



South Chard Church Trustees Annual Report 01 April 2020 to 31st March 2021

This is the sixth annual report from the trustee board of South Chard Church CIO which was formally registered in October 2014.

The spiritual life of South Chard Church is still under the care of a team leader, supported by a group of elders and leaders. At the start of this reporting period four trustees made up the trustee board, throughout the year, regular trustee meetings and one AGM have been held and minutes taken and filed. Due to personal circumstances one trustee has had to resign.

South Chard Church continues to be affiliated to Churches in Communities International and the Evangelical Alliance of Great Britain. These organisations are available to us for help and advice if required. We also work with Churches Together in Chard which is part of Churches Together in England.

During the reporting year South Chard Church has adapted to the challenges of living through a pandemic. The leaders and congregation have worked alongside various projects in the local community. The following is a breakdown of some of the areas the South Chard Church CIO is involved in.

Connection in Isolation – Meeting together for worship and mutual support has taken on a whole new meaning this year. In April 2019 we began to facilitate group gatherings primarily through Zoom. This has proved to be both challenging and rewarding. At the end of this reporting period we continue to meet virtually as a congregation weekly. Lifegroups also meet in this fashion. Whilst it has taken some people time to get used to, we have been able to use Zoom to meet for Bible studies, mutual support and check-ins. We have also been able to facilitate compassionate listening sessions (Restorative Practice) with those needing space to process personal issues. We recognise that isolation and loneliness has a dramatic impact on mental health and so being able to support people in this way has proved to be highly beneficial.

Pastoral Care – We have continued to provide pastoral support during the pandemic. A lot of this has taken place via phone calls or in a Covid safe way. Working with our local community response (Chard Covid 19 Support Group) some of our volunteers took on role of phone buddy, calling the most isolated in our community regularly to offer connection and a friendly voice.

Building Development - This year we were able to begin work on the roofs in the building. Since the fundraising began we have managed to raise over £11,000 towards this, which includes £3000 from Allchurches Trust. We have been able to use these funds to completely replace two of our roofs. We have also connected with SPARK Somerset who are in the process of training two of our volunteers in fundraising. We hope to submit further bids in the coming year in order to raise necessary funds to complete the work.

Community

Collaborative Community Response to Covid

Right at the beginning of the first lockdown we began to work in collaboration with other agencies and volunteers in a combined effort to support the most vulnerable in our community. The community response was amazing as volunteers manned phone lines daily, organising shopping; prescriptions collections and phone buddies. As a church we added our resources to the venture, our volunteers working on the phones and running errands etc. We also took on the role of “chief scrounger”. Essentially we sourced over a thousand items to help the group succeed. (eg. PPE equipment from the Samaritans’ purse; visors from Numatics; pens from the local scouts group; stationary from the local primary school). The community response was incredibly overwhelming.

Food Distribution

We have worked in various capacities over the past year to ensure that those who are struggling receive much needed food supplies. During the first lockdown we made a contribution of £600 towards the hot meals operation that had been set up to cook and deliver meals to the most vulnerable in our community. Later in the year we worked together with the One Team Chard to store, pack and distribute food parcels to over 250 households. Working with agencies such as schools, housing associations and village agents we have been able to identify those most in need and have delivered large food parcels on a monthly basis right to their door steps. Alongside this we source good quality frozen meals from the company “Cook” and deliver them weekly. This not only provides good food, but also a friendly face to those who otherwise are quite isolated.

We continue to work with our local food bank (the Lord’s Larder). A few of our congregation are regular volunteers; we helped them source extra shelving (from the local primary school); loaned them our large freezer; and make regular referrals to them when needed.

Clothes Bank

During the first lockdown a community group called “Take Flight” formed a clothes bank. Due to changing circumstances they needed new premises. As we were only using our building for food, we had the extra space and so for 6 months we provided them with storage. This meant that those running the bank were able to access much needed clothes and furniture whenever a need arose in the community. The clothes bank has since moved as we begin our work of deep cleaning in view of re opening later in the year.

Youth Initiative

A group of churches and charities have come together to form a team of detached youth workers. We have been part of that process. The team, when possible, have been going out into our local skate park to meet with children to play sports and chat. There have been some real concerns around child exploitation during the lockdown and it has been vital that our young people have had safe spaces where they can connect and have positive experiences.

Prison Work

Whilst our team have not been able to visit prisons this year, we have been able to send much needed literature to several prisons in our area. We will continue to support the chaplains in this way, reviewing the viability of prison visits as we move forward.

Training and policies

This year both our team leader and safeguarding lead refreshed their safe guarding training. Our team leader also attended restorative practice training and multimedia training. Two of our volunteers have also begun training in fundraising.

We have used this year to revisit all of our policies and ensure that they are up to date and applicable. This work is ongoing and is being carried out by one of our volunteers under the guidance of the trustee board.

Working with External Bodies

Our team leader is still a member of the One Team Chard, the Independent Advisory Group for the Police and the CiC (Churches in Communities) Council. The Independent Review into the death of an individual in our community was finished this year and we were able to facilitate meetings with the reviewer and a family member.

Oversees Support

This year we were able to send financial support to our contacts in Uganda who work in remote locations, often in real need. At Christmas we took up an offering and sent over £800 to a lady called Pastor Winnie who runs a small church and looks after orphans in her home. We have also provided financial and spiritual support to Pastor Moses who works close by. We continue to give monthly financial support to Alan and Jan Kilpatrick who are part of the Family Care Team for IRIS.

Chard Churches Together

Whilst most of our joint events have been cancelled this year, the church leaders have continued to meet together on Zoom. This has provided much needed support and a space for collaboration. We put together a joint online service of Christian Unity Service and have all been part of the joint community operation that has sought to look after the community of Chard during this difficult year.

Continuing the Work Together

It has been clear to us that volunteer agencies have worked remarkably well together this year. As we move towards an easing of lockdown we are all keen to ensure that this collaboration continues. We are part of a forum (Chard Connect) ran by SPARK Somerset, where many volunteer agencies come together to share and discuss how we can work together, sharing volunteers, resources, skills and advice.

We are beginning to consider how we can renovate some of our spaces to enable us to best serve the needs of our community – this will involve more fundraising as we decide which projects to move forward with in the coming year. The coming year will also see the building re-open for Sunday services and mid-week groups.

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End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending March 31st 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	—	—	—	—	—
Voluntary income	59,707	—	—	59,707	62,471
Activities for generating funds	368	—	—	368	3,010
Incoming resources from charitable activities	2,285	—	—	2,285	6,460
Total income	62,361	—	—	62,361	71,943
Resources used					
Charitable activities	63,884	—	—	63,884	65,656
Governance costs	—	—	—	—	346
Total expenditure	63,884	—	—	63,884	66,003
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(1,522)	—	—	(1,522)	5,939
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	23,634	—	—	23,634	19,200
Gross transfers between funds - out	(23,634)	—	—	(23,634)	(19,200)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(1,522)	—	—	(1,522)	5,939
Total funds brought forward	13,098	210	—	13,308	7,369
Total funds carried forward	11,576	210	—	11,786	13,308
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	674	—	—	674	468
Designated					
Administrator fund	—	—	—	—	40
Annual Expense fund	2,993	—	—	2,993	1,136
CAP fund	—	—	—	—	(98)
Children's Work fund	103	—	—	103	133
Church Weekend fund	—	—	—	—	2,599
Church maintenance fund	3,664	—	—	3,664	6,216
Ignite fund	—	—	—	—	—
India	—	—	—	—	—
Love Chard	150	—	—	150	—
Men's Ministry fund	90	—	—	90	90
Ministry School fund	—	—	—	—	—
Mission fund	—	—	—	—	40
Pappy Daniel India fund	—	—	—	—	—
Prisons Work	120	—	—	120	—
Savings	2,380	—	—	2,380	500
Special Offering fund	696	—	—	696	895
Tatworth Tot's	167	—	—	167	167
Tithe fund	181	—	—	181	393
Uganda	5	—	—	5	147
Youth Worker fund	349	—	—	349	369
Restricted					
Manor House Fund	—	210	—	210	210

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
Z06	NatWest Current	11,902	13,400
Z07	NatWest Credit	(116)	(91)
	Total Current assets	11,786	13,308
Reserves			
	Excess / (deficit) to date	(1,522)	5,939
	Starting balances	13,308	7,369
	Total Reserves	11,786	13,308
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	674	468
	Designated	10,902	12,630
	Restricted	210	210
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	11,786	13,308

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
NatWest Current -	790	10,902	210	—	11,902	13,400
NatWest Credit -	(116)	—	—	—	(116)	(91)
Totals	674	10,902	210	—	11,786	13,308
Grand total	674	10,902	210	—	11,786	13,308

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
AE - Annual Expense fund						
Designated	1,136	6,082	7,585	3,360	—	2,993
Sub-total for AE	1,136	6,082	7,585	3,360	—	2,993
Admin - Administrator fund						
Designated	40	1,050	6,240	5,150	—	—
Sub-total for Admin	40	1,050	6,240	5,150	—	—
CAP - CAP fund						
Designated	(98)	3	420	514	—	—
Sub-total for CAP	(98)	3	420	514	—	—
Children - Children's Work fund						
Designated	133	—	32	2	—	103
Sub-total for Children	133	—	32	2	—	103
Ignite - Ignite fund						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Ignite	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ind - India						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Ind	—	—	—	—	—	—
India - Pappy Daniel India f						
Designated	—	—	—	—	—	—

	Sub-total for India	—	—	—	—	—	—
LC - Love Chard							
Designated		—	240	140	50	—	150
	Sub-total for LC	—	240	140	50	—	150
Maint - Church maintenance f							
Designated		6,216	5,854	9,292	886	—	3,664
	Sub-total for Maint	6,216	5,854	9,292	886	—	3,664
Manor - Manor House Fund							
Restricted		210	—	—	—	—	210
	Sub-total for Manor	210	—	—	—	—	210
Men - Men's Ministry fund							
Designated		90	—	—	—	—	90
	Sub-total for Men	90	—	—	—	—	90
Mission - Mission fund							
Designated		40	755	1,775	980	—	—
	Sub-total for Mission	40	755	1,775	980	—	—
Prison - Prisons Work							
Designated		—	120	—	—	—	120
	Sub-total for Prison	—	120	—	—	—	120
SCSM - Ministry School fund							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
	Sub-total for SCSM	—	—	—	—	—	—
Save - Savings							
Designated		500	—	1,619	3,500	—	2,380
	Sub-total for Save	500	—	1,619	3,500	—	2,380
SpecOff - Special Offering fun							
Designated		895	—	—	(198)	—	696
	Sub-total for SpecOff	895	—	—	(198)	—	696
Tithe - Tithe fund							
Designated		393	—	2,700	2,488	—	181
	Sub-total for Tithe	393	—	2,700	2,488	—	181
Tots - Tatworth Tots							
Designated		167	—	—	—	—	167
	Sub-total for Tots	167	—	—	—	—	167
Uganda - Uganda							
Designated		147	1,265	1,773	366	—	5
	Sub-total for Uganda	147	1,265	1,773	366	—	5
Weekend - Church Weekend fund							
Designated		2,599	1,662	2,536	(1,725)	—	—
	Sub-total for Weekend	2,599	1,662	2,536	(1,725)	—	—
Youth - Youth Worker fund							
Designated		369	—	11	(8)	—	349
	Sub-total for Youth	369	—	11	(8)	—	349
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		468	45,328	29,756	(15,367)	—	674
	Sub-total for General	468	45,328	29,756	(15,367)	—	674
	Grand total	13,308	62,361	63,884	—	—	11,786

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
0108 - Bank Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
0101 - General Offering	3,780	—	—	—	3,780	19,675
0102 - Standing Orders	34,279	100	—	—	34,379	18,261
0103 - Special Offering	—	800	—	—	800	3,842
0104 - Special Gifts	650	11,952	—	—	12,602	5,098
0105 - Standing Orders for Specific Purposes	15	1,843	—	—	1,858	7,435
0109 - Gift Aid	6,288	—	—	—	6,288	8,158
0118 - Children's Offering	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	45,012	14,695	—	—	59,707	62,471
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
0107 - Fundraising	11	357	—	—	368	2,910
0110 - Building Hire	—	—	—	—	—	100
Total	11	357	—	—	368	3,010
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
0106 - Kids & Co	—	—	—	—	—	618
0111 - Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
0112 - Conference registration	—	—	—	—	—	260
0113 - Miscellaneous	0	—	—	—	0	1,002
0114 - Men's Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	188
0115 - Church Weekend payment	—	—	—	—	—	4,255
0116 - Repayment	305	1,979	—	—	2,285	137
0117 - SCSM	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	305	1,979	—	—	2,285	6,460
INCOME TOTAL	45,328	17,032	—	—	62,361	71,943

EXPENDITURE

Charitable activities

0501 - Gas	780	—	—	—	780	1,256
0502 - Electricity	306	—	—	—	306	841
0503 - Water	444	—	—	—	444	517
0504 - Telephone	—	—	—	—	—	119
0505 - Broadband	582	—	—	—	582	693
0506 - Website	100	—	—	—	100	455
0507 - Building and Contents Insurance	1,433	—	—	—	1,433	1,391
0508 - Refurbishment and Maintenance	1,037	10,912	—	—	11,949	545
0509 - Housekeeping	—	—	—	—	—	67
0510 - Office Equipment	33	—	—	—	33	29
0511 - Stage equipment and repairs	180	—	—	—	180	467
0512 - Shop	—	—	—	—	—	—
0513 - Outreach	—	—	—	—	—	—
0514 - Hospitality	—	—	—	—	—	31
0515 - Giving	480	9,841	—	—	10,321	7,492
0516 - Leader Salary	19,315	—	—	—	19,315	19,142
0517 - Administrator's salary	—	6,240	—	—	6,240	6,240
0518 - Youth Worker salary	—	—	—	—	—	—
0519 - Domestic salary	—	—	—	—	—	—
0520 - Pastor expenses	—	—	—	—	—	615
0521 - Youth Worker expenses	—	—	—	—	—	112
0522 - Volunteer expenses	—	317	—	—	317	921
0524 - Tax	—	4,015	—	—	4,015	3,702
0525 - DBS checks	—	—	—	—	—	49
0526 - Training	79	—	—	—	79	688
0527 - Accountants fees	198	—	—	—	198	442
0528 - Resources	900	44	—	—	945	871
0529 - Food and Drink	323	—	—	—	323	1,215
0530 - Office Supplies	—	—	—	—	—	3
0531 - Postage	18	—	—	—	18	1
0532 - Petty Cash	—	—	—	—	—	—
0533 - Printing	93	—	—	—	93	232
0534 - Mission	—	—	—	—	—	9,925
0535 - Licences	344	—	—	—	344	467
0536 - Subscriptions	979	—	—	—	979	824
0537 - Bank charges	30	—	—	—	30	30
0538 - Retreats/Visits/Counselling	140	—	—	—	140	2,586
0539 - Miscellaneous	4	—	—	—	4	267
0540 - Employment and Legal Services	100	—	—	—	100	1,144
0541 - Business mobile	603	—	—	—	603	550
0542 - Furniture	—	—	—	—	—	520
0543 - Pension Contributions	1,244	—	—	—	1,244	1,190
0544 - Refund	—	2,756	—	—	2,756	—
Total	29,756	34,128	—	—	63,884	65,656

Governance costs

0523 - Legal fees	—	—	—	—	—	346
Total	—	—	—	—	—	346
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	29,756	34,128	—	—	63,884	66,003
GRAND TOTAL	15,572	(17,095)	—	—	(1,522)	5,939

This report dated: April 2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
South Chard Church

On accounts for the year
ended

March 31st 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1158883

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

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:

G Meyers

Date:

22/06/2021

Name:

Gregory Meyers

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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.