

Montpelier Church

Registered Charity Number 1168853

Report

Receipts and Payments Account

and

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 31 December 2021

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Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2021

Administration Details

Trustees who have served during the year

L Downham
P G Goldsmith
D Morris (appointed 09/11/2021)
M R G Smith

Church Address	Biddulph Road, South Croydon, CR2 6QB
Bankers	TSB plc, 40 Woodcote Road, 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 Church leadership by the group of Church leaders. All appointments are made by unanimous agreement.

Activities

Up to mid-May 2021 the Church conducted its weekly services solely via the 'Zoom' video conferencing platform due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst harnessing this technology enabled the Church to continue functioning as near to normal as possible during Covid-19, a milestone was reached on 23rd May when in-person services resumed after more than a year. Messy Wednesday, the Church's long-established parent and toddler group resumed in-person on 9th June. Meantime the Church's midweek gathering and small study group meetings generally stayed on 'Zoom' for convenience. Summer activities comprised a church garden tidy-up over several Saturdays in July and a fellowship tea at the end of August. The latter part of the year featured two very successful events: a worship night in October and Christmas social in December.

Achievements and Performance

Consistent numbers continued to be attracted to Sunday morning services during 2021, the second year of Covid-19 pandemic. Completion of the foyer refurbishment earlier in the year enabled the Church to offer a more welcoming environment, in readiness for resumption of in-person services. The Church has since been blessed with attendance by some new families, three of which had become regular attendees by year end. The Church leadership created a new remunerated Premises Co-ordinator role during the year leading to appointment of the successful candidate in October, since when there have been a number of achievements e.g. review of fire safety, rationalisation of shared digital filing, introduction of a scheduling tool for managing church rotas, ongoing review of hall hire documentation and rates with a view to maximising utilisation of the premises, with wifi extension/remote heating control to the Church's Allen Hall imminent at year end. Indeed, hire of the Allen Hall to suitable parties has seen increasing uptake through the year.

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Trustees Report (Continued)

The Pastor and his wife continued to promote the Church within the local community and this year, with a number of new families joining, there is clear evidence of this yielding greater attendance at Sunday services. These have continued to be offered via video conferencing format even after in-person worship resumed, with some people preferring this, who would otherwise be unable to attend. A few members have been unable to attend regularly and other Church members have supported these people through the year as much as possible.

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. 2021 has seen speakers delivering their message both from the UK and abroad via Zoom, and in person from late May onwards.

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 calls have been made to offer this.

Part of the church premises continued to be shared with Grace Vineyard Church Purley to enable them to provide clothes and other necessities for children of families in need, including refugees. Links with the local food bank, Purley Food Hub, continued also.

Financial Review

The Church's unrestricted funds have reduced by approximately 26% 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. 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 remains offerings regularly made by the members. Collections at services could not be made until in-person services resumed mid-year though facility continued to be provided for these to be made via other means. Total incomings increased slightly on 2020's figures, as have total outgoings. However, given the continued reduction in unrestricted funds, other sources have been explored to aid the Church's financial position. Old-style wooden seats were sold to raise some money earlier in the year. Hire of the church premises accounts for almost 20% of incomings this year. The aim is to maximise utilisation of, and receipts from, hiring out the church premises. Willingness of new members to make offerings, together with further increase in their number, will be needed to aid the position further; indeed such giving to the Church is a Biblical principle. 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 29/05/2022

Signed 

Trustee MARK R G SMITH

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Receipts and Payments Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>				
Voluntary Income	37,786	3,890	41,676	38,295
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Income from Church Activities	129	-	129	96
Other Incoming Resources	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	37,915	3,890	41,805	38,391
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>				
Charitable Activities	4,154	5,433	9,587	7,298
Ministry Costs	37,764	-	37,764	37,995
Other Costs	9,345	-	9,345	9,197
Total resources expended	51,263	5,433	56,696	54,490
Net movement in funds	(13,348)	(1,543)	(14,891)	(16,099)
At 1 January	50,679	4,644	55,323	71,422
Balance at 31 December	37,331	3,101	40,432	55,323

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Monetary Assets		
Cash at Bank – Current Account	40,432	55,323
Cash at Bank – Deposit Account	0	0
Totals Monetary Assets	<u><u>£40,432</u></u>	<u><u>£55,323</u></u>
Represented by the following funds:		
General	37,331	50,679
Restricted – Missionary Fund	3,890	4,947
Restricted – Benevolent Fund	0	0
Restricted – Compassion International	-819	-333
Restricted – Christmas Lunch on Jesus	30	30
Totals Funds	<u><u>£40,432</u></u>	<u><u>£55,323</u></u>
Non-Monetary Current Assets		
Prepayment	0	0
Income Tax Recoverable	1,749	2261
Total Non – Monetary Current Assets	<u><u>£1,749</u></u>	<u><u>£2,261</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	<u><u>£375</u></u>	<u><u>£375</u></u>
Non-Monetary Fixed Assets		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
Valued by Trustees at 16/03/2021	<u><u>£834,603</u></u>	<u><u>£803,275</u></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:

29/05/2022

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 2021

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021 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.



Date

28/3/22

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