have any need for specific reserves. However, at the year end, £14,001.19 was held in a deposit account.

## Pastors Remuneration

Mr Robert Grimshaw has continued to receive £100.00 per week in recognition of the duties involved in being the senior leader of The Gate Community Church. (Mr Grimshaw is registered as self-employed and is responsible for declaring this income for tax purposes). Mr Philip Warne has continued to receive £75.00 per week in recognition of the pastoral duties that he carries out within the church. (Mr Warne is also responsible for declaring this income for income tax purposes).

## Volunteers

Apart from a payment of £100.00 per week to Mr Robert Grimshaw, and the £75.00 per week paid to Mr Philip Warne, The Gate Community Church is run on a volunteer basis and we would like to thank everyone for their support and hard work throughout the year. There is a Protection Policy in place in respect of children and vulnerable adults. Checks are made with the Disclosure and Barring Service in respect of persons dealing regularly with young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst it is impossible to eliminate all risks and their consequences, efforts are constantly made to minimise such occurrences. The appointed Protection Officer is Mr Philip John Warne.

## Data Protection and Privacy

We contacted the Information Commissioners Office in the early part of 2018 and ascertained that we were not required to register. However, we recognise that we are required to comply with the law in regard to data protection and the new GDPR regulations and we therefore adopted a Data Protection Policy and a Privacy Policy in May 2018. Both of these are available on the church website.

## Administration

The Gate Community Church is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales and currently has six trustees:

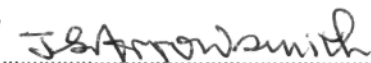
Mrs Janice Sylvia Arrowsmith  
Mr Philip John Warne  
Mr Robert David Grimshaw  
Mr James Stanley Whitworth  
Mr Myles Darren Cross  
Mr Nigel Thompson

It is considered that the Trustees and any others who could be understood to be 'managers' in the affairs and activities of the Charity are deemed to be 'fit and proper' persons under the terms of the Finance Act 2010. Where a new Trustee is appointed every effort is made by the current Trustees to brief the new Trustee on the present situation of the Charity at the time of their appointment.

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by

5-9-21

 (Trustee)

**Independent Examiner's Report.**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Gate Community Church, CC Reg. no. 1146562.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>. May 2021, which are set out on the attached pages.

**Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to :

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

**Basis of the 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:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Alan A Clements*

*17th September 2021.*

Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

Rev'd. A. A. Clements MA, ACIB, FCIE.  
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# The Gate Community Church

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31/05/2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>						
<b>Receipts</b>						
Gifts and Offerings	15,050.58	5,745.00	-	-	20,795.58	18,049.38
Income Tax Reclaimed	5,043.34	-	-	-	5,043.34	0.00
	20,093.92	5,745.00	-	-	25,838.92	18,049.38
Donations for CDs etc	-	-	-	-	0.00	6.00
Investment Income	1.29	-	-	-	1.29	25.16
	20,095.21	5,745.00	-	-	25,840.21	18,080.54
<b>Payments</b>						
Church Activities (Note 1)	17,285.29	5,745.00	-	-	23,030.29	20,889.06
<b>Excess/(Shortfall) of Receipts over Payments</b>						
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Total Funds as at 01/06/2020	12,383.24	-	-	-	12,383.24	15,191.76
Total Funds as at 31/05/2021	15,193.16	-	-	-	15,193.16	12,383.24

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

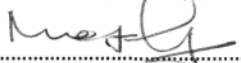
Bank Current Account	1,176.02	-	-	-	1,176.02	623.39
Bank Deposit Account	14,001.19	-	-	-	14,001.19	11,738.90
Petty Cash	15.95	-	-	-	15.95	20.95
	15,193.16	-	-	-	15,193.16	12,383.24

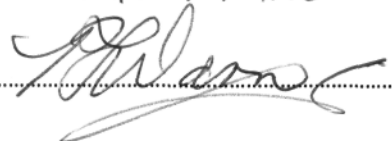
Assets recognised but not valued in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities include:

PA and recording equipment, catering equipment, two projectors, various musical instruments and two laptop computers.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 5/9/2021 and signed on their behalf by PHILIP WARNE (Trustee)  
and NIGEL THOMPSON (Trustee).

  
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## Financial Statements for the year ended 31/05/2020

### NOTES

#### 1. Payments Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Ministry gifts to visitors	240.00	-	-	-	240.00	1,530.00
Overseas giving	1,715.00	5,745.00	-	-	7,460.00	1,700.00
Grants to individuals	100.50	-	-	-	100.50	448.52
Visiting ministry expenses	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Recording & Books	26.04	-	-	-	26.04	54.24
Leadership Support	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	26.50
Pastors Remuneration	9,100.00	-	-	-	9,100.00	7,150.00
Maximise	1,999.92	-	-	-	1,999.92	2,390.36
Training	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00
Outreach	-	-	-	-	0.00	723.25
Catering	-	-	-	-	0.00	989.37
CCLI Registration	201.66	-	-	-	201.66	195.98
CCPAS	129.00	-	-	-	129.00	120.00
Rent	2,875.50	-	-	-	2,875.50	4,625.50
Insurance	412.06	-	-	-	412.06	409.82
Equipment	33.99	-	-	-	33.99	271.44
Website hosting	50.38	-	-	-	50.38	134.38
Publicity	-	-	-	-	0.00	35.84
Printing & Stationery	65.66	-	-	-	65.66	12.56
Postage	156.08	-	-	-	156.08	19.30
Audit & Accountancy	25.00	-	-	-	25.00	25.00
Bank Charges	90.00	-	-	-	90.00	15.00
Sundry	64.50	-	-	-	64.50	12.00
	17,285.29	5,745.00	-	-	23,030.29	20,889.06