

WELWYN GARDEN CITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHARITY REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

Charity Number 1167010.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

As a local congregation of the United Reformed Church, Welwyn Garden City United Reformed Church seeks to advance the Christian religion through its activities and the facilities offered to the community by its building, and described more specifically in its mission statement as

Our mission is to be an open, welcoming fellowship, providing a Christian Hub where all people can find friendship and support as we learn to love God and each other and work together in our community and the wider world.

The Elders' Meeting is aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and has regard to it in the administration of the Church. The Elders' Meeting believes that the Church provides benefit to the public by:

- providing resources and facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for the congregation and for anyone else who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers.
- promoting Christian values and service by members of the congregation to the community, for the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

Providing a Community Hub offering a variety of activities which contribute to strong local community and individuals' wellbeing and link well to our borough council's community aims.

Aims and purposes

Welwyn Garden City URC, its Eldership and minister promote the mission of the whole Church to foster in the congregation concern for witness and service to the community, evangelism at home and abroad, Christian education, ecumenical action, local inter-church relations and the wider responsibilities of the whole church.

We are committed to fulfil these aims by enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church by providing a variety of worship experiences; helping people to put their faith into practice through exploring faith, prayer and the Bible.

In planning our diary for the year, we take into account the Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular the supplementary guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our activities include:

- Worship, prayer and exploring the Bible to enable people to learn about their faith and develop their knowledge of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.
- Pastoral care for our church family and wider community.
- Making opportunities for Mission and outreach
- Providing social and leisure activities for individual and community wellbeing.

Achievements and Performance

We offer a range of different worship experiences during a month and throughout the year that are open to all. There is a balance of reflective worship in the form of meditation; engaging with prayer, sermons and traditional worship; and more modern conversational and sung worship. We also offer worship for all ages together.

Due to Covid our activities in 2020 have been curtailed. Weekly worship has been offered via Zoom and YouTube with an average of 20 attending worship. We have also used Zoom to continue our Bible study and Meditation groups. Where possible we have held Sunday worship in church with an average of 30 people at this worship for the 14 times the church was open.

Until March 2020, around fifteen families were participating regularly in worship with us, including around 30 Under-18s, and twenty-five parents. Most of these families were mainly involved with Breakfast Church on Saturday, and four were mainly involved with Sunday junior church. Our FamilyWorship@10 Service was popular with families and a few other church members. We were in regular contact with an additional 50 families through our long-running mid-week baby and toddler groups. Babygroup met weekly for pre-crawling babies and their parents, Chatter and Tots was a busy Toddler group every Thursday morning, and we hosted an additional dozen families fortnightly on Friday afternoons at Tiddlers.

We currently employ a Community and Families Worker who held zoom sessions during the lock-down for Breakfast church and Junior church and Tiddlers families, and also prepared some video sessions of FamilyWorship@10 and video stories for toddlers. From August 2020 we were pleased to re-open Babygroup with Social distancing indoors, and outdoor sessions with social distancing for Junior Church and Breakfast church families. However, it was not possible to re-open groups for toddlers in the autumn, and pre-school families found video and zoom content did not much engage their children once nursery schools and public activities for children began opening up.

The Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church is arranged in Local Area Groups. Our LAG is called Heartland and is comprised of 12/13 churches from Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Our own Mid Herts Cluster of 3 Churches (WGC, Harpenden and Wheathampstead, who share a minister) met for joint worship – mainly on Zoom.

Elders meetings are held monthly and Churches meetings are organised for twice a year. We send representatives to the biannual Synod meetings and have members who sit on synod committees. Due to Covid, meetings were held in 2020 on Zoom.

Our aim is to grow to be a larger all age worshipping community shining God's light in WGC town centre where our community hub will welcome at least 1000 people a week to a balanced programme of activities. The community hub will be open every day for people to enjoy a coffee and attend the variety of church and community groups on offer and participate in private prayer. We continue to work towards achieving our ultimate vision with BB&C Architects and various other professionals to help us create a building that is fit for purpose.

Our goal for the Church is that during the week the halls are used for many groups organised by the church: Toddler group, Baby Group, Parents and Tiddlers; Thursday Club for older people, Community Coffee morning, Tea Dances, Knit and Natter, Cellar Club providing free food for the hungry. In addition, community groups also have use of our halls for activities. Due to Covid many of these activities have not been held since March 2020.

Our Front of House partnership with Sainsburys has continued in 2020 and allows many people in need to be blessed with food, essentials and treats. New Zion Food Bank, the YMCA, Women's Refuge and Resolve Homeless Charity also benefit.

Pastoral Care

We have a Pastoral Team who fulfil a vital role at all times in caring for our church family, but the team has been crucial during Covid. The Pastoral Team is comprised of the minister and 3 Elders. Each Elder is supported by 2 Pastoral Elders and 2 Church Friends who visit regularly, distribute the magazine and offer home communion. Our staff members and minister are often available to pray with people as needed.

We share requests for Prayer by email and in our printed Order of Service which has been distributed weekly during Covid for those who are not on email and cannot connect to Zoom or YouTube for weekly worship. We will continue to offer services in this way for those who cannot attend worship for any reason.

During Covid we have encouraged our congregation to set aside 12midday as a daily time to devote to prayer, either on their own, or by calling a friend and praying together, comforted by knowing we were all praying together although apart.

We set up a Support for Network, with the help of volunteers from our Church family, for anyone in need of someone to talk to or in need of help with shopping, prescriptions etc

We also set up a Call and Chat ie (Conference Call) so that we could share conversations over the telephone at an appointed time with more than one person.

It has been our aim as a team to reassure our Church Family that they had not been forgotten. We have sent out letters of encouragement along with a little Pocket Hug Charm to keep by them, Christmas Cards to everyone, and an Easter Gift Bag containing a Palm Cross, an Easter message from our Minister, a bunch of daffodils and an Easter Eggs for families with children.

We opened our Church at Harvest Time and in the month prior to Christmas (in accordance with Covid Restrictions) and invited the community to drop in and donate to those less fortunate than themselves and the response was overwhelming.

By replacing our Annual Christmas Fayre with an online Christmas Fayre, we were able to continue supporting our Local Hospice as we have done for the past 12 Years.

Mission and Outreach

Our Community and Families Worker is employed full time by us with 40% of her time gifted to Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith (WHI) to head up their school's work project Whisper (Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Schools Peace Education Resources), and to lead WHI as chairperson. Faith visits to primary schools have been arranged for Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Sikh and Jewish visitors during the first quarter of 2020, all trained by the project. We also delivered a Question Time panel to year 10 in Richard Hale school.

We held two meetings of our WHERE teachers network for Primary RE, Welwyn Hatfield & Hertford Encouraging Religious Education, affiliated to NATRE (national primary RE association). And we again helped organise the borough Holocaust Memorial Day event with 100 pupils participating. Our Community and Families Worker was co-opted onto the County Standing Advisory Committee for Religious Education, as Interfaith specialist, and is participating in a new sub-group for Equality and Diversity, and also attends a variety of meetings with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council as interfaith representative.

From April 2020, Interfaith events and committee meetings continued on zoom, and our Community and Families worker also helped to organise an additional arts programme of interfaith on-line meetings entitled 'Garden of the World' linked to the celebrations for WGC Centenary.

Our toddler groups and babygroup continued to provide much needed support and social opportunities to pre-school families in the first quarter of the year.

We also employ a Mission Co-ordinator to support our Mission work. This includes supporting a Tuesday morning Community Cafe which is open to everyone in our community. Among the visitors who find a warm welcome, fun and friendship are a number of vulnerable people and those with special needs. There are crafts activities, and the group are encouraged to participate in this and in preparing and cooking food for lunch with 20 people on average stay to eat and enjoy conversations about topical issues from a faith perspective and prayer.

January and February 2020, we had over 140 visitors each month at the Community Café. Due to the start of the Covid Pandemic in March 2020 we were not able to continue the Community Café. During lockdown the Mission Coordinator organised two Zoom sessions every week for visitors who were able to attend and also stayed in touch via a WhatsApp group. Weekly socially distanced walks were also organised to support both physical and general well-being.

Due to Covid we have been unable to schedule most of the social events – we always encourage people from church groups and café to join us on Sunday and at other special times of worship and events.

Both our Community and Families Worker and our Mission Coordinator sit on various local authority forums, appropriate to their work. Their contribution is very well received by both organisers and community.

The help received from congregation in all areas of church life is always a cause for celebration and the support given to the annual Shoe box appeal continues to spread beyond our church family.

We have 75 members in 2020 and 25 regular attendees who are not members. Three members of our congregation died in 2020 and were commended into God's safe keeping and we supported their families.

Some 20 people enjoy fellowship at our Bible study groups and Christian Meditation groups.

Ecumenical relationships

Churches in Welwyn Garden City is made up of many different denominations including black Pentecostal and other independent churches, Seventh Day Adventists, Society of Friends and the mainstream denominations. In our immediate vicinity there is St Francis Anglican Church, St Bonaventure, RC, and Christchurch, Baptist Church.

Our site has provided a good service point for community events in the town centre, and place for ecumenical worship. We also link in with local ecumenical worship initiatives for children and young people. Due to Covid these activities were not possible in 2020 and we look forward to starting this work again in 2021.

Financial Review for 2020

Total receipts for 2020 were £171,446 of which £71,991 was to our unrestricted funds. Our total payments were £154,931.

Giving in total including Gift Aid this year was slightly higher this year - £46,321. This included an amount of £8,933 pledged to the funds to support Children and Family Work, Mission work and the Building project. In addition, there were Special Collections – an amount of £2,056 donated specifically to be sent on to projects we support e.g. Isabel Hospice and a local food bank.

Gifts to the church were £6,956. Of this £6154 was to support the replacement of our windows with double glazed ones and this money is held in our Fabric Fund. Social Fundraising events were several curtailed this year – early events in 2020 raised £366 for the Windows Fund. In addition, our usual Christmas Fayre was replaced by a virtual fayre which raised in total an amount of £1,400 - the profits shared equally between the Isabel Hospice and the church camera project to stream our worship.

Premises hire receipts were £26,050. With lockdown for most months of the year this was much reduced compared to £59,329 in 2019. This total included our share of the rental from Harpenden manse of £9,600.

Grants of £50,757 were received from URC Thames North Synod for the Mission and the Family and InterFaith Work. The grants do not cover the full cost of this work and is supplemented from Church Funds. A Community Grant of £2,000 was obtained from Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to support changes to make the garden suitable for more gatherings outdoors during the pandemic.

We also received from HMRC a sum of £13,639 from the Job Retention Scheme for our employees on furlough from April onwards.

A sum of £33,814 was sent to Synod as our contribution to Ministry and Mission.

The running costs of the Church were slightly reduced due to lockdown at £26,285.

Overall, the year showed a surplus of £16,515. Of this £5,222 were liabilities to be repaid to Thames North Synod. To support the Church during the pandemic an amount of £17,362 was drawn down from a Trust fund held by Thames North Synod for building planning work already completed. In addition, an amount of £11,652 in this surplus is a grant ringfenced to be used for our Mission work in 2021.

There was an unrealised capital loss on our investments of £233. With the addition of the bank, deposit and

investment balances from the beginning of the year, the total monetary assets at year-end were £139,319. Of this £2,955 was in unrestricted funds for general use.

A Ministers Car Replacement designated fund is set at £10,000 allowing a car to be provided if needed for a minister.

The Maintenance fund is designated to hold sufficient funds for planned maintenance each year. A sum of £9,238 is allocated to this fund to support planned Church and Manse maintenance in 2021.

Reserves Policy

The current policy is to hold in the Reserve Fund an amount equal to 3 times the recent average deficit to ensure there is sufficient funds to meet our payments should the church be again in deficit.

The Reserve fund currently is £31,919 (after capital loss) – to support the Church during the unknown financial situation during the pandemic. This will be reviewed at the end of 2021.

Employees and Volunteers

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard especially during 2020 and through the Covid restrictions. In particular we want to mention our church secretary Joyce Nicolson for all the care and time and expertise she brought to the role over the years.

Thanks also go to all the Elders and members of the various teams - Pastoral, Worship, Flower and Décor, Junior Church, Chatter n Tots, Tuesday Community Cafe, Tea Dance, Building and Finance, Mission and Outreach.

Also to our employees:

Wendy Lidgate – Community and Families Worker

Elizabeth Laing – Mission Coordinator

Allison Giles – Administrator

Michael Cooper – Caretaker

Structure, Governance and Management

The activities of Welwyn Garden City United Reformed Church (WGCURC) are overseen by the Elders' Meeting of the Church in accordance with the provisions of The Structure of the United Reformed Church determined by the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church and supplemented by the rules of WGCURC Church. The governing document of the registered charity is a statement adopted in a Church Meeting.

The Elders' Meeting is responsible for the financial administration of the Church, and the care and maintenance of Church premises and the manse. The Church Meeting (of all members wishing to attend) gives general guidance on the life and work of the Church. The members of the Elders Meeting are the minister in pastoral charge and up to 12 members of WGCURC nominated and elected by the members of WGCURC in Church Meeting.

Elders serve for 3 years and can continue for a further term. They retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election after a one-year break.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are the trustees of the registered charity during their period of service as elders. The Elders' Meeting met 12 times during the year via Zoom. It is assisted in the administration of the Church by our church administrator, Allison Giles and the Buildings and Finance Team established to advise the Church Meeting on building maintenance and building projects and to support the Treasurer. The Church Meeting met bimonthly on Zoom.

Administration

Welwyn Garden City United Reformed Church Charity is a local church of the United Reformed Church in Great Britain and is a member church of Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church. It was

registered in 2016 as Charity Number 1167010. Welwyn Garden City Church is situated at Church Road Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, AL8 6PR; telephone 01707 333326; Website www.wgcurc.org.uk. Before Covid, the Church Office is normally open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am-1pm.

The members of the Elders' Meeting are recognised as the charity trustees. Those who served from 1st January 2020 until the date this report was approved are:

Rev'd Jane Weedon – Minister

Joyce Nicolson – Church Secretary until March 2020

Helen Kaye – Elder until August 2020, Treasurer ongoing

Jean Hughes – Elder until August 2020

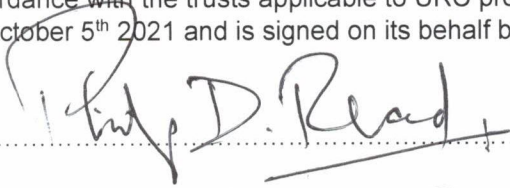
Matthew Read- Elder

Adegbemiga Onasile – Elder from January 2020

Cherylle Cooper – Elder

Derek Groves – Co-opted Elder

The Church building and the manse at 49 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JQ, are vested in Thames North Synod Trust company as trustees and held for the benefit of Welwyn Garden City URC in accordance with the trusts applicable to URC properties. This report was approved by the Elders' Meeting on October 5th 2021 and is signed on its behalf by


..... Mr Philip Read, Joint Church Secretary

Date 6 October 2021


..... Mrs Joyce Nicolson, Joint Church Secretary

Date 6th October 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2020 Total £	Last Year 2019 Total £
RECEIPTS						
Tithes and Offerings	3	35,480		12,898	48,378	46,572
Gifts and Legacies	4	802		6,154	6,956	7,689
Fund raising and Grants	5			54,435	54,435	42,855
Property income	6	22,239		3,811	26,050	59,329
Interest, investment income	14a		2,213		2,213	2,357
Other income	7	4,149	7,108	14,933	26,190	5,586
Organisation income	14b			2,196	2,196	1,739
Grant overpayment	14c			5,028	5,028	1,739
Total receipts		62,670	9,321	99,455	171,446	166,128
PAYMENTS						
Wider Ministry	8	33,626		4,030	37,656	37,934
Ministry/Group expenses	9	17,844		69,046	86,890	88,682
Church running costs	10	14,977	6,137	5,171	26,285	30,309
Exceptional Expenses	11	408		3,693	4,101	15,136
Total payments		66,854	6,137	81,940	154,931	172,060
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS)		-4,184	3,183	17,516	16,515	-5,933
TRANSFERS between funds		4,430	-11,380	6,950	0	
NET DRAWDOWN-Synod Trust	14d		17,362		17,362	
UNREALISED CAPITAL GAIN/LOSS			-233		-233	9,385
FUNDS b/fwd 1 January		2,709	59,727	43,240	105,676	102,224
FUNDS c/fwd 31 December		2,955	68,659	67,706	139,319	105,676

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Monetary Assets						
Bank account		2,955		14,513	17,467	13,592
Savings Account			27,679	24,088	51,767	21,752
Flower Account				5	5	18
Investment Assets						
Investment COIF			40,980	16,540	57,520	54,170
Investment Jupiter				12,560	12,560	16,144
Totals	12	2,955	68,659	67,706	139,319	105,676

Other assets

Gift Aid recoverable						
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Assets used for church purposes

Buildings	13	Church buildings and manse				
Church contents		Furnishings and equipment				

Liabilities

Key deposits, overpaid grant income				5,233	5,233	205
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APPROVED by the Church Members on 8th June 2021 and signed on their behalf

by Rev D J. Weedon

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(signature)

The notes on pages 2 to 5 form part of this financial statement

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

NOTES

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 Section 42(3), using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities, and the United Reformed Church guidance.

2 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted Funds may be used by the church for any of its ordinary purposes.

	Balance b/fwd	Receipts in year	Payments in year	Transfers for year	Balance c/fwd
Totals for unrestricted fund	2,709	62,670	-66,854	4,430	2,955

Designated Funds represent unrestricted funds set aside by the church for specific designated purposes; they can be transferred back into general funds at the church's decision.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers for year £	Balance c/fwd £
Benevolent Fund	140				140
Maintenance Fund	9,126		-6,137	6,248	9,238
Minister's Car Replacement	10,000				10,000
Reserve Fund	40,460	9,321	-8,000	-9,628	32,152
Drawdown Fund		25,362		-8,000	17,362
Totals for designated funds	59,727	34,683	-14,137	-11,380	68,892

Unrealised Capital Gain/Loss (Reserves)

-233

Restricted Funds represent income which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of a trust or bequest, or donations or grants received or invited for a specific purpose. These funds can only be spent on the specific purpose for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent must be carried forward as a balance on that fund for future expenditure on that specific purpose, or returned; it cannot be absorbed into general funds.

Fund name & purpose:	Balance b/fwd £	Receipts in year £	Payments in year £	Transfers in year £	Balance c/fwd £
Building Fund	8,794	1,145			9,939
Chatter and Tots	120	246			366
Community Development	335	10			345
Earmarked Fund	1,700	8,250	-7,994	70	2,026
Equipment Fund	1,847	1,320	-3,099		68
Fabric Fund	26,971	7,338	-1,335		32,974
Liabilities	205	5,028			5,233
Mission and Children Family Funds	3,249.41	73,694	-68,126	6,880	15,697
WHBC Community Grant		2,000	-948		1,052
Flower Fund	18	424	-437		5
Totals for restricted funds	43,240	99,455	-81,939	6,950	67,706

Totals for all funds

105,676	196,807	-162,930	0	139,553
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Total C/F Inc Gain

139,319

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RECEIPTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2020 Total £	Last Year 2019 Total £
3 TITHES AND OFFERINGS					
Cash and Cheque Giving	3,531		242	3,773	5,184
Direct Giving	21,143			21,143	11,928
Envelopes	5,340			5,340	13,867
Gift Aid	5,464		1,667	7,131	7,246
Special collections			2,056	2,056	1,487
Youth ,Mission, Build Pledge			8,933	8,933	6,861
Total Tithes and Offerings	35,480	0	12,898	48,377	46,572
4 GIFTS and LEGACIES					
Gifts	802		6,154	6,956	6,689
Legacies					1,000
Total Gifts and Legacies	802	0	6,154	6,956	7,689
5 FUND RAISING, GRANTS, DRAWDOWN					
Events			1,631	1,631	3,656
Sunday Coffee			47	47	299
Children Family Youth Grant (note 14e)			29,047	29,047	20,791
Mission Coord Grant (note 14e)			21,710	21,710	15,110
Equipment Grant					3,000
WHBC Commuity Grant			2,000		
Total Fundraising and Grants	0	0	52,435	52,435	42,855
6 PROPERTY INCOME					
Hall Hire	7,796		2,070	9,866	37,605
Car Park	4,768		1,131	5,899	10,839
Key and car park deposits			610	610	1,185
Funeral and weddings	75			75	100
Manse Rental (note 14f)	9,600			9,600	9,600
Total Property income	22,239	0	3,811	26,050	59,329
7 OTHER INCOME					
Synod, Harpenden, IFG group	90	7,108	4,879	12,077	3,899
Refunds	50			50	356
JRS HMRC Furlough	4,009		9,630	13,639	
Flowers (note 14g)			424	424	1,331
Total Other income	4,149	7,108	14,933	26,190	5,586

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PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	This Year 2020 Total £	Last Year 2019 Total £
8 WIDER MINISTRY					
Donations	112		3,730	3,842	2,009
Ministry and Mission	33,514		300	33,814	35,926
Total Wider ministry costs	33,626	0	4,030	37,656	37,934
9 MINISTRY GROUP EXPENSES					
Flowers			437	437	1,358
Licenses	637			637	564
Miscellaneous	172		220	392	127
Office support	842		100	942	1,027
Printing	704		472	1,176	1,485
Pulpit Supply	250			250	970
Telephone	223		431	654	1,114
Transport	131		414	545	1,022
Worship support & Organists	1,365		763	2,129	3,336
Youth and Mission Work	357		471	828	1,291
Employee salaries, NI and Pensions	12,909		65,610	78,519	74,794
Events inc Catering	254		128	382	1,595
Total Ministry Group expenses	17,844	0	69,046	86,889	88,682
10 CHURCH RUNNING COSTS					
Cleaning and supplies	4,244			4,244	8,588
Grounds	1,590		660	2,250	1,813
Insurance	2,366		336	2,701	3,116
Maintenance Church	700	2,910	1,609	5,219	4,294
Maintenance Manse	0	3,205	405	3,611	4,282
Manse Utilities /Council Tax	1,630	22	1,038	2,690	2,941
Church Utilities	4,447		1,122	5,569	5,274
Total Church running costs	14,977	6,137	5,171	26,285	30,309
11 EXCEPTIONAL EXPENSES					
Build Planning			548	548	2,342
Equipment Purchase	408		2,876	3,283	5,330
Projects (see Note14h)			270	270	7,464
Total Exceptional Expenses	408	0	3,693	4,101	7,464

12 ASSETS

The church monies are not held in segregated accounts, but for the sake of this financial statement the total of each account is allocated appropriately over the various funds. Investment Assets are also allocated across funds mainly Reserves, the Car Fund and Fabric Fund

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13 ASSETS USED FOR CHURCH PURPOSES

The church building and the manse are vested in URC North Thames Synod Trust as trustees and are not church assets. They are held for the benefit of Welwyn Garden URC in accordance with the statutory trusts applicable to URC properties under the URC Acts. For insurance purposes the church buildings are insured by the church for £2,617,881 and the manse for £513,557. The church contents are insured by the church for £122,483

14 CHURCH SPECIFIC NOTES

14a CAPITAL GAINS AND INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income is allocated to the Reserve Fund

Unrealised Capital losses are recorded against the Reserve Fund held in the investment account .

14b CHURCH ORGANISATIONS

Some church organisations use the church main accounts for their monies - transfers can occur to the window and building fund as part of their gifting to the church. Includes Chatter & Tots

14c GRANT OVERPAYMENT RECEIVED

Thames North Synod have overpaid grants in 2020. Will be paid back to Synod in 2021

14d DRAWDOWN FROM SYNOD TRUST FUND

To support cash flow in April 2020 an amount equal to previous years spend on Building Planning was drawn down from Thames North Synod. This was a sum of £25,362

Due to other unexpected incomes eg Job Retention Scheme a surplus of £8000 was returned to the Synod Trust Fund. This drawdown fund will be used in 2021 to support any deficit.

14e SYNOD GRANTS

Grants are received from the Synod for our Community and Family Youth Work and for Mission Co-ordinator

14f MANSE RENTAL

Our sister church (Harpenden) pays WGCURC their share of the Manse rental in accordance with Group Rules

14g FLOWERS

Donations are used to provide Flowers for Worship in Church. With lockdown an additional sum of £365 of Flower income was agreed to be allocated to the General Church Fund

14h PROJECTS (including Windows Project)

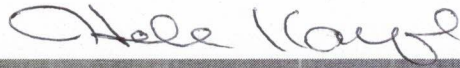
Our Windows Project was put on hold in 2020 and windows are planned to be installed in 2021

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 5 for the year ended 31 December 2020 from the accounting records of the church.

Helen Kaye



(date) 26/2/21

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of Welwyn Garden City URC for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 5

Respective responsibilities

The church is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and considers that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

I have carried out an examination of the accounting records kept by the church and the accounts presented with these records. The examination does not provide the evidence required in an audit and I therefore do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

Signed by the Independent Examiner:



date:

1/3/21

Name and address of the Independent Examiner:

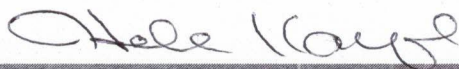
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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

I have prepared the financial statements on pages 1 to 5 for the year ended 31 December 2020 from the accounting records of the church.

Helen Kaye



(date) 26/2/21

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