

Montpelier Church

Registered Charity Number 1168853

Report

Receipts and Payments Account

and

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Administration Details

Trustees who have served during the year

L Downham
P G Goldsmith
T J B Jolliffe (retired 30 November 2020)
M R G Smith

Church Address Biddulph Road, South Croydon, CR2 6QB

Bankers TSB plc, 40 Woodcote Rd, Wallington, SM6 0NR

Structure, Governance and Management

The Church was set up by a Deed of Trust dated 29 May 1929 to operate a Christian place of worship under the practices of the Christian Brethren.

On 22 August 2016 the church registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the Charities Commission.

On 1 December 2016 all the assets and liabilities of the trust were transferred to the CIO.

The Church operates under the Constitution submitted to the Charities Commission. The trust was and the Charity is governed by a board of trustees who delegate the spiritual governance to a group of elders and the practical maintenance of the buildings to suitably qualified individuals. The appointment of trustees is made by the board; the elders and building maintainers by the group of existing elders. All appointments are made by unanimous agreement.

Activities

This year the Church initially conducted its weekly services from its property in Biddulph Road, South Croydon up to 15th March, after which services were delivered via the 'Zoom' video conferencing platform due to the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdown regulations. The readiness to adopt this technology enabled the church to continue functioning as near to normal as possible during the pandemic. Indeed its size lends itself well to this format whereby everyone attending services can participate and contribute. Many of the Church's other weekly activities also transferred to video conferencing, including some children's activities, 'Gather' study meetings, smaller Bible study groups and prayer times.

Achievements and Performance

Consistent numbers continued to be attracted to Sunday morning worship services and Bible study groups notwithstanding the pandemic. The Church continued to be involved in the local food bank, known as Purley Food Hub (*Registered Charity Number 1152807*), run by Churches Together in Purley and Kenley. Part of the church premises continued to be shared with Grace Vineyard Church Purley (*Registered Charity number 1103412*) to enable them to operate their Growbaby activity more efficiently and effectively. Growbaby provides clothes and other necessities for children to families in need, including refugees. A summer work party took place during temporarily eased lockdown restrictions in collaboration with Grace Vineyard Church, Purley, to begin refurbishment works to the Church foyer. The Christmas Carol service was also conducted in collaboration with Grace Vineyard.

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Trustees Report (Continued)

The Pastor and his wife continued to promote the Church within the local community and there is evidence of this yielding some new attendees at Sunday services, in addition to the regular congregation. Indeed since services transferred to video conferencing format, some people have become regular attendees of services who may otherwise not have been able to. By the same token a few members have been unable to join for technical reasons and Church members have supported these people through the year as much as possible.

Hire of the church's Allen Hall to suitable parties, which had seen increasing uptake through 2019, was unable to continue beyond March due to the lockdown arising from the pandemic. Offerings continued to be made to support a number of Christian Missions. Speakers from these missions are invited to report to the Church from time to time. 2020 has seen speakers delivering their message live from places such as Egypt, Jamaica and Kentucky, USA, utilising the technology harnessed to continue with services during the pandemic.

As much as possible within lockdown restrictions, Church members have made visits to offer prayer, support, and encouragement to members unable to attend. Where not possible to make visits in person, telephone and video calls have been made to offer this.

Financial Review

The Church's unrestricted funds have reduced by approximately 24% this year. The background to this is that, in addition to continuing to engage the services of a Pastor, the Church continued to pay for the Pastor's accommodation in order to house him and his family within walking distance of the Church. In September the Pastor and his family transferred to more suitable accommodation than initially arranged in March 2019. Although this comes at a slightly higher cost to the Church, the tenancy agreement for the new accommodation is more flexible (monthly rental as opposed to six-monthly). The trustees are aware of the financial impact of the decision to house the Pastor locally and measures to mitigate this are being considered.


The Church's principal source of funding is offerings regularly made by the members. Collections at services could not be made beyond March though facility was provided for these to be made via other means. Total incomings have remained similar to 2019, as have total outgoings.

However, given the continued reduction in unrestricted funds, potential funding sources have been explored, to aid the Church's financial position. Willingness of newer members to make offerings, together with an increase in their number, will be needed to aid the position. Also the Pastor has engaged in fundraising activities via his links with North America and there is some expectation this will eventually make an impact too.

Food has been donated to Purley Food Hub via our premises, which is not accounted for in these accounts as it is given directly to that charity. The Church members assist in the maintenance of the buildings and the surrounding grounds.

The investment policy of the Church is to hold funds readily available to meet the ongoing costs of the Charity and to make payments to missionaries and missionary organisations whose work the church supports.

Approved by the trustees on 27/05/21

Signed: 
MARK R G SMITH

Montpelier Church
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Receipts and Payments Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Voluntary Income	33,298	4,997	38,295	37,998
Investment Income	-	-	-	586
Income from Church Activities	96	-	96	831
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	33,394	4,997	38,391	39,415
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>				
Charitable Activities	2,002	5,296	7,298	8,510
Ministry Costs	37,995	-	37,995	37,029
Other Costs	9,197	-	9,197	9,282
Total resources expended	49,194	5,296	54,490	54,821
Net movement in funds	(15,800)	(299)	(16,099)	(15,406)
At 1 January	66,479	4,943	71,422	86,828
Balance at 31 December	50,679	4,644	55,323	71,422

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Monetary Assets		
Cash at Bank – Current Account	55,323	71,422
Cash at Bank – Deposit Account	0	0
Totals Monetary Assets	<u>£55,323</u>	<u>£71,422</u>
Represented by the following funds:		
General	50,679	66,479
Restricted – Missionary Fund	4,947	4,669
Restricted – Benevolent Fund	0	0
Restricted – Compassion International	-333	244
Restricted – Christmas Lunch on Jesus	30	30
Totals Funds	<u>£55,323</u>	<u>£71,422</u>
Non-Monetary Current Assets		
Prepayment	0	0
Income Tax Recoverable	2,261	2593
Total Non – Monetary Current Assets	<u>£2,261</u>	<u>£2,593</u>
Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	<u>£375</u>	<u>£375</u>
Non-Monetary Fixed Assets		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
Valued by Trustees at 17/03/2020	<u>£803,275</u>	<u>£765,024</u>

Note: Immaterial accruals and prepayments of utilities and other church expenses have been ignored.

The Accounts set out on pages 4 to 6 were approved by the Trustees.

Signed on their behalf



Date: 27/05/21

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities have been prepared under the historical accounting convention. They have been prepared in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (2005) and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Funds

General Funds

All funds are unrestricted and represent undistributed income

Restricted Funds

These arise from specific gifts from donors to support full time Christian workers (Missionary Fund) or to provide for other church needs. The monies held at the year end will be distributed according to the specific gifts in the forthcoming accounting periods.

(c) Income and Expenditure: are both shown when received or paid respectively.

(d) Grants Payable

These are recognised when the Trustees have approved and paid the grant.

2 Trustees Emoluments

The Trustees receive no remuneration or reimbursed personal expenses from the Charity.

Independent Examiners Report
to the Trustees of Montpelier Church
on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 4 to 6

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of The Act
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required from 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:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the requirements:
 - 1 to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of The Act; and
 - 2 to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of The Act

have not been met; or

- b) 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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Date

27-05-21