



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Nov 2022 Period start date

To 31 10 23 Period end date

Charity name: Kent Street Community Church

Charity registration number:1168080

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The principal object of the Charity is the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Statements of Faith and Practice of the Independent Methodist Connexion. The Charity may also carry out other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and / or other parts of the world.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promoting the whole mission of the church through activities for families, individuals, and children in a deprived part of Warrington• Providing regular public worship open to all.• Conducting pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.• Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.• Providing free weekly social activities to which the public are welcome, as well as free one off events• Providing a weekly youth club and toddler group with a Christian ethos.• Distributing evangelistic materials.• Giving an opportunity for both

		<p>individuals & groups to support the advancement of the Christian religion in other areas, eg the charity / church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly supports a missionary in Romania, a missionary in Macedonia; financially supports a charity that works within the Christian healing ministry; a charity that works with people who have leprosy, and a charity that distributes Christian literature. The charity also collects food for the local Foodbank. Financially supports other Christian and social causes as the need arises.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have complied with this guidance. Evidence is provided in the body of this report.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>The charity operates a foodbank collection point and the Harvest Service offering and food collection was donated to the foodbank.</p> <p>Occasional hardship payments are made upon the decision of the leadership team.</p> <p>Donations made to charities who provide disaster relief as the need presents.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The charity is extremely grateful to, and thankful for, the volunteers who run the activities and complete administrative work.</p> <p>The charity could not function effectively without volunteers.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Charity has a Minister accredited by the Independent Methodist Connexion of Churches. There are other experienced people who help run the Charity.</p> <p>The church provides two services on a Sunday and the Kids Church meets on a Sunday morning. Volunteers provide support. This is mainly attended by children from the local area, and some of the parents join the service at this time. The children engage in activities that are free of charge.</p> <p>Speakers are invited by the Plan Secretary, and Members from the Church also speak. It is Charity / Church practice to give expenses to those external speakers who are invited to speak.</p> <p>The charity / church operates Youth 4 U, a weekly group for those between 11 and 16 years.</p> <p>Kent Street Kiddiwinks, a weekly group for 0-3 year olds and their carers, has had to temporarily close due to illness. There are plans to reopen as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Harvest Breakfast Bar is open weekly and the church provides a free breakfast and social gathering open to all. Additionally, a men's breakfast is held around every 6 weeks.</p> <p>These groups have been advertised within the local community.</p> <p>The children who attend the groups are mainly from the immediate area. The leaders are mainly Church members but other volunteers who are concerned about the welfare of children also assist.</p> <p>The entrance cost of the children's activities is kept to a £1 per child or family, so that cost does not exclude people from attending and benefitting. Trips are subsidised by the charity if needed.</p> <p>The Charity pays Warrington Youth for Christ for a worker to assist at Youth 4 U on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The Charity has often distributed leaflets to the surrounding estate, inviting residents to attend free events at the Church, and giving brief detail about the Christian message.</p>

		<p>The Charity contributes financially towards a missionary in Romania and a missionary in Macedonia. Both are dependent upon donations for living costs. Both provide regular updates on their work.</p> <p>The charity operates a collection point for the local Foodbank with food being given by those who attend the church. The Sunday offering taken during the harvest service was donated to this charity.</p> <p>The charity has sought to increase its giving during this financial year. Members have nominated charities, and the charity has donated 26% of its income to Christian charities. This was an increase of 9% in comparison to the previous year.</p> <p>One off donations are often made as the need arises. This is often via speakers who may also work with a charity, for example, Adopt a Child, Warrington Youth for Christ.</p> <p>The charity provides pastoral support to those who attend the church (members or non-members) often providing practical support if able and needed. Funerals and weddings have been provided free of charge to those who attend the church or their relatives.</p> <p>The church has permitted the Task Jesus group to meet for praise and worship two nights per month in the building.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity is judged to be in a stable position financially with donations having increased by 10% in comparison to the previous year.</p> <p>The Charity was able to maintain its regular established financial support to other causes / charities, as well as give additional one off donations to other causes / charities and meet all required expenses. This included undertaking building maintenance.</p> <p>The surplus for the year was £7157.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The purpose of holding reserves is to ensure that the Charity has sufficient funds available to cope with financial issues that might arise, such as the need to fund an urgent property repair or an issue with staffing or the loss of income if several members stopped supporting the church.</p> <p>Three months running costs are held in reserves. It cost £2500 per month to run the charity.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Charity's main source of funding is through a voluntary offering taken during its Sunday services, through donations given via Stewardship UK (which facilitates the payment of Gift Aid) and that given via regular standing orders and direct credit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Experiencing a significant drop in income due to ageing congregation

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>A person automatically becomes a Managing Trustee upon appointment to the Church Leadership Team.</p> <p>The process is as follows; The name(s) of such persons are agreed upon by existing leaders (Existing Trustees). The persons willingness to fulfil this role is sought. The proposal is announced to the Church prior to a Members Meeting, to allow for any objections or queries to be raised privately. The proposed Leader / Managing Trustee is then elected or rejected by the Members Meeting.</p> <p>Trustees are reappointed at the Annual General Meeting.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>New trustees receive an information pack containing information recommended by the Charity Commission in the document The Essential Trustee.</p> <p>Trustees are notified of external training opportunities as they arise.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is part of the Independent Methodist Connexion of Churches. An annual fee based on the number of members is paid to this organisation.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Kent Street Community Church
Other name the charity uses	Kent Street Independent Methodist Church
Registered charity number	1168080
Charity's principal address	Kent Street Latchford Warrington Cheshire WA4 1BT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Esther Prescott	Treasurer Secretary		Members Meeting
2	Robert Sheldon	Elder		Members Meeting
3	Christine Banner	Pastoral		Members Meeting
4	Jacqueline Cooper	Leader		Members Meeting
5	Stanley Kinsey	Leader		Members Meeting
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Independent Methodist Association		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Esther Prescott

Full name(s)

Esther Prescott

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

06 Feb 2024

Kent Street Community Church

Financial Statements for the
Year to 31 October 2023

Kent Street Community Church
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st October 2023

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>BusPrem</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Account</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
Offerings	20,394.49		20,394.49	16,484.30
S.S. UK	16,739.01		16,739.01	14,438.20
Donations received	3,037.00		3,037.00	5,728.00
Grant received	0.00		0.00	2,112.00
Youth 4 U	0.00		0.00	41.87
Lighthouse Club	7.00		7.00	41.60
Tea and Toast	362.55		362.55	356.92
Kiddiwinks	86.95		86.95	192.71
Sundry Credits	0.00		0.00	0.00
Transfers		13,999.00	13,999.00	6,300.00
Interest		47.71	47.71	2.38
	<u>40,627.00</u>	<u>14,046.71</u>	<u>54,673.71</u>	<u>45,698.88</u>

Kent Street Community Church
Receipts and Payments Account for the
Year Ended 31st October 2023 (Continued)

<u>Payments</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>BusPrem Account</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
UCB Donation	240.00		240.00	240.00
E Greenhalgh Donation	2,200.00		2,200.00	960.00
Fees	2,397.28		2,397.28	2,076.60
Utilities	4,950.70		4,950.70	4,517.28
Donations	6,579.88		6,579.88	3,300.00
Printing, Postage & Stationery	218.22		218.22	595.60
Maintenance & Sundry	8,384.66		8,384.66	4,810.37
Catering & Cleaning	1,115.20		1,115.20	2,473.57
Music and Sound	853.57		853.57	1,509.78
Y4C	308.65		308.65	690.00
Ellel Donation	600.00		600.00	1,150.00
Accountancy & Valuation	300.00		300.00	250.00
Insurance	1469.15		1,469.15	1,537.81
Contribution towards Worker	0.00		0.00	17,472.00
Compassion Child Sponsor	0.00		0.00	324.00
Elim Mission	1,300.00		1,300.00	600.00
Kids Church	0.00		0.00	405.98
Speaker	1,905.00		1,905.00	2,130.00
Transfers	13,999.00		13,999.00	6,300.00
Other	694.97		694.97	1,905.05
	<u>47,516.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47,516.28</u>	<u>53,248.04</u>

<u>Summary</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>BusPrem Account</u>	<u>Total 2023</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>
	£	£	£	£
Total Receipts	40,627.00	14,046.71	54,673.71	45,698.88
Total Payments	<u>47,516.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47,516.28</u>	<u>53,248.04</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(6,889.28)</u>	<u>14,046.71</u>	<u>7,157.43</u>	<u>(7,549.16)</u>

Kent Street Community Church

Balance Sheet

As at 31st October 2023

<u>Assets</u>	£	£
General Fund Account	6,550.15	
Business Premium Account	18,047.89	
Cash	322.13	
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		24,920.17

Represented by:

General Fund Brought Forward	17,762.74
Surplus for Year	<hr/>
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kent Street Community Church

I report on the accounts of Kent Street Community Church for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) or under regulation 10(1)(d) of The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To report whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission and is in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulationshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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12th December 2023

Kent Street Community Church

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