

### **Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2021**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are:

Andrew Hodson, John Owen, Steve Bloomer and Marshall Childers.

### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is managed by trustees who are appointed by the church leadership. The board of trustees will consist of members equally representing the church leadership and church attendees.

### **Governing Document**

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

### **Objectives and activities**

The main purpose and objects of the charity are as follows:

- To advance the Christian Faith
- To relieve persons in need or hardship
- To advance education in accordance with Christian principles

### **Achievements and performance**

The church has continued to function as a church from its base at Unit 3 Turners Lane, Brierley Hill, DY52PG, the lease continues with a renewable policy every three years.

It has a congregation ranging between 15 to 20 on most Sundays (including children and youth) as well as 3 small groups (Life groups) meeting regularly throughout the week.

The church has a wide range of ages attending from babies through to seniors in their later years.

The church continues to reach out to the community in a variety of ways and has seen growth in many areas.

Activities include:

"Rainbow Tots" which meets on Monday mornings reaching mainly to single mums and their small children, this group has seen a significant growth over the past year.

"Stripey Oss Cafe" reaching the community with a warm welcome and freshly cooked breakfast sandwiches and a selection of hot drinks, also a listening ear for those who would want it. This meets on a Friday and Saturday

"Restore and Refresh" which reaches the needy, lonely and homeless of our area, the team offer a cooked meal, love, support and signposting. Between 15-20 attend on a regular basis.

"Youth activities" include a youth group on Friday nights where between 20-30 attend and a homework club on a Thursday after school. We also are regularly attending 7 local primary schools with assemblies and the occasional RE lessons.

"Outreach and Community events" over the course of the year we have organised 8 community events for the general public, including Christmas and Easter activities with on occasions hundreds attending, but normally between 50-100, many from the local community.

"Upper Rooms" a music cafe attended by small and large numbers over the year has been an opportunity for local musicians to showcase their music with a presentation of the good news. Alongside these activities we have enjoyed many times on fellowship as a church and with the community with meals, quizzes, games nights and more.

The church has also engaged in other church activities such as Men's prayer breakfasts many shared in partnership with William Street Church, Brierley Hill as well on Sunday's for both men and women before the Sunday service.

The church gives a remuneration equally a part time wage (0.3) for a church leader. This role will be reviewed in the forthcoming year.

The church continues to be linked and/or supported by other Christian based charities, CPI helps the church leader with finances and pastoral support.

The church continues to support other church plants across the local area where it is able, with preaching, youth and children's work and general training and coaching.

Discussions and prayer continue surrounding the possibility of future church plants among the local area.

## **Financial Review**

### **Policy on reserves**

The Charity's policy is to keep a minimum in general fund to run the organisation for 6 months

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure

that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. Trustees 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.

In general, the church has seen an increase in giving to achieve its objectives and goals and even though there is still a small loss per month is in a far better position than it was in its previous years.

More work is required to narrow the monthly deficit but positive growth in finances has been significant and allowed us to achieve far more in the community and beyond. We have in this time continued to develop the church and especially the building in decoration and a new kitchen.

On behalf of the board

Andrew I Hodson

20th October 2020

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**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Company Registration Number: 08307569**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

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# **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts**

## **Receipts and Payment Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of Church in the Community Group of Churches**

**Registered Company Number 08307569**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Set out on the following pages**

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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 Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and  
state 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 given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 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 my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 14 September 2021**

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## **Introduction**

Thank you for submitting the accounts for independent examination. They have been well maintained and the treasurer and others responsible are to be commended for their hard work. Therefore I will keep my comments to a minimum.

## **Charity Law and Financial Regulations**

The independent examination has been carried out in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 1995 (Statutory Instruments No 2724) and the Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

## **Signing of Accounts**

I shall be obliged if you will please forward a copy of the signature page for my records after the accounts have been signed by a representative appointed by the Trustees and Church Council. A spare copy is enclosed.

## **Conclusion**

There are no other matters I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification or for further assistance.

**Luke Silver**

**Date: 14 September 2021**

### Summary Receipts and Payments For The Year Ended 31st March 2020

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Receipts for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
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Offerings	5,451		9,132	
Gift Aid	14,640		14,315	
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	3,048		4,260	
Missions	3,055		0	
On Going Gifts	0		0	
		<b>26,194</b>		<b>27,707</b>
<b>Other Income (Note 2)</b>				
Room Hire	649		0	
GEM Office	1,941		2,004	
Stripey OSS Café	7,789		1,353	
Church Holiday	1,432		0	
Restore & Refresh Donations	0		0	
Sundry	3,388		44	
Church Outreach Events	825		215	
Rainbow Tots	511		11	
Grants	0		12,010	
Stourbridge CiTC	200		0	
		<b>16,735</b>		<b>15,637</b>
<b>Investment Income (Note 3)</b>				
Interest	0		0	
		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>42,929</b>		<b>43,344</b>



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Payments for the year ended 31st March 2021

	2020		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Pastoral/Ministry Costs (Note 4)</b>				
Ministry Costs	12,600		11,800	
Speakers	241		0	
Children's Ministry (Books)	247		558	
		<b>13,088</b>		<b>12,358</b>
<b>Mission (Note 5)</b>				
Missions	1,633		2,083	
Mission Gifts	136			
Café Expenses	5,204		921	
		<b>6,973</b>		<b>3,004</b>
<b>Support Costs (Note 6)</b>				
Lease	10,067		10,553	
Utilities	6,794		5,772	
Insurance	1,106		1,187	
Build Rep	1,544		1,422	
		<b>19,511</b>		<b>18,934</b>
<b>Administration (Note 7)</b>				
Office Expenses	1,022		694	
Publishing / Web	740		0	
Professional Fees	847		240	
CPI Hub	0		0	
Training & Certificates	31		207	
		<b>2,640</b>		<b>1,141</b>
<b>Events (Note 8)</b>				
Church Event Expenses	3,004		30	
Church Holiday Expenses	1,394		0	
		<b>4,398</b>		<b>30</b>
		<b>46,610</b>		<b>35,467</b>
<b>Total</b>				

**Church in the Community Group of Churches**  
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As At 31st March 2021

	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Church Premises (Insurance Value)	0	
Movable Contents (Insurance Value)	0	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<u>Bank Balances:</u>		
HSBC A/C	13,138	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>13,138</b>
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>		NIL
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>13,138</b>

**Church in the Community Group of Churches**  
**Company No: 08307569**  
**Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Premises		0	0
Furniture & Fittings		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		0	0
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<u>Bank Accounts:</u>			
HSBC		13,138	5,261
Cash in Hand		0	0
		<u>13,138</u>	<u>5,261</u>
<b>Current Liabilities (Short Term)</b>			
Accruals		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		0	0
<b>Current Assets less Liabilities</b>		<u>13,138</u>	<u>5,261</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>13,138</u>	<u>5,261</u>
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	5,261	0	5,261
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Transfers	0	0	0
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**Accountants Report**

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

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