

THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE  
CHRISTIAN FAITH ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPLES AND USAGES FOR THE TIME  
BEING OF CONGREGATIONALISM AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY SPECIFIC  
REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOUNDATION TRUSTS. THE CHURCH MAY ALSO ADVANCE  
EDUCATION RELIEVE NEED AND CARRY OUT OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN  
THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

In the first few months of 2021 Crediton Congregational Church ran online the usual regular worship services, prayer meetings, youth and children's groups, because of Covid 19 lockdowns. Most of our social and outreach events held at the church had to be cancelled as did the activities run by our tenants on church premises. However, from the Spring 2021 the church building began to reopen and Sunday gatherings began to get busier, socially distanced and with all the other precautions. The opening up happened gradually, because of government regulations and natural caution on the part of some members, so it was not until July that corporate singing was permitted (behind masks), and in August a service of Remembrance and Reflection on the experiences of Covid 19 took place. Services continued online until the end of 2021 to allow those especially vulnerable to continue to take part. The use of Zoom for meeting remotely continued to be useful for Sunday services and other meetings even post COVID. Hard copies of our talks are still posted to those of our congregation who cannot access in person or online.

Throughout the periods of lockdown, Community Lunches were donated by local restaurateurs and physically delivered by church volunteers to the normal attendees to remind them that they were not forgotten. The work of the Foodbank continued with groceries being delivered to homes by volunteers to reduce the risk of infection. Post Covid the work "went back to normal".

Weekly Social drop-ins for the community began as soon as possible, but some not until September 2021, for our learning-disabled groups, and for preschool children and their carers. Structured parent and child music and movement sessions were able to resume. A new social group for 50 plus people was started and continued for the rest of the year.

During 2021 Crediton Foodbank was established as an independent Charity. The church continued to provide it with premises, financial support and many of its volunteers. The demands on the Foodbank rose considerably during this period.

In Spring 2021, the funding for the Community Development role finished after the three contracted years.

Our buildings have provided space for Crediton Foodbank, Journey Counselling service, Citizen's Advice Bureau, the Rowell Centre, JM Acrobatics, Crediton Youth Orchestra, Alcoholics Anonymous and other organisations and individuals.

Apart from Covid 19, a major distraction this year was the appearance of dry rot in one area of our newly refurbished buildings. It took much time, effort and money to resolve and caused considerable disruption.

Covid 19 provided us with the impetus to go out into the town and we have held services in the Town Square which have been joyful occasions enjoyed by both church and community. It is our intention to carry on with open air events.

The redesigned, refurbished car park now called "the Courtyard" was completed this year and has provided a safer, far more appealing entrance to our church. It has been used very successfully for outdoor events and meetings.

The church has 101 members and 50 adherents. No new members courses have been held this year because of Covid, but will be resumed.

James Gregory Chair of Trustees"

**CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Charity Registration Number: 1175015**

**CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

We report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 and 3.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiners**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of s144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

**Basis of independent examiners' statement**

Our 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 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 we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiners' statement**

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

- a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - i) to keep accounting records in accordance with s41 of the Act; and
  - ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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28 September 2022

# CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>		
Collections and offerings	100,648	113,830
Government Grants	4,766	9,727
Rent	21,991	15,926
Parking	460	420
Community support award and grant	4,800	9,200
Outreach	102	519
Legacy	320	398
Interest	8	69
	<b>133,095</b>	<b>150,089</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Salaries	76,716	76,144
Pastoral and ministry expenses	1,352	1,467
Community work expenses	-	285
Light, heat and water	7,019	6,373
Administrative expenses	1,898	2,295
Repairs and renewals	4,108	33,404
Insurance	3,361	2,841
Fees and donations	5,726	4,974
Youth and children's work	1,549	1,848
Training	992	2,400
Refreshments	358	303
Sundry expenses	1,829	773
	<b>104,908</b>	<b>133,107</b>
<b>Excess Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>28,187</b>	<b>16,982</b>

**CREDITON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current account	14,539	13,594
Deposit account	69,841	89,833
Debtors	41,463	26,536
	<b>125,843</b>	<b>129,963</b>
 <b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	 (5,070)	 (33,655)
 <b>Net Assets</b>	 <b>120,773</b>	 <b>96,308</b>
 <b>Represented By</b>		
General fund	103,881	75,694
Causeway fund	1,452	1,207
Manse repair fund	12,771	16,738
Puppet fund	2,669	2,669
 <b>Total Funds</b>	 <b>120,773</b>	 <b>96,308</b>