

RIVER MINISTRIES (NORFOLK)
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1160192



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

River Ministries (Norfolk)
Annual Report
For the year ended 31st December 2020

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Reference and administration details

Charity name

River Ministries (Norfolk)

Charity number

No. 1160192

Address of charity

86 Merton Road

Watton

Thetford

Norfolk

IP25 6AZ

Trustees

The Charity is administered by a management committee (Church Council) comprising:

Chairman:	Mrs Elaine Hubbard
Deputy Chairman:	Mr Roger Pawsey
Secretary:	To Be Appointed
Treasurer:	Mr Jonathan Adams
Other Members:	Mrs Theresa Thomas
	Pastor Graham Thomas
	Mrs Tina Pawsey

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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1st JANUARY 2020 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

River Ministries (Norfolk), 1 Queensway, Watton, Thetford, IP25 6BL is registered with the Charity Commissioners (No. 1160192) a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Foundation Model.

The Charity is administered by a management committee comprising:

Chairman – Mrs Elaine Hubbard.

Deputy Chairman – Mr Roger Pawsey.

Treasurer Mr. Jonathan Adams.

Other Members – Pastor Graham Thomas, Mrs Theresa Thomas, and Mrs Tina Pawsey.

The objects of the Charity are:

- 1 to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit;
- 2 to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit; and
- 3 to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The charity operates under the working names of Watton Pentecostal Church, Arise Women's Ministry, Watton on the Web, Pulse and Noah's Ark Toddler and Baby group

Charity Activities include:

The advancement of the Christian faith including pastoral care; social action; children's activities; club for the poor, the elderly or lonely; visitation to homes; working together with other charities and voluntary bodies; Overseas missions; counselling; women's meetings; providing Christian resources online and technical assistance.

The year 2020 has been another year of change; both Nick and Flora Nundy have stepped down as trustees on the 29th March 2020. We believe that 2021 offers an opportunity to forge new relationships and to work with like minded organisations nationally and internationally, while seeking to support and serve the local community.

This year has been a challenging one in many ways, but probably most of all was the challenge of the lockdowns that have occurred during this year and the decision to close the church doors on the 29th March 2020. The Sunday morning services have gone online via social media; this has presented an opportunity for the church to grow in new areas. The leadership team have worked hard to continue to provide pastoral support and spiritual leadership for people during this tough year. This has been done in part with the introduction of the online services, daily Bible verses, weekly Bible studies, Bible quizzes and humorous stories using social media to reach people. The home groups have switched to meeting on Zoom and this has been well received and again offered people fellowship and support during this year.

1. Watton Pentecostal Church Working in partnership for the community

Watton Pentecostal Church continues to seek to work in partnership with other groups to offer a valued service to the community in areas where the church doesn't have the expertise to make such a provision. Working in partnership means that we offer the building free of charge, volunteers to open up and offer help by providing refreshments etc. We currently work with Diabetes UK Watton and District Support Group.

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However, during 2020 Diabetes UK Watton and District Support Group has had to stop meeting in the church, but we hope that they will continue to use the church building in 2021.

Watton Pentecostal Church will continue to serve the town of Watton by offering a warm and secure venue for other organisations to provide a service to the town. This is a worthwhile and successful way of the church meeting its obligation of servanthood in the town.

2. Watton on the Web

Watton on the Web (WOW) is the name for the internet presence of River Ministries (Norfolk). WOW hosts a number of different churches and organisations.

The main internet site of River Ministries (Norfolk) is Watton on the Web (www.watton.org), which in 2010 received over 28 million hits. An explanation of the vision and services of WOW can be found at www.watton.org.uk.

Other sites owned by River Ministries (Norfolk) include Watton Pentecostal Church (www.wattonchurch.org.uk), which gives updates on church activities and The History of Watton (www.historyofwatton.org.uk), which through local historians explains local history.

In 2020 Watton on the Web invested the fees from hosting missionary ministries back into their own ministries. Therefore, WOW was able to waive payment of £25 from Shalom Africa (Dama Safari), £25 from Aid2India (Fredrick Antony), and £25 from Nest Worldwide Ministries Asia (Raj Kumar).

3. Watton Pentecostal Church Friendship Club

In 2020 the Friendship club has been unable to meet since March, however contact has been maintained with members by way of a phone call every Friday. This has been appreciated and looked forward to by the members. We hope that we will be able to reopen the doors in 2021 and again continue to see numbers grow.

4. Arise Women's Ministry

Arise was not able to host their usual Refreshment Day or Weekend this year, but went virtual, hosting a virtual weekend on social media and a Refreshment Day. These were well received and participation in the virtual events was amazing.

The Arise team is planning on continuing the virtual ministry until we are able to meet again in person and have plans underway for 2021 and 2022.

5. Noah's Ark

During 2020 the group has had to be closed due to COVID restrictions. This has been a challenging year for parents and children, but we hope to reopen the group in 2021.

6. FLOS (Fun Learning on Sundays)

The year started well but once again this group has stopped whilst the church is closed.

7. Pulse Youth Group

The group has grown and been well received by the young people but has had to be closed since March. We fully intend to reopen once able to.

8. Worship Team

The worship team has done an amazing job of continuing to grow and provide worship whilst the church has been closed. The services have gone online using social media to broadcast. The worship team have been a vital part of continuing to connect with the church whilst in lockdown.

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9. Visitation team

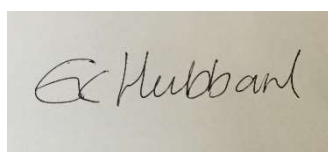
When the church was open during the start of this year on a Sunday morning a warm and friendly welcome has been given to everyone by the welcomers in the foyer.

10. Camera Club

The Camera Club meets on the first Thursday of the month in the church, this has had again to close but its members have been keeping in touch. We will once again reopen in 2021.

11. Sanctuary Training

We were unable to hold any training events in 2020 because of Covid lockdowns. Consideration will be given to hosting these in 2021.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured surface. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads 'E Hubbard'.

Elaine Hubbard, Chair

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

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River Ministries (Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2020
Receipts and Payments Accounts

RECEIPTS	2020	2019
Donations, legacies and Grants		
Donations	17,051.08	35,075.15
Gift Aid	4,258.40	6,952.14
Legacy	0.00	0.00
	<u>21,309.48</u>	<u>42,027.29</u>
Other Income		
Other Income	0	500.00
	<u>0</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>21,309.48</u>	<u>42,527.29</u>

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PAYMENTS	2020	2019
Church Purchases		
General purchases	64.71	875.11
Food and Kitchen Supplies	492.36	2,292.29
Training	300.00	1,286.00
Outreach Work	0.00	106.70
Activities, Gifts and Prizes	1,103.11	10,756.10
Guest Speakers	0.00	0.00
	<u>1,960.18</u>	<u>15,316.20</u>
Overheads		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Water Rates	250.00	180.00
Heat, Light & Power	1,913.29	2,398.71
Printing, Postage and Stationery	443.94	3,471.42
Telephone and Computer	1,764.82	1,134.11
Car Hire	0	418.00
Repairs and Renewals	223.99	606.73
Premises Expenses	1,035.92	1,417.91
Vehicle and Travel Expenses	0	342.31
Premises Insurance	795.27	955.64
Sundry	366.02	0.00
Licences	0	152.30
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00
Accountancy Fees	891.50	930.00
Professional Fees	0	24.00
Subscriptions	1,173.77	1,307.35
Gross Wages	3,315.33	13,261.32
Employers Pensions	182.34	729.41
	<u>14,316.37</u>	<u>42,645.41</u>
Total Payments	<u>14,316.37</u>	<u>42,645.41</u>
NET RECEIPTS/ PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>6,993.11</u></u>	<u><u>(118.12)</u></u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS	2020	2019
River Ministries		
Lloyds current account	27,271.39	20,278.28
Barclays account	38,000.00	38,000.00
Total All Bank Accounts	<u>65,271.39</u>	<u>58,278.28</u>
 Balance brought forward	 58,278.28	 58,396.40
Surplus/(Loss) for year	6,993.11	(118.12)
	<u>65,271.39</u>	<u>58,278.28</u>
 Other Assets		
Church Premises (insured value)	693,206.00	693,206.00
Content of Premises (insured value)	41,071.00	41,071.00
 Liabilities	 NIL	 NIL



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

RIVER MINISTRIES (NORFOLK)

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST DECEMBER 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1160192

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 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:

Date:

22nd MAY 2021

Name:

SIMON SKULL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FFA, FFTA

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Section B**Disclosure**

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.