



TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

Charity Registration: 1173974

Charity Reference and Administration

Registered Number: 1173974

Registered: 27 July 2017

Location: Kirklees, West Yorkshire

Contact: Kevin Ball, 57 The Drive, Batley, West Yorkshire, WF17 8EG;
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Trustee Board:

Name	Appointed	Position
Graham Thomson	27-Jul-2017	Chairman and Pastor
Kevin Ball	29-Apr-2020	Elder
Mark Frost	28-Mar-2021	Acting Trustee

Note of Record: Kevin Ball joined the Eldership (and hence also became a Charity Trustee) on 29-Apr-2020.
Luke Jenner resigned his Trustee position on 18-Aug-2020.
Daniel Grimwade resigned his Trustee position on 09-Mar-2021.
Mark Frost resigned from Church Membership (and hence also from Eldership/Trusteeship) on 31-Dec-2020 to take up a role of Trainee Pastor at Dewsbury Evangelical Church, and was subsequently appointed as an external Acting Trustee (which has a fixed 6-month term) on 28-Mar-2021.

Bankers: CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

Note:

public benefit In compiling this report and in exercising their powers and duties, the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Commission and, in particular, on charities for the advancement of religion.

Structure, Governance and Management

Purposes of Spen Valley Church

The church Constitution Section 3 has the following:

“The purposes of the Church are:

- the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith primarily but not exclusively within Cleckheaton and the surrounding neighbourhood; and*
- such other charitable purposes as shall, in the opinion of the charity trustees, put into practice the Christian faith in accordance with the Basis of Faith, including but not limited to: the prevention and relief of need, hardship and sickness; the advancement of education; and the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.”*

Trusteeship of Spen Valley Church

There must be at least three trustees at all times, and non-paid trustees of the charity must be in the majority for Spen Valley Church to function, and appointment and duties must be as per sections 13– 20 of the church Constitution.

The charity trustees are the Officers of the Church, as defined by the Constitution. The criteria and qualification for being elected as a Church Officer are defined in the Church Handbook.

If the number of Church Officers falls below three, the Constitution makes provision for the church members to elect temporary Acting Trustees who are Pastors of like-minded local churches to fulfil the legal required minimum number of trustees.

Governance and Management

The Trustees meet at least four times a year as stated in section 19 of the church Constitution. Extra meetings can be arranged for urgent matters if the chairman or two trustees call a meeting. Ten days’ notice must be given to all trustees unless the trustees all agree on an earlier date. An agenda is sent out for each meeting and proper minutes are taken as per section 19.4 of the Constitution.

Meetings can be held by suitable electronic means as per the guidelines set out in 19.5 of the Constitution.

Activities and Achievements

Trustees Report 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021:

2020/2021 is a year that saw the Covid-19 pandemic affect the life of Spen Valley Church, as it did all of us across the UK and wider world. The church membership was 13 as of 01-Apr-2020, and 10 as the year closed on 31-Mar-2021.

For much of 2020 the church could not meet physically due to either national lockdowns, or local tiered restrictions, which seemed to hit Kirklees (our council area) particularly hard compared to some other places in the UK. Nevertheless, due to rigorous risk assessments, and a cooperative school leadership, we were able to hold in-person Sunday morning public worship services (with the appropriate mitigations) on every Sunday the regulations permitted during the various restricted periods, starting from 19-Jul-2020. For this we are very grateful, and it was an obvious blessing and a contributor to positive mental health for those who attended, as most weeks most members attended these services.

The church has been a beneficiary of the government's furlough scheme this year, as much of the usual community and outreach work of our staff (the Pastor and the Outreach Worker) has been impossible to do during the lockdowns and restrictions

Graham Thomson, the Pastor, was furloughed one day per week for much of the winter.

Dawn Thomson, the part-time Outreach worker, was furloughed 100% of the time for much of the winter, and her employment was reduced to 2 days per week from Feb 2021.

As the restrictions were lifted, the flexibility of the extended furlough scheme also allowed them to do a phased transition to community work once more.

We were very excited to welcome two new members during the lockdowns (although one has since departed). When new people become Christians and join the church family we see the real power of the Gospel making a difference to the community.

During the lockdown periods the church Elders arranged for church-wide gatherings multiple times during each week via Zoom, and encouraged individual church members to meet up one-to-one also using Zoom. In this way we were able to sustain the church family and community, and help create a safe space to offer and receive support for our members during a very challenging period.

Financial Review

Spen Valley Church began the year with cash in the bank of £7,991.35

During the financial year, total receipts amounted to a further £64,910.38

During the financial year, total expenditure amounted to a further £47,117.00

The year closed with a balance of £25,784.73

Spen Valley Church has two paid employees, and relies on internal and external giving throughout the year. We are pleased to be able to report that our income exceeded our expenditure for this reporting period, thanks to both the furlough scheme and also some additional generous external givers. The trustees continue to explore additional avenues of external giving to enable the church to function for the coming years.

Declaration

The Trustees of Spen Valley Church declare that they have approved the above Trustees' Annual Report, and the following has signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Kevin Ball
Trustee (Elder)

26 January 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

Spen Valley Church

Accounts for the Year Ended 31.03.2021

2019/2020 Total		2020/2021 Unrestricted	2020/2021 Restricted	2020/2021 Total
	INCOME			
£859.06	Collections	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£16,765.00	Bank Transfer Gift Aid	£15,810.00	£60.00	£15,870.00
£34,128.00	Other gifts	£26,633.28	£ 14,509.39	£41,142.67
£830.00	Other income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£2,982.65	HMRC Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	£4,191.25	£0.00	£4,191.25
£0.00	HMRC Furlough Payments	£3,706.46	£0.00	£3,706.46
£55,564.71	TOTAL INCOME	£50,340.99	£14,569.39	£64,910.38
	EXPENDITURE			
£63,536.41	Pastors Remuneration	£29,378.71	£14,569.39	£43,948.10
£416.53	Pastoral Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£300.00	Visiting Preachers	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,027.99	Mission Giving	£600.00	£0.00	£600.00
£112.22	Catering & Cleaning	£262.52	£0.00	£262.52
£257.07	Copyright Licence	£269.00	£0.00	£269.00
£220.27	Insurance	£210.34	£0.00	£210.34
£0.00	Payroll software	£100.80	£0.00	£100.80
£156.75	Safeguarding	£129.00	£0.00	£129.00
£3,500.00	Building hire	£1,150.00	£0.00	£1,150.00
£204.15	Admin & IT	£427.24	£0.00	£427.24
£893.89	Conferences, special events	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£526.26	Other	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
£71,151.54	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£32,547.61	£14,569.39	£47,117.00
-£15,586.83	Excess of Income over Expenditure before transfers	£17,793.38	£0.00	£17,793.38
£0.00	Transfer between funds	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
-£15,586.83	Net excess of Income over Expenditure	£17,793.38	£0.00	£17,793.38
	Funds			
£23,578.18	Brought Forward	£7,991.35	£0.00	£7,991.35
-£15,586.83	Excess of Income over Expenditure	£17,793.38	£0.00	£17,793.38
£7,991.35	Carried Forward	£25,784.73	£0.00	£25,784.73
	Assets 31.03.21			
£7,991.35	Current Account CAF Bank	£25,784.73	£0.00	£25,784.73

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31-Mar-2021
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	2021	2020
	£	£
Current assets		
Cash in Bank	25,784	7,991
Total assets less current liabilities	25,784	7,991
Income funds		
Unrestricted funds	50,341	55,564
Restricted funds	14,569	
Total income	64,910	55,564

**Approved by the Trustees on 22-Nov-2021 and signed on their behalf by
Graham Thomson (Chair) and Kevin Ball (Secretary)**

Independent Examiner's Report

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SPEN VALLEY CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Organisation") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

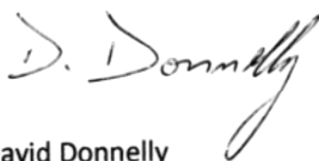
I report in respect of my examination of the Organisation's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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22 November 2021