



RIVER MINISTRIES(NORFOLK)

REGISTERED CHARITY: 1160192

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

River Ministeries (Norfolk)

Annual Report

For the year ended 31st December 2024

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River Ministries (Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2024

Reference and administration details:

Charity name:

River Ministries(Norfolk)

Charity number:

No. 1160192

Address of charity:

Home Church

Dereham Road

Watton

Thetford

Norfolk

IP25 6ER

Trustees

The charity is administered by a management committee (church council) comprising:

Chairman: Mrs Rachael Adams

Deputy chairman: Mr James Wright

Treasurer: Mr Graham Thomas

Other members: Mrs Theresa Thomas

Mrs Cheryl Budden

Mrs Alison Wright.

River Ministries(Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2024

Trustees Report

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For the Financial Year: 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

River Ministries (Norfolk)

Dereham Road, Watton, Thetford, IP25 6ER

Registered Charity No. 1160192 (Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Foundation Model)

Trustees and Governance

The Charity is administered by a management committee comprising:

- **Chairman** – Mrs Racheal Adams
- **Deputy Chairman** – Mr James Wright
- **Treasurer** – Mr Graham Thomas
- **Other Members** – Mrs Theresa Thomas, Mrs Alison Wright, Cheryl Budden

Charitable Objectives

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith in the UK and globally.
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote good health through provision of funds, goods, services, counselling, and support.
3. To advance education in the UK and globally.

Operating Names

- Home Church Watton
- Arise Women's Ministry
- The Big House
- Friendship Club
- The Forge

2024 Highlights and Activities

1. Home Church: Working in Partnership for the Community

In 2024, Home Church continued to offer its building and volunteers to support local initiatives. We maintained our partnership with **Diabetes Watton and District Support Group**, providing a warm, welcoming venue and hospitality. This model of servanthood remains a vital expression of our mission in Watton.

2. Friendship Club

The Friendship Club met weekly throughout 2024, offering companionship, refreshments, and a safe space for the elderly and isolated. The consistent attendance and positive feedback affirm its ongoing value to the community.

3. Arise Women's Ministry

In 2024, Arise hosted **one Refreshment Day**, which was a meaningful time of worship and encouragement. We were blessed to welcome **Jo Hargreaves** as the guest speaker, and women from across the region gathered to seek God together. Although we didn't hold a weekend conference this year, the Refreshment Day provided a valuable space for connection and spiritual renewal. The Arise team is prayerfully considering plans for 2025.

4. The Big House: Baby and Toddler Group

The Big House continued to thrive in 2024, with growing attendance from local families. Parents expressed appreciation for the warm atmosphere and meaningful connections. We anticipate further growth in 2025.

5. Worship Team

The Worship Team faithfully led Sunday services throughout 2024, both in-person and via social media livestreams. Their commitment has helped maintain connection with those unable to attend physically, and their ministry continues to grow in depth and reach.

6. Visitation and Welcome Team

Our Sunday morning welcome team provided a warm, friendly environment for all attendees. Their presence at the door has been a key part of creating a hospitable and inclusive church culture.

7. The Forge: Men's Ministry

In 2024, The Forge met occasionally for breakfast, fellowship, and teaching. These gatherings provided valuable opportunities for men to connect, grow in faith, and encourage one another. While the rhythm has been less frequent, there is a growing desire to strengthen and expand this ministry. Plans are underway to build greater consistency and deepen engagement in 2025, offering men a more regular space to worship God and walk together in discipleship.

Future Plans for 2025

Looking ahead, River Ministries (Norfolk) is committed to deepening its impact both locally and beyond. The trustees have identified several key areas for growth and development in 2025:

- **Strengthening The Forge Men's Ministry:** We aim to establish a more consistent rhythm of gatherings, offering men regular opportunities for fellowship, worship, and discipleship.

- **Expanding Family Outreach:** Building on the success of The Big House, we plan to explore new ways to support young families through practical resources, events, and relational connection.
- **Enhancing Digital Ministry:** We will continue to invest in online worship and resource sharing to reach those unable to attend in person, and to equip believers wherever they are.
- **Developing Strategic Partnerships:** We hope to collaborate with like-minded organisations nationally and internationally to extend our reach and share resources.
- **Equipping New Believers:** We plan to create tailored discipleship pathways for those who have come to faith recently, helping them grow in identity, Scripture engagement, and community life.

These plans reflect our ongoing commitment to serve with authenticity, generosity, and vision, in alignment with our charitable objectives and the heart of the church.

R.A. Adams

Mrs Racheal Adams (chairman)

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

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Norfolk

IP25 6ER

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River Ministries (Norfolk) for the year ended 31st December 2024

Receipts and Payments Accounts:

RECEIPTS	2024	2023
Donations, legacies and Grants		
Donations	17992.03	20,173.19
Gift Aid	3,182.02	3,387.79
Legacy	0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	1,462.01	670.00
	22,636.06	24,230.98
Other Income		
Other Income	0.00	29.00
	0.00	29.00
Total Receipts	22,636.06	24,259.98
PAYMENTS	2024	2023
Church Purchase		
General Purchases	102.98	338.76
Food and Kitchen Supplies	344.96	899.67
Training	642.50	962.00
Activities, Gifts and Prizes	2,358.44	4831.16
Local Projects	1,859.03	23.60
Fund Raising Donations	0.00	779.00
	5,307.91	7,834.19
Overheads		
Management & Admin	2,500.00	0.00
Advertising	0.00	303.00
PR (Literature & Brochures)	469.00	348.00
Water Rates	204.00	256.00
Heat, Light & Power	4,107.78	6,842.77
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0.00	0.00
Telephone and Computer	2,638.00	2,853.90
Repairs and Renewals	185.96	4,265.18
Premises Expenses	10,385.95	8,243.63
Premises Insurance	990.44	993.45
Sundry	88.05	179.00
Licenses	164.00	656.51
Travel	86.00	143.97
Accountancy Fees	1,477.00	984.00

Subscriptions	512.50	1,081.25
Total Payments	29,116.59	34,984.85
NET RECEIPTS/ PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(6,480.53)	(10,724.87)
MONETARY ASSETS	2024	2023
River Ministries		
Lloyds current account	10,760.55	17,241.08
Barclays account	38,000.00	38,000.00
Total All Bank Accounts	48,760.55	55,241.08
Balance brought forward	55,241.08	65,965.95
Surplus (Loss) for year	(6,480.53)	(10,724.87)
	48,760.55	55,241.08
Other Assets		
Church Premises (insured value)	1,163,670.00	693,206.00
Content of Premises (insured value)	77,827.00	41,071.00
Liabilities	NIL	NIL