

Registered Charity (1160152)

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
30 April 2021
for
Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

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Charity Information

Charity Number	1160152										
Trustees	<table><tr><td>S Williams</td><td>Chairman</td></tr><tr><td>Alan Green</td><td>Treasurer</td></tr><tr><td>Richard Sullivan</td><td>Secretary</td></tr><tr><td>John Berry</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Alan Helliwell</td><td></td></tr></table>	S Williams	Chairman	Alan Green	Treasurer	Richard Sullivan	Secretary	John Berry		Alan Helliwell	
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Principal Address	Oasis Community Church C/o 17 Marquis Gardens Retford Nottinghamshire DN 22 7JB										
Accountants	Darbys Limited 19 The Square Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 6DQ										
Bankers	TSB 1 Carolgate Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 6BY										
Solicitors	Stephen Marshall Geldards Solicitors St James Court Friar Gate Derby DE1 1BT										

Oasis Community Church (Retford)
Trustees' Report
For the year ended 30 April 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Recruitment and appointment of Managing Trustees

Management Trustees are appointed by existing members of the Management Team in accordance with the Church Constitution. Their appointment is approved by Church Members at a properly convened members meeting.

Trustee induction and training

Trustee induction takes place on appointment. The Trustees keep up to date with matters of Charity Law, the duties of trustees and community organisations.

Organisational structure

The Trustees look after the day to day management of the charity and the work of Oasis Community Church (Retford) which currently meets at the WestHill Community Centre in Ordsall for its main meetings. The Church meets in other various locations for different events and activities as they currently do not have their own premises.

The year has been a very difficult one for the charity as the Westhill Community Centre has been closed for the entire year due to the Covid situation. This has meant that the church has not met at all during this period in Retford. We have met in Worksop with the OASIS Worksop Church as we could meet in the Gardens on occasion where restrictions were lighter.

Oasis Community Church (Retford) operates with the following structure: Pastor, Trustees, Ministry Team and Treasurer. The Pastor is the Chairman of the Trustees, who are responsible for overseeing financial, legal matters, child protection, protection of vulnerable adults, insurance and other leadership matters. The Ministry Team work together with the Trustees to oversee the various ministries and activities of the Church Fellowship and the pastoral and social care needs of individual members.

Objectives and activities

The objective of the charity is the advancement of the Christian Faith by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel. Many of the activities are evangelical, but some activities are educational, social and practical in focus, benefitting the local community of Ordsall and Retford and the surrounding villages in the wider community.

All our regular Church meetings and other activities are open to the public along with specialist age or interest related groups (e.g. children, youth, elderly etc). Again this would have been the case but our usual work was severely limited due to covid this year.

Achievements and performance

The Charity has tried to continue during a severely difficult time for us as our venue was closed, we could not meet in either the Community Centre or in homes. Our plans were put on hold and our activities had to be diversified. Initially we were able to keep in contact via internet and sending encouraging letters and messages by email and letter and for those who could access it by Facebook.

In the Summer time when restrictions allowed, we went to delivering services at Worksop on warm sunny days outside in the Oasis Community Gardens. We also started to use technology and had zoom meetings where it was possible to do so. These online zoom meetings on Sundays were fairly well attended and we were surprised how many of our older members actually managed to get online. These were well received by the church members and we had joint meetings with our Worksop church when we could which was a help to us all.

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OPERATION OASIS

We were able to have a presence in the community and joined our efforts with the Worksop OASIS charity in delivering a Covid response project with them across Bassetlaw. We raised some significant funding between the two charities and have given out thousands of food parcels in the Retford area and have also given our many hundreds of children's parcels with activities, competitions and other items which have been well received by the children throughout the lockdown period. We were able to turn funding which would have been used for holiday club delivery into sports and game kits for children which they could use in their gardens in the summer months. We also gave awards out to people across Bassetlaw - 'Nurse of the Week', 'Carer of the Week', 'Shopkeeper of the Week', 'Friend of the Week' etc which went down really well with lots of nominations and some lovely gift boxes being given out. We also started doing parcels of toiletries for people in need.

LITTLE THINGS MATTER

We also started a small project trying to support people (mainly elderly) in staying in contact with us and other people and also having things to do during what was a very isolating time. 'Little things Matter' was a covid recovery idea where we created hundreds of bags with items in them which people could make or do and then give away to others. Craft Challenges, Sewing Challenges, Cooking/baking kits, Letter Writing Kits, Poetry writing kits, Soft toy making kits, Seed planting kits. These were created and delivered to many people and the idea was that they wrote letters, made cards or gifts to give to neighbours or people around to reduce isolation and make new contacts.

We had a great team of volunteers who created the parcels and gifts and also made contacts and delivered the parcels safely wearing masks etc. Gifts were received and appreciated by so many people.

We continue to try to keep our Building fund going so that we will be in a stronger position to move forward with building or land purchase in the future when a suitable site becomes available. Sadly there was no opportunity presenting itself in this year at all in any way.

Most of our weekly meetings were cancelled and this was a great sadness.

Prayer Connection

Terry was able to keep many of the fellowship in touch with each other through the prayer chain phone line. He sent an encouraging word through to us all every day and he gave us prayer requests from people in the church and from the wider community. He did an excellent job.

We were unable to hold most of our meetings and activity groups through the year which was very difficult but we tried to keep up the contacts as best we could. Our meetings in Queen's Court and in the Chequers were also cancelled as the venues were forced to close their doors.

We have worked well with the OASIS Community Church in Worksop which has done many Covid response work which we have worked alongside throughout the pandemic months.

Sad Times

Pastor Steve had a difficult year with more funerals to take than ever before from many of our elderly people within the church and in the wider community. A lot of our elderly church family members left us for Heaven this year. During this time we lost long time church members - Irene Farrow, Nancy Phipps, Diane Hague, Ken Hossell, Christine Mugglestone and many others.

Staff

Pastor Steve Williams is self employed on a part time basis as Pastor and oversees the work of both Oasis Churches and also manages the Oasis Community Centre. Steve has been working consistently with the Management team to try and maintain the church and charity during this difficult time and also keep people safe and provided for as best we could. We have done doorstep visits to the vulnerable where possible delivering shopping and collecting medications wherever possible.

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We are blessed with great members and workers who are all volunteers and who work hard for the benefit of charity, its members and the community. Those who had to isolate for most of the year were making phone calls and writing emails and letters to others to keep them in touch and make people feel less isolated. Those who could get out safely served not only the church family and Oasis community but the wider community wherever there were people with needs.

Risk Management

The major risks faced by the fellowship are financial, operational and external. These are managed by the Trustees as and when required. It has not been an easy time financially as there were no offerings taken and some people's financial situations changed because of the pandemic and other givers have passed away. We need to keep a sharp eye on the situation. However grant funding did come in for project work and we had not venue rental to pay as the centre was closed.

Financial

The fellowships financial position is monitored weekly by the Treasurer and regularly by the Trustees. Financial risks are mitigated by control of spending and stimulation of income when necessary. We were able to claim a good amount of funding from gift aid which we have appreciated.

Operational

Our leadership structure ensures that members of the Ministry team are available to step in when illness or other circumstances prevent the Pastor from fulfilling his role. Health and Safety, Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults policies are in place and active. Activities are risk assessed and appropriate insurance is in place.

External

External activities are risk assessed and insured as appropriate.

Reserves Policy

We currently do not have extensive reserves, but we are working to spend the charitable income on what we are doing and keep a reserve amount in the account for unforeseen circumstances.

Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection

Those applying to work with children or vulnerable adults are recruited safely and undergo DBS checks. These are updated every three years. Where individuals are unknown by the leadership team references are taken from previous pastors and/or employers.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are set out on page 1.

Accountants

darbys limited have been appointed as independent examiners of the charity as they have served us and our sister charity well over many years.

The report is prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and reporting by Charities (issued March 2005 and updated 2007)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14th February 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Chairman
Stephen M Williams



**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of
Oasis Community Church (Retford)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oasis Community Church (Retford) (the Trust) for the year ended 30 April 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 giving me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Amanda Mansell ACA
Darbys Limited
19 The Square
Retford
Nottinghamshire

Date: 14th February 2022

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for
the year ended 30 April 2021

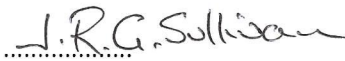
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
Receipts				
Tithes and offerings	14,581	-	14,581	16,076
Sundry income	787	205	992	1,740
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	3,346
Grants	-	27,500	27,500	1,000
Gift Aid recovered	3,682	-	3,682	3,951
Total Receipts	19,050	27,705	46,755	26,112
Payments				
Pastoral payments	17,900	-	17,900	17,300
Rent	144	-	144	2,911
Insurance	314	-	314	309
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	103
Cost of events	-	-	-	2,095
Computer costs	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	215	-	215	123
Advertising	-	-	-	-
Donations & Gifts	-	-	-	1,290
Sundries	80	-	80	78
Legal fees	-	-	-	-
CRB checks	-	-	-	-
Accountancy	300	-	300	300
Operation Oasis	-	15,638	15,638	1,208
Total Payments	18,952	15,638	34,591	25,717
Net movement in funds	98	12,066	12,164	395
Transfers between funds	562 -	562	-	-
Total funds brought forward	26,069	61,427	87,496	87,101
Total funds carried forward	26,728	72,932	99,660	87,496

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 30 April 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
Cash Funds				
Bank account	19,103	-	19,103	7,662
Instant Access Savings account	7,067	72,933	80,000	80,000
Petty cash	797	-	797	74
	<u>26,967</u>	<u>72,933</u>	<u>99,900</u>	<u>87,736</u>
Creditors				
Accrued expenses	240	-	240	240
	<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
Net assets	<u>26,727</u>	<u>72,933</u>	<u>99,660</u>	<u>87,496</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th February 2022
and signed on its behalf by:


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Secretary


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Treasurer