

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	10	2019		30	09	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1159005

**Charity's principal address**

58 CROFT DRIVE MAPPLEWELL

BARNSELY

SOUTH YORKSHIRE

**Postcode**

**S75 6AN**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chrispen Shumba	Chair of Trustees		
2	Anne Christine Hill	Administrator / Trustee		
3	Amirah Ashlyn Stambuli	Treasurer / Trustee		
4	Matilda Kafwaliman Phiri	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

Dr Alexander Phiri - Lead Pastor

Trevor Hill - Associate Pastor

## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The position of trustee is open to anyone committed to upholding the objects of the trust and who has the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO subject to vetting and the agreement of the existing trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees every trustee must be appointed (for a term of three years) by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity is governed by its trustees; the minimum number being three. The 'Senior Pastor' for the time being (the office holder) shall automatically (ex-officio) be a charity trustee, for as long as he or she holds that office.

The day to day running of the charity is carried out by the leadership. The leadership team comprises the Senior Pastor and Associated Pastor. The Chair of trustees; Director of Finance; the Administrator and the Worship Director also trustees. Employees are appointed by the Charities trustees.

Any incoming employee or trustee are given a copy of the charities governing document plus the charities vision and mission statement. A copy of the latest Trustee's Annual Report and accounts and minutes of trustee meetings. New trustees are given a welcome pack containing the latest Charity Commission Document which contains documentation regarding the role and responsibility of a charity trustee. Also the 'Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know' (CC3) and 'The Hallmarks of an Effective Charity'. Safeguarding Policies; RLCC is a member of Thirtyone:eight who provide Safeguarding Training for trustees and group leaders. We are also a member of NCVO who provide information and training for volunteers.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the Christian Faith for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Charities 'Statement of Faith'. This involves various religious activities and the prevention or relief of poverty to the general public or mankind. This is done by making grants to individuals and organisations providing religious services and educational resources, advice, counselling and information.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

All of our meetings were open to the general public before the lockdown imposed on church gatherings due to the Corona Virus. Meetings then continued to be open to the public but online via Zoom and YouTube. It was noted that there was a definite increase in attendance to the online meetings.

Regular Sunday Meetings were streamed on YouTube due to the closure of the Methodist church during lockdown. Worship and communion continued online together with prayer.

Individual contact with people for prayer, counsel or fellowship was done via facetime or telephone. For the vulnerable care was taken to make sure regular contact was made with them by members of the church, and groceries and other needs were provided for them when necessary.

Weekly, Life Groups, Bible Study and Prayer Meetings continued via Zoom. All the meetings were open to those from outside RLCC who wanted to join us for fellowship, teaching, and personal prayer.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information) sessions**

The Charity depends on donations from members of the public who attend church and other well-wishers.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Section D****Achievements and performance****Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The restrictions brought on by the covid pandemic affected what we could do as a charity. It was also limited because we could not access our meeting hall.

We started a "Stay Free" course online mainly for young men battling certain types of addiction.

A Friday evening bible study, initially for members of our congregation was started which now includes people from other churches and denominations within the UK, and abroad.

The leadership and members of the congregation volunteered for shopping and collecting prescriptions for the elderly member(s) of our congregation living alone or not able to go out.

Elderly members of the congregation who did not have access to online meetings were asked if they would like to be part of a prayer group. With their permission, weekly updates regarding church and prayer requests were initiated via telephone in order to keep them informed and included.

Christmas parcels were dropped on doorsteps for the elderly and the children.

Leadership provided ongoing bereavement support to a lady who lost her husband in the previous year.

Sunday services continued YouTube.

Tuesday Life Groups and Thursday prayers on Zoom. Members of the community were able to join in.

Emmaus Bible School continued online.

A men's meeting was held which was open to the public and joined in by members of other churches.

The women's meeting went online until we could meet in person. Ongoing support and prayer was provided for women working from home, with young children and those living alone.

Regular contact was kept throughout with families and individual members of the church on Zoom and church WhatsApp groups.

We had no sharp rise in numbers in congregation but grew steadily during this time.

For the safety of the congregation and public, risk assessments were carried out to ready us for when we were to be allowed back into the church building. Help and guidance was sought from the Charity Commission.

## Section E Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our weekly donations are used for charitable purposes. The only reserve at the moment is the Building Fund which is to be used for obtaining our own building.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.



Our principal source of funds comes from weekly donations by church members and well-wishers.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		DocuSigned by: 
Full name(s)	Chrispen Shumba	Anne Christine Hill
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Administrator / Trustee
Date	29/07/2021	



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

River of Life Community Church

No (if any)

**Receipts and payments accounts**

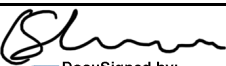

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For the period from	10/1/2019	To	9/30/2020
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest	£	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
WEEKLY OFFERINGS		10,137	687	-	10,824	11,190
DONATIONS		4,296	-	-	4,296	5,850
ESOT		461	-	-	461	1,185
GIFT AID TAX CLAIM		2,117	-	-	2,117	3,026
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>		17,011	687	-	17,698	21,251
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>						
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		17,011	687	-	17,698	21,251
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
STAFF LIVING ALLOWANCE		3,600	-	-	3,600	1,800
STAFF SALARIES NI AND SUPERANNUATION		14,428	-	-	14,428	13,110
RENT OF PREMISES		1,320	-	-	1,320	2,580
GENERAL SUPPLIES		330	-	-	330	715
PRINTING AND STATIONERY		153	-	-	153	322
VISITING SPEAKER EXPENSES		221	-	-	221	380
WEBSITE		107	-	-	107	101
CIC SUBSCRIPTION		375	-	-	375	300
INSURANCE		139	-	-	139	309
CCLI LICENSE		120	-	-	120	44
DONATION TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS		60	-	-	60	60
TRAINING EXPENSES		130	-	-	130	648
		-	-	-	-	-
EQUIPMENT		596	-	-	596	-
<b>Sub total</b>		21,579	-	-	21,579	20,369
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		21,579	-	-	21,579	20,369
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	4,568	687	-	3,881	882
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	-	4,568	687	-	3,881	882

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	127	-	-
	HSBC BUSINESS MONEY MANAGER ACCOUNT	-	3,279	-
	ESOT ACCOUNT	461	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
	MUSIC EQUIPMENT		-	3,650
	GENERAL EQUIPMENT		-	445
	CHAIRS		-	1,050
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		CHRISPEN SHUMBA	7/28/2021	
		ANNE CHRISTINE HILL	7/28/2021	

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