

**RIVER MINISTRIES (NORFOLK)
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1160192**



**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022**

River Ministries (Norfolk)
Annual Report
For the year ended 31st December 2022

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River Ministries (Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2022
Reference and administration details

Charity name

River Ministries (Norfolk)

Charity number

No. 1160192

Address of charity

1 Queensway

Watton

Thetford

Norfolk

IP25 6BL

Trustees

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

Chairman:	Mrs Elaine Hubbard
Deputy Chairman:	Mr James Wright
Secretary:	To Be Appointed
Treasurer:	Mr Graham Thomas
Other Members:	Pastor Graham Thomas
	Mrs Theresa Thomas
	Mrs Alison Wright
	Mrs Rachael Adams

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Trustees Report

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
1st JANUARY 2022 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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 James Wright

Treasurer Mr. Graham Thomas

Other Members – Pastor Graham Thomas, Mrs Theresa Thomas, Mrs Alison Wright and Mrs Rachael Adams.

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, Friendship Club and The Forge.

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 2022 has been another year of change; both Roger and Tina Pawsey and Jonathan Adams have stepped down as trustees this year and we have brought on new trustees and welcome Rachael Adams. We believe that 2023 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 challenging as we have seen the cost of living rise but we have seen the church grow and move forward into new ways to offer help to this community. We have continued to open up the church to the groups that have been running but also have established a Warm Space that runs weekly. We are looking forward to 2023.

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. The group have reopened and is meeting in the church monthly.

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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.

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.

3. Watton Pentecostal Church Friendship Club

In 2022 the Friendship club has been meeting weekly in the church, offering support and a friendly place for people to meet. This has been especially needed this year with the cost of living rises. The group has enjoyed trips and meals together. We look forward to this continuing next year.

4. Arise Women's Ministry

Arise was able to hold both the weekend conference and a Refreshment Day this year. It was really good to meet together after the last couple of years not being able to host the conference. We have seen women from other churches come together and be able to worship God together. The Arise team are busy planning for next year, with both a weekend conference planned and a Refreshment Day.

5. Noah's Ark

During 2022 the group has remained closed because of several issues but we are excited to report that this group will be reopening in January 2023 under the new name The Big House.

6. FLOS (Fun Learning on Sundays)

The group has been more informal this year.

7. Worship Team

The worship team has done an amazing job of continuing to grow and provide worship during Sunday mornings. The services have been broadcast on social media for those unable to attend the services and the worship team have been a vital part of continuing to connect with those who are unable to attend church.

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9. Visitation team

As the church has opened on a Sunday morning, a warm and friendly welcome has been given to everyone by the welcomers in the foyer.

10. Camera Club

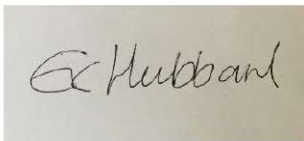
The Camera Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the church and offers a place for those interested in photography to meet. The group has enjoyed guest speakers and a shared love of photography.

11. The Forge

This year we have been able to start a Men's Ministry that meets together for breakfast, fellowship and teaching. The men have enjoyed guest speakers as well as speakers from the church. The Forge will continue to meet in 2023 and offer a place for men to come together and worship God.

12. Warm Space

With the cost of living rises, the church has been able to open up and offer a warm space including a hot meal and activities for people in the community. This is hosted in the church on Wednesdays and will continue into the new year as the weather continues to be cold.



Elaine Hubbard, Chair

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

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River Ministries (Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2022
Receipts and Payments Accounts

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
Donations, legacies and Grants		
Donations	18,851.50	11,597.67
Gift Aid	3,398.42	0.00
Legacy	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	702.00	0.00
	<u>22,951.92</u>	<u>11,597.67</u>
Other Income		
Other Income	0	0.00
	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>22,951.92</u>	<u>11,597.67</u>

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

PAYMENTS	2022	2021
Church Purchases		
General purchases	459.34	1,683.72
Food and Kitchen Supplies	1,382.47	255.23
Training	0.00	0.00
Activities, Gifts and Prizes	8,187.60	1,313.42
Guest Speakers	0.00	0.00
	<u>10,029.41</u>	<u>3,252.37</u>
 Overheads		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Water Rates	192.00	218.00
Heat, Light & Power	2,671.36	1,628.83
Printing, Postage and Stationery	277.68	1,245.46
Telephone and Computer	1,293.98	1,127.57
Repairs and Renewals	880.85	29.98
Premises Expenses	3,559.49	2,154.57
Premises Insurance	887.45	841.57
Sundry	22.99	91.27
Licences	92.15	546.35
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00
Accountancy Fees	848.50	646.00
Subscriptions	902.08	415.12
	<u>21,657.94</u>	<u>12,197.09</u>
 Total Payments		
	<u>21,657.94</u>	<u>12,197.09</u>
 NET RECEIPTS/ PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR		
	<u>1,293.98</u>	<u>(599.42)</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

MONETARY ASSETS	2022	2021
River Ministries		
Lloyds current account	27,965.95	26,671.97
Barclays account	38,000.00	38,000.00
Total All Bank Accounts	<u>65,965.95</u>	<u>64,671.97</u>
 Balance brought forward	 64,671.97	 65,278.28
Surplus/(Loss) for year	1,293.98	(599.42)
	<u>65,965.95</u>	<u>64,671.97</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 2022

**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 2022

**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:

10th MAY 2023

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.