

RIVER MINISTRIES (NORFOLK)  
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1160192



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

***River Ministries (Norfolk)***  
***Annual Report***  
***For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023***

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**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 Best

Deputy Chairman Mr. James Wright

Treasurer Mr. Graham Thomas

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

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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
1st JANUARY 2023 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

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 Best.

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 Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees 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 Board of Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The charity operates under the working names of Home Church Watton, Arise Women's Ministry, The Big House, 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 2023 has been another year of growth and excitement in which Watton Pentecostal Church was renamed Home Church Watton. We believe that 2024 offers an opportunity to forge new relationships and to work with likeminded organisations nationally and internationally, while seeking to support and serve the local community.

1. Home Church Working in partnership for the community

Home 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 Watton and District Support Group.

Home 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.

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**2. Home Church Friendship Club**

In 2023 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, providing a safe and welcoming space for people to come together.

**3. 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 of 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 two refreshment days planned.

**4. The Big House Baby and Toddler Group**

It has been really good to reopen this group this year and it has been well received with the number of parents and children coming growing. We look forward to the group going from strength to strength.

**5. 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.

**6. 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.

**7. The Forge**

This year we have continued the 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 2024 and offer a place for men to come together and worship God.



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Mrs. Elaine Best, Chairperson

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

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**Receipts and Payments Accounts**

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<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Donations, legacies and Grants</b>		
Donations	20,173.19	18,851.50
Gift Aid	3,387.79	3,398.42
Legacy	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	670.00	702.00
	<u>24,230.98</u>	<u>22,951.92</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Other Income	29.00	0.00
	<u>29.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u><b>24,259.98</b></u>	<u><b>22,951.92</b></u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Church Purchases</b>		
General purchases	338.76	459.34
Food and Kitchen Supplies	899.67	1,382.47
Training	962.00	0.00
Activities, Gifts and Prizes	4,831.16	8,187.60
Local Projects	23.60	0.00
Fund Raising Donations	779.00	0.00
	<u>7,834.19</u>	<u>10,029.41</u>
<b>Overheads</b>		
Advertising	303.00	0.00
PR (Literature & Brochures)	348.00	0.00
Water Rates	256.00	192.00
Heat, Light & Power	6,842.77	2,671.36
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0.00	277.68
Telephone and Computer	2,853.90	1,293.98
Repairs and Renewals	4,265.18	880.85
Premises Expenses	8,243.63	3,559.49
Premises Insurance	993.45	887.45
Sundry	179.00	22.99
Licenses	656.51	92.15
Travel	143.97	0.00
Accountancy Fees	984.00	848.50
Subscriptions	1,081.25	902.08
	<u>34,984.85</u>	<u>21,657.94</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u><b>34,984.85</b></u>	<u><b>21,657.94</b></u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/ PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><b>(10,724.87)</b></u>	<u><b>1,293.98</b></u>

<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>River Ministries</b>		
Lloyds current account	17,241.08	27,965.95
Barclays account	38,000.00	38,000.00
<b>Total All Bank Accounts</b>	<u>55,241.08</u>	<u>65,965.95</u>
 Balance brought forward	 65,965.95	 64,671.97
Surplus/(Loss) for year	(10,724.87)	1,293.98
	<u>55,241.08</u>	<u>65,965.95</u>
 <b>Other Assets</b>		
Church Premises (insured value)	693,206.00	693,206.00
Content of Premises (insured value)	41,071.00	41,071.00
 <b>Liabilities</b>	 NIL	 NIL