

# UNION CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, CROUCH END (Baptist /United Reformed)



## ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Church  
on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Union Church is a group of Christians who worship and work together to reflect the love of God by serving the community and supporting the Church worldwide.

Union Church and Community Centre is a Local Ecumenical Partnership.

Union Church and Community Centre, Crouch End  
Weston Park, Crouch End, London N8 9PX

Registered Charity 1150944

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Deacons as Charity Trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The report and accounts are presented to the Annual Meeting of the Church on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **INTRODUCTION**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1974, the members of Park Chapel United Reformed Church and members of Ferme Park Baptist Church, believing that it was God's will that they should do so, resolved that the work and witness of the two churches should be, and should continue to be, integrated so that the members of the two churches should live, work and worship as one community: Union Church.

In 2003, the name was changed to 'Union Church and Community Centre, Crouch End (Baptist/United Reformed)' to better reflect the community involvement of the church.

### **AIM AND PURPOSES**

The purpose of the Church and Community Centre, Crouch End is to advance the Christian faith in Hornsey, and the wider community, in accordance with the principles and practices of the Baptist and United Reformed Church denominations.

As Trustees, we have the responsibility of working with the Minister and congregation in promoting the work of the Church and Centre; the Mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical; and for the safe operation and maintenance of our properties.

## **ACTIVITIES**

We are committed to encouraging as many people as possible to worship in the church and to enable wide use of the Centre for social groups and lettings. We maintain an overview of worship and church group activities and aim to see that services are welcoming and include contributions from the diversity of congregation attendants.

When planning its activities for the year, the Deacons would consider the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of the community through:

- i. Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel, developing our knowledge and trust in Jesus, and serving the community.
- ii. Provision of pastoral care for members, friends, centre users and people living in the immediate vicinity of the church.
- iii. Missionary and outreach work.

To facilitate this work, it is important that we maintain the fabric of the Church and Community Centre.

### **LETTINGS:**

The Church and Community Centre hired out their buildings on a regular basis to the following groups:

- 1) Lifelong Learning (Adults):
  - Crouch End & District U3A's main and several of its sub-groups
- 2) Parent/Carer and Toddler activity groups:
  - 3-2-1 Parent/Carer and Toddler Group (run by Union Church)
  - Baby College
  - Hartbeeps
  - Zip Zap

- 3) Parent/Carer and Toddler Support Groups:
- LB Haringey Children's Centre, West Locality Area
- 4) Support Groups for Adults:
- AA - Friday Group
  - AA - Sunday Group
  - Al-Anon Family Group
  - Carers First
  - Family Constellations Workshops
- 5) Wellbeing groups (Adults):
- Gestalt Yoga
  - Holistic Yoga
  - Mum-Dance
  - NCT Courses (Barnet/Enfield/Haringey/Tottenham)
- 6) Wrap-Around and After-School Care:
- Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
  - Joy Mandarin Academy
  - Kumon (Hornsey) Study Centre
  - Perform Workshops
- 7) The Arts:
- North London Symphony Orchestra
- 8) Other charities:
- Church of God World Fellowship
  - Kith and Kids Charity
- 9) Other activities/meetings/workshops:
- Children's parties
  - Crafts and Gifts markets run by community members
  - Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum
  - Haringey Council (Major projects)

- Haven group for SEN children and their families
- Sewing Group (for adults)
- Songworks Community Singing Group
- Psychotherapists and Counsellors group
- Violin and Piano recitals

### **OBLIGATIONS OF MINISTRY and ACHIEVEMENTS**

Union Church is not large on numbers but it is large in heart and finding people who may say they are not Christians but behave in a very Christian way.

**Anniversary:** Due to the on-going effects of the Covid19 pandemic lockdowns, we were unable to celebrate our forty-eighth anniversary in May.

**Christmas Day 2022:** We were extremely happy that we were able to host our annual community-focused Christmas Day Lunch and Party in person! Sadly, a number of our regular guests passed away in the last four years as a result of old age or illness.

We hosted and catered for 51 guests; each guest received a lovely gift. We could not have achieved this memorable post-Covid event without the very generous help and support of 27 dedicated volunteers. We were truly grateful to the organisations, businesses and individuals whose collective willingness went a long way to help solitary and isolated people in our community to enjoy what would otherwise have been a very lonely day.

Union Church is extremely grateful to the following donors who made this great occasion possible:

- Anne Green & family: china and crystal ware gifts for our guests
- Callis Locksmiths (Crouch End): Panettone cake and real leather goods that were gifts for some of our guests
- Co-op (Crouch End): Luxury mince pies

- Dunn's Baker & Confectioner (Crouch End): Mince pies, bread and Christmas puddings
- Freeman Butchers, Crouch End: a large Roll of Turkey Breast
- Gift (the gift shop), Crouch End: a gift for a guest
- KA News (Hornsey): Cookies
- The staff of Little Tree Montessori Nursery (Crouch End): several gifts for our guests
- Four individuals made personal donations totalling £75.00
- Waitrose (Crouch End): a large amount of groceries from their Community Partnerships Scheme
- Weston Park Café (Hornsey): gifts for our guests

Guests, volunteers and church members could not hide their joy on this Christmas Day! Our 51 guests enjoyed a delicious and sumptuous 3-course lunch cooked by Luke Underhill (our Chef of the Day). Our dedicated team of 27 volunteers worked hard on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We are very grateful to the 6 volunteer drivers on Christmas Day, who collected guests from their homes for the morning service and, or, the lunch and took them back home when the event ended. Many of our volunteers had been before. Some of them would have been home alone but chose to join us to make the day a memorable one for others. As we celebrated the coming of Jesus into our sorry world, we were grateful to be, once more, His hands and feet in our community.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

In February 2011, the Deacons resolved to retain their Restricted Funds solely for the purposes that they were created and to maintain Reserves equivalent to six months' income with a portion of Reserves to be held in cash and the majority invested in the COIF Charities Investment Fund.

The Deacons recognise the importance of holding adequate unrestricted funds to ensure the smooth operation of the Church and the Centre, and to enable them to meet emergency situations that may arise from time to time. On 31st December 2022, the Church held reserves of £120,207.00. The new total is equivalent to approximately 4 months' income.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Union Church and Community Centre, Crouch End is affiliated to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and the London Baptist Association. The Church is a member of the United Reformed Church of England, Wales and Scotland, within the District of Central and North London of the Thames North Synod.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010, the Annual General Meeting of the Church and Congregation and Joint Council adopted a new constitution provided for it by Churches Together North Thames, our sponsoring body, in order to meet the requirement of the Charity Commission, that the Church become a separate, registered charity and the application process initiated. In October 2012, it was found that the registration was not complete and the process was re-started. The charity registration was completed on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **TRUSTEES:**

The Trustees elected in April 2010 were appointed to serve for a three-year term with a restriction that, having served continually for a period of 6 (six) years, they should take a sabbatical break. The current Deacons will continue in office.

The Deacons serving as Charity Trustees are

Ruby Marsh-Goodey

Elected 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 – deceased

Kate Salinger

Elected 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Peter Gilbert

Elected 5th May 2019

## **STAFFING**

Particular thanks are also due to our staff:

- Luke Griffiths (Caretaker)
- Margaret Hervie (Office Administrator)
- Peter Kenyon (Finance Officer)
- Janice Twiselton (Organist)
- Paulette Wolfe (Play Worker: 3-2-1 Carer & Toddler Club)

All our staff work to the benefit of the Church and Centre. We are very fortunate in having each one of them. The Church owes all of them a debt of gratitude.

## **CONCLUSION**

The lockdowns ensured that there were no church meetings in our building during most of 2020 and the beginning of 2021. The last one took place from January 2021 until all restrictions ended in June.



**Notes for Kate:**

Members who passed away:

Ruby Marsh-Goodey

Beryl Gibbs

Reverend Gerry Stanton resigned and left on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

We looked forward to a future in a radically altered world and trusting that God would guide us as we tried again, to spread the Word of Our Lord in Crouch End and do His Will.

Approved by the Trustees on \_\_\_\_\_

and signed on their behalf by Kate Salinger (Secretary) on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: .....

Attached: Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2021

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2022 Total £	Last Year 2021 Total £	Year 2020 Total £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
10 Offerings		2,618			2,618	982	1,769
11 Fund Raising and Donations		382			382	2,143	1,821
12 Monies Raised for Outside Causes		6			6	0	0
Legacies Received		10,013			10,013	1,000	0
14 Property - Lettings		58,130			58,130	42,046	41,360
14 Property - Church/Hall Users		40,971			40,971	20,777	20,404
Investment Income		0			0	0	0
15 Bank Interest		6			6	1	21
Sundry Income		958			958	525	1,131
15 Mothers' & Toddlers' Club			5,188		5,188	2,290	1,928
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>113,083</b>	<b>5,188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,271</b>	<b>69,763</b>	<b>68,434</b>

<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
50 Ministry		6,839			6,839	16,903	14,691
Mothers and Toddlers			4,051		4,051	3,030	6,760
51 Church Running Costs		65,248			65,248	68,696	74,107
51 Programme Activity Costs		832			832	1,031	1,707
52 Support of Outside Causes		0			0	72	0
53 Maintenance of Church Buildings		13,220			13,220	14,205	40,240
54 Maintenance of Investment Property		19,005			19,005	9,712	5,441
57 Sundry Expenditure		906			906	300	540
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>106,050</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110,101</b>	<b>113,950</b>	<b>143,486</b>

<b>NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)</b>		<b>7,033</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,170</b>	<b>-44,187</b>	<b>-75,052</b>
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<b>TRANSFERS between funds</b>	2	1,137	-1,137		0	0	0
<b>Change in investment values</b>				-18,200	-18,200	23,502	19,451

<b>CASH FUNDS b/fwd 1 January</b>		23,516		138,407	161,923	182,607	238,208
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<b>CASH FUNDS c/fwd 31 December</b>		<b>31,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120,207</b>	<b>151,893</b>	<b>161,923</b>	<b>182,607</b>
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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## Monetary Assets

Cash		126			126	82	122
Bank Current Account		15,450			15,450	7,591	4,411
Deposit Accounts		9,032			9,032	8,765	6,763
Synod/Baptist Trust Deposits		7,078		120,207	127,285	145,485	171,311
<b>Total monetary assets</b>	10	<b>31,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120,207</b>	<b>151,893</b>	<b>161,923</b>	<b>182,607</b>

## Other assets

Gift Aid Recoverable  
Other Monies due to Church

Insurance prepaid

## Assets used for church purposes

Buildings under statutory trusts	11	Church buildings and manse
Church Contents	11	Furnishings and equipment

## Liabilities

Independent Examination  
Opus Energy  
Scottish & Southern Electricity

APPROVED by the Trustees on 26.08.24 and signed on their behalf by

CATHERINE SALINGER (Print Name)

C.A. Salinger (Signature)



### TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on Page 1 for the year ended 31 December 2022 from the accounting records of the church.

PETER KENYON

(Print Name)

P. Kenyon

(Signature)

26-05-24

(Date)

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Union Church and Community Centre, Crouch End for the year ended on 31 December 2022 and set out on Page 1.

#### Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### 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 accounting 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 enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

David Watts FCCA  
Newton & Garner Chartered Accountants  
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Union Church and Community Centre, Crouch End

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1150944

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2021**.

Responsibilities and basis  
of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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.

Signed:



Date: 18/05/2023

Name:

David Watts FCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body (if  
any):

ICAEW

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A