

Redeemer Church Manchester



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2021

Registered Charity Number 117 1277

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in page 8 and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and applicable law.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Number:	117 1277
Registered Address:	16 Wilton Road Chorlton Cum Hardy Manchester M21 9DW
Trustees:	Rev. Peter Horlock Timothy Martin Dr. Rachelle Gent Alison Wynch Andrew Young
Bankers:	Santander PO Box 1109 Bradford BD1 5ZJ
Independent Examiner:	Marijeta Sadiku Alest Limited (Company No: 11227424) 3 Hilltop Avenue Manchester M9 6PU

Structure Governance and Management

Redeemer Church Manchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by a declaration of trust dated 24th January 2017. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees and are given appropriate induction and training on appointment.

The following trustees have held office during the period:

Rev. Peter Horlock
Mr. Timothy Martin
Dr. Rachelle Gent
Alison Wynch (appointed January 2021)
Andrew Young (appointed July 2020)

Day to day management of the CIO's operations are delegated to the Founding Pastor, employed by the CIO: Rev. Gregory Willson.

Redeemer Manchester also relies on volunteers to help ensure quality activities are delivered.

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Objectives and Activities

Redeemer Manchester's stated objective is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public in such ways as the trustees think fit. This specifically means establishing a new church in Chorlton, a suburb in south Manchester. The core values of Redeemer Church are expressed as: biblically rooted, gospel centred, mission driven and relationally committed. The church vision is to offer the 55,000 people living in Chorlton the opportunity to be part of a Christian community that teaches the bible, centres its life upon Jesus and is actively participating in God's work of seeking the renewal of Manchester.

In the period 1st July 2020 – 30th June 2021 the trustees' continued to oversee the pursuit of the CIO's stated objective in particular by:

1. Supporting the Founding Pastor, Rev. Greg Willson, who is responsible for planting the church.
2. Continuing the formal worship gatherings on Sundays in the new central location: The Royal Oak Pub, Chorlton.
3. Mobilising ministry teams that have been responsible for various tasks in the life of the church.
4. Working within our leadership pathways to recruit and train future leaders.
5. Establishing a third midweek small group for pastoral care and teaching (called a Missional Community).
6. Connecting with local charities to further our mission as a church in Chorlton.

Achievements and Performance

The work of Redeemer continues to develop well under the supervision and day to day running of the church through Founder Pastor Rev. Greg Willson and other leaders. Despite the difficulties that COVID-19 brought up, people in the church were able to connect to God and others and grow in their faith.

Redeemer has been helped through various partnerships: Grace Church Manchester, Acts 29, the FIEC, most notably. The Trustees also recognise and remain very grateful for the generous support that churches and individuals in the USA have given to support the work of the church.

Our relationship with The Royal Oak, has continued to flourish. We have been able to work together on a number of occasions, most notably Chorlton's Christmas Light Switch On. We have grown since meeting there on Sundays, and we anticipate this to continue.

We continue to serve our community in a number of ways, through raising awareness and donations to Reach Out to the Community, Boaz Trust, serving Oswald Rd Primary School, the local parkrun at Alexandra Park, and working with Projekts skatepark.

The number of people involved with the church has been growing steadily, up by about 50%. Our three Missional Communities have grown in numbers and leadership, and we are poised to launch a new Missional Community in the near future. Our Sundays now run smoothly with dedicated ministry team leaders and teams in various areas.

As we've continued to deal with the pandemic and various lockdowns and rules, we were able to react quickly and develop creative solutions. No longer being confined to the screen has been very helpful in helping others to grow in their faith and feel connected as a community.

In April 2021 an irregularity came to light regarding Greg Willson's visa. In accordance with our sponsorship conditions and regulations around employing foreign nationals, the trustees ceased GW's employment as soon as this irregularity came to light. The trustees engaged the professional services of Latitude Law who had assisted with the original tier 2 sponsorship process. Following a successful application for exceptional assurance and subsequent successful visa application Greg was re-employed on 14th May 2021. We were very grateful for the substantial increase in large

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donations received from our generous supporters in the UK and overseas during the Visa application process.

In all of these areas, we know this is not our own work, but God's work through us, and we are thankful to Him for it. We will continue to work as we depend on God, for the good of Manchester and His glory.

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Financial Review

Income for 2021 was £101,376 (2020: £87,124). Expenditure for 2021 was £76,158 (2020: £88,752). Expenditure was down slightly due to COVID, and income rose due to higher attendance and new people joining the church.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed a policy to hold unrestricted reserves at the level of £10,000. Unrestricted reserves at the balance sheet date amounted to £49,728, with restricted reserves of £1,589 (for The Spark project).

Redeemer anticipates an increase in professional fees as we engage Latitude Law LLP for Greg Willson's application for indefinite leave to remain. We are encouraged to see that income by donation from within the organisation is increasing as more people have joined the church. This also frees us from depending merely on external supporters. We remain grateful for the one-off gifts received by churches, trusts and supporters.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Trustees have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have put in place processes and procedures to ensure that such risks are mitigated as far as possible.

The principal risks are identified as:

- i) reduction in regular voluntary income due to people moving away, job changes, retirement
- ii) reduced ability to secure one-off external donations due to a lack of fundraising resources
- iii) changes to employed staff (Rev. Gregory Willson) whether through illness, visa issues, or other circumstances that could negatively impact the effective delivery of the church's mission.

Plans for Future Period

The main objectives for 2021 - 2022 for Rev. Greg Willson supported by the members of the Redeemer Manchester:

1. Training and growing the members of Redeemer in their midweek missional communities to be able to establish another two missional communities.
2. Continuing to develop serving teams at the Royal Oak function room to be a suitable and welcoming venue for Sunday worship.
3. Growing existing connections locally, as well as branching out to new relationships, in order to serve those in our community.
4. Continuing to engage and raise financial support from UK churches and maintaining the support we currently receive from the USA.
5. Preparing for the application for indefinite leave to remain for Greg Willson with the Home Office.

Public Benefit

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The work of the charity and the funds it raises are wholly directed towards the objectives and the Trustees hold the

view that the charity meets the criteria laid down for meeting the public benefit test.

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Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 and Charities SORP FRS 102.

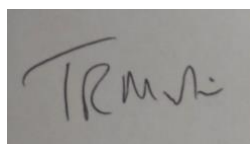
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the financial information included in the charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Trustees on 22/02/2022 and signed on their behalf by

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature appears to be 'T Martin' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Timothy Martin
Chair of Trustees

Redeemer Church Manchester

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Redeemer Church Manchester

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 JUNE 2021, which comprise the Receipts and Payments Accounts, the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and related notes, as set out on pages 7 to 8.

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)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 any 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 next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 ActHave not been met; or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Date: _____ 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period ended 30 June 2021

	Restricted 2021	Unrestricted 2021	Unrestricted 2020
Receipts			
Grants	-	-	6,000
Donations	-	101,376	81,124
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Total receipts	-	101,376	87,124
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Payments			
Accommodation Costs	-	16,262	17,514
Ministry Costs	-	18,063	25,217
Office Costs	-	845	1,516
Professional Services	-	3,578	819
Overheads	-	7,044	7,764
Staff Costs	-	30,366	35,818
Fundraising costs	-	-	104
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Total payments	-	88,741	88,752
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Net receipts / (payments) for the period	-	25,218	(1,628)
Bank and cash balances at start of period	1,589	24,510	27,727
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Bank and cash balances at end of period	£ 1,589	£ 49,728	£ 26,099
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There are no gains or losses on investments other than those passing through the SOFA.

All operations of the charity continued throughout the period and no operations were acquired or discontinued in either period.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 JUNE 2021

	Restricted 2021	Unrestricted 2021 £	Unrestricted 2020 £
Debtors	-	-	56
Bank and cash balances	1,589	49,728	26,099
Liabilities	-	-	-
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Restricted Funds

Fund	Funds brought Forwards £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds carried forward £
The Spark Project	1,589	-	-	1,589
Total	1,600	-	(11)	1,589

Notes

- a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.
- b) As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts & Payments basis.

Approved by the trustees on _____ 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Timothy Martin
Trustee