

RAPHA CHRISTIAN CENTRE

REPORT AND ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

CHARITY NUMBER 1153854

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Administrative Information

Charity Name: Rapha Christian Centre

Charity Registration : 1153854

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RAPHA CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees, are pleased to present the annual report, for the purpose of Charities Act 2011, together with the Accounts for the period ended 31st March 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual reports and financial statements of the charity.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity was registered with Charity Commission on the 18th of September 2013. Its governing document is a Constitution adopted on the 2nd of December 2012 and amended on the 11th of August 2016.

Objectives and Activities

The charity is established with a primary objective:

- a. To advance the Christian Faith in accordance with its Statment of belief in UK and the world.
- b. To relieve persons who are in condition of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve distress caused thereby in the said locations as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

These objectives are charitable and we operate mainly for the public good and benefits. The charity achieves its objectives by organising several meetings within the year, and it is open to the public and its members to train and empower them and to impact the local communities positively, particularly in respect of the Christian faith.

Financial Review

The principal funding sources for the charity are currently from individuals by way of Donations through Church Services.

The total income for the period under review was £89,565 and the total expenditure made £97,693 with a net expenditure of £8,128. The charity received donations from its members and the community as follows:

Donation type	Amount Received
	£
Tithe and offering	56,661
Grants and Others	32,904

Major Events during the year

The charity was able to work strategically and in partnership to organise events, conferences and meetings to promote its main object

Major events during the year are:

- * The Weekly Sunday and Mid-week services were held continuously throughout the year. Attendance including those attending for the church and its activities for the first time was satisfactory, with positive feedback.
- * The various extra prayer meetings and evangelism outreaches were also held during the year. This programmes continue to make good impact, in the community.

Public Benefits Statement:

Rapha Christian Centre is a family focused charity. As a result, most of our programmes are tailored towards the holistic development and support of the family unit. Training, confrences and workshop were held for the benefit of the community.

ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERIOD

Background

Rapha Christian Centre operates in Croydon, 6 LSOAs we work in are among the 10% most deprived in England. We support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community. Our beneficiaries include low-income families, young people that are not in education, employment or training (NEET), the elderly and those with disabilities. We offer support regarding unemployment and immigration, help those experiencing food poverty and support those suffering from isolation. Our normal service includes: - A food bank and soup kitchen - Workshops and training for the unemployed, Mentoring For young people: - Educational training and support - Sport activities and music lessons For the elderly: - Coffee morning sessions so that they can engage more with their peers. - Comfort Line: our telephone helpline that supports those experiencing loneliness and isolation.

Rapha Christian Centres food bank

Last year unemployment levels in Croydon were higher than the national average and many residents were already struggling financially before the crisis. Our residents were experiencing job losses and an increase in financial insecurity. This uncertain situation continued after the current lockdown is lifted.

We have seen first-hand that more and more households in our local community required help from our services.

RCC provided food parcels for 75 households on average a week for a year, along with extra support for elderly and disabled residents. Due to the crisis these families no longer had enough income to buy everyday necessities.

Community Support

A team of 10 volunteers helped in cooking, packaging, distributing, quality control and monitoring.

The elderly residents helped design the project after one neighbour, tragically, died in her home because she was too weak to cook. Even though there was enough food in the house, she did not feel well enough to go to the kitchen. The wider community also encouraged us to extend our Comfort Line, in which we called those that were isolated and had mobility issues after they have received the food parcels and cooked meals, to make sure that they are well and offer support and advice.

Report of the Trustees

IMPACT

By providing food parcels, cooked meals and basic essentials to our most vulnerable residents we were able to help them from going hungry in a time of crisis by providing essentials and non perishable food that lasted 4 weeks .

DECREASE ISOLATION

Due to the strict guidelines regarding self-isolation many local residents felt lonely because they were unable to visit families or friends. We provided a friendly face for them to talk to, whilst respecting social distancing guidelines, and followed this up with a call to check on their emotional well-being. Through our comfort line were able to form continued relationships with our local residents even after the lockdown.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Christine Banton, one of our beneficiaries wrote to us, regarding the food redistribution service that we have been providing to the community: "Thank you so much for the food parcel, particularly as I had been unwell. From the first food parcel thank you and your team for thinking about my family and I, this has been a real lifeline".

FUNDERS AND SPONSORS

Rapha Christian centre would like to thank National Lottery Awards for all, The London community fund and the neighbourly community Fund for awarding our charity with Grants that enabled the food bank project to run effectively through the purchasing of food, volunteer expenses and venue hire , also Legacy youth zone for sponsoring RCC weekly with non perishable food items.

We also thank our committed and diligent Volunteers who has served the community in this particularly challenging time.

Reserve and Investment Policy

It is the objective of the charity to ensure unrestricted funds are kept at a level which provides sufficient funds to cover management, administration and support costs on an on-going basis.

The Charity has a policy of keeping any surplus liquid fund in short-term deposits which can be readily accessed and where the capital is protected. The objective of the investment policy is to maximise interest while limiting risk. This policy is adopted as the surplus funds are expected to be used in the near future to fund future commitment.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks which the charity is exposed, in particular those to operations and finances of the charity. The Trustees review the risk regularly at their meetings and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Charity's exposure to major risks.

Appropriate DBS checks, supported by relevant training and regularly reviewed policies are made for all those who work with children or other vulnerable groups within the Charity. Where appropriate, systems have been established to mitigate the risk the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow or the diversification of funding activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions.

Report of the Trustees

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and applications of resources for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with 2011 Charity Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees, and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with charity law, as trustees, we certify that:

So far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's accountants are unaware; and as the trustees of the charity we have taken all steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the Charity's accountants are aware of that information.

Approval

This report was approved by the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Chidiebere J. Kanu

Trustee

Date: 30th May 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rapha Christian Centre

I report on the accounts of the above Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The 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 independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. To which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: 30th May 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

		2021 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds	2020 Total Funds
	Notes				
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary Income:					
Tithes and Offerings	2	56,661	-	56,661	110,384
Grants & Others		32,904	-	32,904	15,831
Total incoming resources		89,565	-	89,565	126,215
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds:					
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	85,613	-	85,613	78,598
Governance Costs		12,080	-	12,080	1,831
Total resources expended		97,693	-	97,693	80,429
Net Incoming resources before other recognised gains					
	-	8,128	- -	8,128	45,786
Net movement in funds	-	8,128	- -	8,128	45,786
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		20,834	-	20,834	(24,952)
Total funds carried forward		12,706	-	12,706	20,834

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Tangible Assets	4	42,443	51,303
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	5	2,506	494
Debtors		-	-
		2,506	494
Creditors : Amount falling due within one year		(32,243)	(30,963)
Net Current Assets		(29,737)	(30,469)
Net Assets		12,706	20,834
Unrestricted Funds			
General funds		12,706	20,834
Total Funds		12,706	20,834

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in questions in accordance with section 476,

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The Financial Statements were approved by the board on 30th May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Chidiebere J. Kanu
Director/ Trustee

Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial reporting standard for smaller entities, the charity Act 2011 and the requirement of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and reporting by Charities.

(b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds may include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values where applicable. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Invested income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others, are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. floor areas, per capita or estimated usage.

e. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1000 are not capitalised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less their estimated residual value over its expected useful life.

Musical Equipment 20% on cost
Office Equipments 20% on cost
Furnitures and fittings 20% on cost

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. Income	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tithe & Offerings	56,661	-	56,661	110,384
Grants and Others	32,904	-	32,904	15,831
	89,565	-	89,565	126,215

3. Expenditure

Charitable Activities				
Ministry	85,613	-	85,613	78,598
Governance Cost	12,080	-	12,080	-
	97,693	-	97,693	78,598

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Church Equipment	Fixture & Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	£		£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2020	30,000	7,000	14,303	51,303
Additions in period	-	-	1,400	1,400
At 31 March 2021	30,000	7,000	15,703	52,703
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2020	-	-	-	-
Charge in period	6,000.00	1,400.00	2,860	10,260
At 31 March 2021	6,000.00	1,400.00	2,860	10,260
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2020	30,000	7,000	14,303	51,303
At 31 March 2021	24,000	5,600	12,843	42,443

5. Cash at Bank and at hand

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash at bank	2506	494
	2506	494

6. Staff Costs

	2021	2020
Salaries and Wages paid to employees	3500	0
The average number of Employees	1	0

7. Taxation

As a charity, Rapha Christian Centre is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.