

# **Montpelier Church**

*Registered Charity Number 1168853*

## **Report Receipts and Payments Account**

**and**

## **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Montpelier Church**  
*Registered Charity Number 1168853*  
**31 December 2022**

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## Montpelier Church

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### Trustees Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

#### Administration Details

##### Trustees who have served during the year

L Downham  
P G Goldsmith (stepped down 22/12/2022)  
D Morris  
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

Montpelier 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 Charity 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 Charity Commission. The trust was and the Charity is governed by a board of trustees who delegate the spiritual governance to a team of Church leaders, known as the Core Leadership Team (CLT), 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 CLT. All appointments are made by unanimous agreement.

#### Activities

Montpelier Church's long-established weekly parent and toddler group, Messy Wednesday, continued to take place termtime in the Allen Hall. The following activities took place to mark special events during the year. Easter Sunday featured interactive activities for children and adults in the service, followed by a bring and share Easter lunch. Much-needed work was carried out in the church garden by an after-service work party in early May in readiness for the summer. The Church celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June by holding a larger scale outdoor event fronting the street, with barbecue and a range of activities. Over 60 people attended this including several visitors. August saw a visit by Whyteleafe Free Church (also see Achievements) with fellowship lunch provided by the Church. A midweek evening children's group was trialled in October (also see Achievements) and again at the start of December with a Christmas theme. Christmas itself was celebrated through a Christmas Decorating Party, Carol Service incorporating children's performances followed by refreshments, and Christmas Day Service.

#### Achievements and Performance

Montpelier Church's new Core Leadership Team (CLT) was inaugurated in January 2022 comprising a team of six bringing a good range of experience, skills and background. Recruitment, selection and training had taken place for the new CLT in late 2021, it being imperative to have a strong team in place, especially given that a longstanding Church leader was expected to move away mid-year.

The Pastor and his wife continued to promote the Church within the local community. Consistent numbers attended Sunday services through the year, with a live 'YouTube' video feed introduced early in the year to replace the previous 'Zoom' video format. The new families who had joined the Church the previous year continued to strengthen the fellowship.

Some of the fellowship have been unable to attend services regularly and these people have been supported through the year as far as possible, through visits to offer prayer, support, encouragement and, where not possible to make visits in person, regular telephone calls have been made.

Safeguarding training took place for the Core Leadership Team and church workers through February. Also this month the Church introduced card readers for donations, offering greater convenience for all. Through the year Crèche and Hospitality leaders and teams were formed for weekly service.

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## Montpelier Church

### Trustees Report (Continued)

Montpelier Church strengthened links to other churches in the area during 2022. Two joint services were held with Whyteleafe Free Church in August, one hosted by Whyteleafe and another by Montpelier.

Part of the Church premises continued to be shared with Grace Vineyard Church Purley's Growbaby project, enabling provision of clothes and other necessities for children of families in need, including refugees. Later in the year Montpelier and Growbaby ran a joint Christmas gift campaign enabling 80 Christmas presents to be given out to families.

Links with the local food bank, Purley Food Hub, continued also.

Offerings continued to be made to support a number of Christian Missions locally and around the world. Early in the year the Church and fellowship gave substantially to International Needs' Emergency Appeal to support refugees of the war in Ukraine.

An improvement project this year was re-organising the Allen Hall kitchen and storage alongside re-organising and labelling of all storage.

Hire of the Church premises has grown this year with a new regular hirer coming on board and over 50% increase in premises hire income compared to 2021.

In October and December the Church trialled Kids' Club events as a 'Beta' for a weekly children's group to run parallel with the mid-week adult group planned for 2023.

### Financial Review

In 2022 the Church's unrestricted funds reduced from £40,432 to £23,831, continuing a downward trend of recent years. Since 2019 the Church has paid a stipend to the Pastor together with paying for accommodation to house him and his family within walking distance of the Church. The trustees are aware of the financial impact of paying both the stipend and for housing the Pastor locally and measures to mitigate this have been considered. Whilst income from premises hire has increased this year, other income has dropped slightly, and the overall increase has made little impact to an ongoing deficit of typically £1,300 per month. With little or no prospect of alleviating this position in the short term and recognition of the imperative to retain funds to cover outgoings with reasonable contingency, a decision was taken in September 2022 to discontinue payment of the stipend after March 2023 whilst still paying for the Pastor's housing going forward. Unrestricted funds are expected to have reduced to around £20,000 at that point. With the current stipend being slightly greater than the monthly deficit, it is expected that the Church will achieve a near break-even position in 2023, factoring in stipend payments in the first 3 months of the year. The intention is for the Pastor to be self-funding by the time the stipend is discontinued.

The Church's principal source of funding remains offerings made by the fellowship and others through monthly standing orders. Hire of church premises formed more than 32% of income this year, compared to around 20% in 2021. Total income increased slightly on 2021's figures, as did total outgoings. The overall small increase in income falls significantly short of offsetting the ongoing deficit position, hence the decision taken as described in the above paragraph.

Continued willingness of the fellowship, with further increase in their number, to give financially through offerings to the Church is needed to aid the position further. Such giving is a Biblical principle. The Church continues to direct a portion of offerings and ad hoc donations toward missionary individuals and organisations whose work it supports. However, financial support of a sponsor child though Compassion UK ceased in December, with a former member taking this on independently. The Church had previously funded this from offerings made at monthly lunches however these had ceased in 2020 with the covid pandemic resulting in an accumulated deficit for this fund.

The Church's financial policy is to hold funds readily available to meet the ongoing costs of the Charity.

Approved by the trustees on 15/05/2023

Signed 

Trustee MARK R G SMITH



**Montpelier Church**  
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**Receipts and Payments Account**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>				
Voluntary Income	24,427	3,155	27,582	41,676
Investment Income	-	-	-	-
Income from Church Activities	440	-	440	129
Other Incoming Resources	16,827	-	16,827	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>41,694</b>	<b>3,155</b>	<b>44,849</b>	<b>41,805</b>
<b><u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u></b>				
Charitable Activities	2,021	4,390	6,411	9,587
Ministry Costs	38,489	-	38,489	37,764
Other Costs	16,550	-	16,550	9,345
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>57,060</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>61,450</b>	<b>56,696</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(15,366)</b>	<b>(1,235)</b>	<b>(16,601)</b>	<b>(14,891)</b>
At 1 January	37,331	3,101	40,432	55,323
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>1,866</b>	<b>23,831</b>	<b>40,432</b>

**Montpelier Church**  
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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**at 31 December 2022**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Monetary Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank – Current Account	23,831	40,432
Cash at Bank – Deposit Account	0	0
<b>Totals Monetary Assets</b>	<u><u>£23,831</u></u>	<u><u>£40,432</u></u>
Represented by the following funds:		
General	21,965	37,331
Restricted – Missionary Fund	3,141	3,890
Restricted – Benevolent Fund	0	0
Restricted – Compassion International	-1,305	-819
Restricted – Christmas Lunch on Jesus	30	30
<b>Totals Funds</b>	<u><u>£23,831</u></u>	<u><u>£40,432</u></u>
<b>Non-Monetary Current Assets</b>		
Prepayment	0	0
Income Tax Recoverable	1,748.96	1749.35
<b>Total Non-Monetary Current Assets</b>	<u><u>£1,749</u></u>	<u><u>£1,749</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Expenses	<u><u>£390</u></u>	<u><u>£375</u></u>
<b>Non-Monetary Fixed Assets</b>		
Freehold Land and Buildings		
Valuation estimated from buildings sum insured	<u><u>£926,409</u></u>	<u><u>£834,603</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

 MARK R G SMITH.

Date: 15/05/2023

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**Notes to the Accounts**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**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 2022**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 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 Acthave 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

15/05/2023