

CHURCH ON THE WEALD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021



Caladine
Chartered Certified Accountants

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements of the Church for the year ended 31 March 2021.

1 Constitution

The church was formed by its constitution on 1 January 2015 and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24th February 2015 as Gateway Church on the Weald. The name of the charity was changed to Church on the Weald on 30 August 2016.

2 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the church are to advance the Christian religion, to advance education in particular in relation to the doctrines of the Christian religion and to relieve poverty and hardship.

3 Organisational structure

Elders ultimately lead the church and lay out the vision with support from the trustees.

4 The Trustees

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and are provided with appropriate training to undertake the role they will occupy within the church.

The trustees that served during the year were:

Alastair Lee Windus
Victoria Windus
Viji Sam
Marcia Mitchell
Darren Lea

5 Review of activities

It has obviously been an unusual year for Church on the Weald as the church family has adapted to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we have continued to be blessed by God's provision and care for us during these challenging times.

Church meetings quickly moved online, and we used the Zoom platform very effectively throughout the year. Sunday morning meetings continued, with some adjustments during the year to incorporate worship, testimonies and times of sharing as well as listening to the Bible taught. Sunday School provision for primary school-aged children took place through a combination of lessons and creative materials emailed out and videos recorded by the Sunday School team. Youth meetings continued fortnightly on Sundays via Zoom, and fortnightly socials on Monday evenings were added to the programme, incorporating everything from board games to quizzes to a bake off!

Other regular meetings also moved to Zoom, including the monthly 'Deeper' teaching series and leadership meetings. Prayer meetings developed during the year, with two early morning prayer meetings added and a faithful group gathering to represent the church family in these slots. Weekly prayer meetings on Sunday evenings were also set up, often with more people able to access these than would have been able to travel to the monthly prayer meetings in person. Many blessings and testimonies have come from these times of drawing together to pray and experience the Holy Spirit.

Another new meeting that was set up is the daily Bible study, held on Mondays to Fridays. These have been a real blessing to those who were able to join. A virtual Christianity Unwrapped course was also held for those wanting to find out more about the Christian faith.

Trustees' Report (continued)

The three life groups also continued to meet via weekly Zoom calls and were also creative in using this platform not just for Bible study, prayer and support, but for socials and more informal catchups.

Monthly church socials were also set up, with fantastic themes ranging from a talent show to sharing holiday memories! These were led by our volunteer administrators and were much valued, particularly by those who were more isolated during the pandemic. Another project initiated by our administrators was the church magazine, which has seen contributions from all ages in the church family and is now developing into a more detailed format.

Family services for Christmas and Easter were also held via Zoom, with wonderful creativity and imagination and led by our children's worker and with lots of involvement from the younger members of the church family in particular. These were open to all and we were pleased to welcome some guests to these special meetings.

Financially, the church has been blessed by God's goodness and provision during this time. Although the church was not meeting together in person, several families and individuals transferred their giving to regular standing orders and so tithes and offerings did not decrease during the year. The church's reserves have in fact been able to grow as we were not paying to rent premises and some other outgoing decreased during the year. Although some plans, such as appointing a Children's, Youth and Families Worker and developing a money signposting service, have had to be postponed, as trustees we are praying with the elders for wisdom in how to use these reserves going forwards, which is likely to include a change in premises as venues start to re-open but with some restrictions continuing.

At the time of writing, restrictions are easing, and we are looking ahead to what church family life and church meetings will look like in this new season. We hope to have learned from this season and to apply those lessons. Some virtual meetings may continue to help those connect who might otherwise struggle, whereas we are also looking forward to finally meeting together and worshipping in person again. As trustees we thank everyone for their service and commitment during this challenging year – our elders, team leaders and volunteers have worked hard both in what has been seen and behind the scenes, and we are very grateful for how all the church family has pulled together to support and encourage each other, always pointing each other towards Jesus and the hope we have in Him.

6 Public benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission and believe that the objectives and activities of the church are for the public benefit.

7 Review of financial position

There were net receipts for the year on General funds of £35,989.

The balance on unrestricted funds carried forward at 31 March 2021 was £110,802 of which £29,988 has been designated for a particular purpose.

8 Risk management

The church has considered the risks it may face and confirm that systems have been established to mitigate them.

9 Reserves

The church endeavours to maintain cash resources to cover at least four months expenditure.

Trustees' Report (continued)

10 Independent examination

J R Caladine FCCA CTA FCIE was appointed during the year to undertake the Independent Examination.

Victoria Windus

Victoria Windus

Trustee 16 December 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Church on the Weald

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Church on the Weald ('the CIO') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



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Date: 17 December 2021

Receipts and Payment Account

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	2021 £	2020 £
Receipts					
Donations (Gift aid)	56,260	-	-	56,260	45,327
Donations (Non Gift aid)	5,950	1,300	350	7,600	15,067
Gift aid reclaimed	13,279	-	-	13,279	11,247
Event and travel refunds	1,591	-	-	1,591	-
Total receipts	77,080	1,300	350	78,730	71,641
Payments					
Ministry costs	30,900	-	-	30,900	28,325
Training & conferences	191	-	-	191	120
Publicity	-	-	-	-	227
Computer and website costs	1,197	-	-	1,197	871
Insurance	530	-	-	530	524
Independent Examination Fee	804	-	-	804	816
Catering	-	-	-	-	952
Venue hire charges	-	-	-	-	4,601
Events	-	-	-	-	1,210
Children and Youth work	175	-	-	175	146
Child Protection	154	-	-	154	221
Pastoral expenses	1,474	500	250	2,224	503
PA and Worship	319	-	-	319	268
Supporting Others/Gifts and Tithes	4,880	1,564	100	6,544	12,480
Sundry expenses	467	-	-	467	677
Total payments	41,091	2,064	350	43,505	51,941
Net receipts/ (payments)	35,989	(764)	-	35,225	19,700
Funds brought forward 1 April 2020	49,225	26,352	-	75,577	55,877
Transfers between funds	-	4,400	-	-	-
Funds carried forward 31 March 2021	80,814	29,988	-	110,802	75,577

The notes on page 8 form part of these Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities**AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Monetary Assets</u>		
Cash at Bank and in hand - Current Account	<u>110,802</u>	<u>75,577</u>
Represented by -		
General Fund	80,814	49,225
Reserve Fund	16,800	12,400
Designated Fund	<u>13,188</u>	<u>13,952</u>
	<u>110,802</u>	<u>75,577</u>
 Gift aid reclaim pending	 <u>3,414</u>	 <u>2,628</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accountancy Fee/Independent Examination	840	816
Outstanding Tithe	<u>3,981</u>	<u>1,282</u>
	<u>4,821</u>	<u>2,098</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 16 December 2021

Victoria Windus
Victoria Windus
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared as a Receipts and Payments account in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Funds

General funds represent monies received that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for applications on the general purposes of the church.

Designated funds represent monies set aside by the church for specific purposes.

Restricted funds represent monies donated to the church for specific purposes.

2. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees incurred expenses of £Nil (2020: £24) in their role as Trustees.

3. Related party transactions

The Wallrus, a business owned by Rachel Lea, (wife of trustee Darren Lea), is contracted to design and maintain the Church's website and print publicity material. Church on the Weald paid The Wallrus £378 (2019: £698) during the year.

Donations were received from trustees and their related parties amount to £18,273. This doesn't include any donations given in cash collections, which wouldn't be separately identifiable.

4. Designated funds

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
Outreach projects	5,952	1,300	(2,064)	-	5,188
Legacy fund	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Reserve Fund	12,400	-	-	4,400	16,800
	<u>26,352</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>(2,064)</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>29,988</u>

5. Restricted funds

	Brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Carried forward
Specific gifts	<u>-</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>