



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 January 2020 To 31 December 2021

Charity name: JAMES STREET CHURCH

Charity registration number: 1172983

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Church shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The advancement of the Christian faith [in accordance with the Statement of Faith] in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide; and • The relief of persons who are in need by reason of financial hardship, ill-health, disability, unemployment, and such other economic or social disadvantage. • The support of Christian missionaries and humanitarian appeals outside of the UK.
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 main activities of the church remain as described below although these have been particularly challenging throughout the covid-19 crisis.</p> <p>We have for the most part moved our communal worship and bible studies online and as the restrictions have eased, we have continued to offer this facility for people in isolation.</p> <p>We have however tried where possible to continue to visit physically and provide support to people in isolation. We have also arranged a 'covid safe' party at Christmas for the children of the estate.</p> <p>Advancement of the Christian Faith:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday services of public worship • Weekly bible studies and prayer meetings • Ladies conferences and regular Men's Breakfasts <p>Youth (under 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We run a weekly evening club open to all children from the surrounding housing estate. During the club we organise crafts, games and provide a small meal. This club is running at capacity with over 30 children regularly attending. • We have organised trips to take children and their parents to an environment outside the local estate including to Open Farms and surrounding beach or picnic spots • We run occasional seasonal events attended by over 80 children including an annual Light Party as an alternative to Halloween and annual Christmas carol services and meals for children and their parents.

		<p>Youth (12-18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We run a weekly evening club for young teens (12-18). This also includes games, crafts and trips out including to local recreation facilities and country parks. • We organise an annual camp taking teens from the estate camping in the new forest. <p>Adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We run a weekly food bank meeting the needs of residents in Golden Grove. During the covid lockdown we provided food for up to 50 families a week. This was funded from generous donations by church members alongside food donations obtained from local shops and restaurants. • We work in partnership with SAFE to run back to work and confidence courses for local residents (http://www.safe.org.uk/). <p>Mission</p> <p>We support other relief and mission organisations working outside of the UK especially including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Doors https://www.opendoorsuk.org/, • Bringing Good News https://www.bringinggoodnews.org/ • Ebenezer Child Care Trust http://www.friendsofebenezerchildcare.co.uk/
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p> <p>The charity seeks where possible to reach out and offer loving care to all residents on the surrounding estate and to anyone who approaches us for help.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>At the discretion of the trustees, the charity will make occasional donations or grants to other charities or individuals that are performing activities which are aligned with the charitable objectives of this charity.</p> <p>To this end, we seek to give a proportion of our income through other relief and mission organisations.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<p>The charity currently has no program of social investment.</p>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We are very grateful for the faithful volunteers who help activities at James Street happen. Many of these volunteers are retired but faithfully devote a lot of energy to blessing the surrounding community through the activities of James Street.</p> <p>These include voluntary youth workers, cooks, drivers and musicians, administrators and caretakers.</p> <p>In addition, we wish to recognise the voluntary members of the pastoral team who visit the sick and elderly, provide pastoral guidance and prayer for the community.</p>

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>Despite its small size and limited resources, James Street Church has during 2020 continued its tradition established over 50 years of blessing the people of the surrounding Golden Grove estate.</p> <p>Alison Strudwick continues to be a part time Pastor for the church. Alison spends three days a week organising the activities of the church and providing pastoral support to individuals as needed.</p> <p>We have continued to provide pastoral support and encouragement to anyone who came to our church, either on-line or through the weekly food bank.</p> <p>We support the spiritual needs of the estate through offering prayer and counsel as appropriate to anyone who comes to us.</p> <p>Around 45 people come regularly to our Sunday meetings including a number from the adjacent sheltered housing where we also have volunteer visitors. Throughout lockdown, we continued to provide online services and helped many of our older vulnerable citizens to access these through their phones or tablets.</p> <p>During 2020 during the covid lockdown we supported up to 50 families with food donations through our Thursday food bank.</p> <p>We organised a covid-safe Christmas carol celebration and an easter drama.</p> <p>Although we are not able to meet the children as often as we would have liked during lockdown. we kept in touch through regular letters and small gifts of crafts and through occasional online meetings.</p> <p>At Christmas we organise a covid-safe party and gave the parents Christmas hampers.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The trustees wish to record our profound gratitude to Alison Strudwick, our pastor, who despite personal family issues with covid, continued to provide leadership and pastoral support to the community.</p> <p>Covid 19 set back many of our plans for direct outreach to the Golden Grove estate. However, it also provided opportunities to expand our reach through the use of online meetings and our food bank which provided a vital lifeline to many on the estate.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We are encouraging the majority of our members to rearrange their giving to give a regular gift to James Street through Stewardship Services who will handle direct debits and charitable tax recovery on our behalf.</p> <p>(https://www.stewardship.org.uk/)</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<p>N/A</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Our income has dropped significantly during the covid crisis due to the lack of car park and room bookings and the lack of physical collections during services.</p> <p>Last year we did receive a special one-off legacy which improved our position significantly. However, even taking this into account, our underlying position has weakened as members have sadly died and income has dropped.</p> <p>However, our expenditure has also dropped so, for now, we remain in a viable position although we are eating into our reserves.</p> <p>The trustees are aware of this trend and are considering how we can raise additional funds to sustain our charitable activities.</p> <p>We have had some extraordinary expenditure due to leaks in the roof but most of this has been offset by insurance claims.</p> <p>The trustees expect that we will have to plan some significant investment into more permanent roof repairs in the coming period.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to cover 6 months of operational expenditure. From time to time we may dip into these reserves to cover emergency building or maintenance costs.</p> <p>Separately we have established a building fund to cover ongoing maintenance and improvements to the building.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£26065
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity's principle source of income is the faithful giving to the church members who although mostly retired, continue to support the ongoing operational costs of the charity.</p> <p>We have also received some more substantial gifts (or gifts in kind) from individuals who wish to support the youth work.</p> <p>Where appropriate in addition we seek grants from relevant awarding bodies to help fund our charitable activities. In particular we have received a small number of grants to assist with youth work from West Itchen Community Trust https://www.wict.co.uk/</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>We have no long-term investments and hold our cash reserves in public banking deposit accounts. We have no specific policy on social investment.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The principle risks facing the charity are</p> <p>1. The aging church membership.</p> <p>Although our members are very faithful and active in their support, we recognise that they are getting older and several have passed away this year. However, we also recognise that this church has always had a similar age profile and so we trust that new members will join us as others depart.</p> <p>2. Aging building in need of refurbishment</p> <p>Our building is an asset which continues to serve us well. We continue to sustain its usefulness through sustaining repairs and decoration. However, we recognise that as it gets older, more major work may become necessary for which the charity has no immediate provision.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	New Trustees are selected by unanimous vote of the current Trustees. All Trustees must be in agreement with the aims and objectives and statement of faith of the charity.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	JAMES STREET CHURCH
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1172983
Charity's principal address	James Street Church James Street Southampton SO141PH

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	Craig Gallen	Chair		
2	Andy Strudwick	Treasurer		
3	Melanie Ashleigh			
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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	


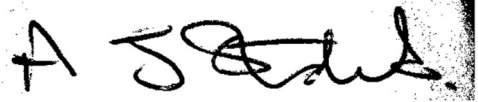
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Craig Gallen	Andy Strudwic
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	Trustee (Treasurer)
Date	16/11/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
JAMES STREET CHURCH

No (if any)
1172983

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-20	To	Period end date 31-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Giftable Tithes and Donations	11,527		-	11,527	9,635
Tithes and Donations	6,867		-	6,867	11,609
Car Park and Room Hire	970		-	970	5,455
Conference and Outreach	-		-	-	556
Special Appeals	1,788		-	1,788	823
Mini Bus Hire	893		-	893	1,315
Grants			-	-	9,640
Interest Received	109			109	
Food Bank Donations	3,911			3,911	
Estate of Late David Burnett			-	-	14,963
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,065	-	-	26,065	53,996
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,065	-	-	26,065	53,996
A3 Payments					
Building Upkeep & Operational Cost	11,302		-	11,302	10,416
Fees and Subscriptions	812		-	812	326
Church Activities	1,325	1,127	-	2,452	10,844
Charitable Giving	3,382			3,382	3,364
Outreach and Conference	2,550		-	2,550	4,858
Administration Costs	3,121		-	3,121	1,240
Employment	6,431		-	6,431	7,744
Mini Bus	2,801		-	2,801	2,472
Food Bank	3,629	-	-	3,629	-
Sub total	35,353	1,127	-	36,480	41,264
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,353	1,127	-	36,480	41,264
Net of receipts/(payments)	-9,288	-1,127	-	-10,415	12,732
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,383	3,731	-	50,114	37,382
Cash funds this year end	37,095	2,604	-	39,699	50,114

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account Balances General Accounts	4,391	1,157	-
	Bank Account Balances Saving Accounts	34,152	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	38,543	1,157	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr C R Gallen Mr A J Strudwick	24/10/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

JAMES STREET CHURCH

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2020

Charity no
(if any)

1172983

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

13/11/2020

Name:

KELVIN GOMM

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCCA{RETIRED}